



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of
heaven. Whatever
you bind on earth shall
be bound in heaven;
and whatever you
loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2026

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August 22-August 30

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Frank Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	Edin Vaske
Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	Wanda and Casimir Zaucha
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	No Intention

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	The Intention of Marilyn Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Virginia Uribe Rojas
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's

The Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy will resume next
Sunday, August 30.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his
apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who
Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and
everything we are, let us say together with Peter:
"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

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WELCOME STUDENTS!

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Welcome to all our students and their families!
We are excited to have you here, and we are
looking forward to another great semester of
learning, growth, and service.



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Upcoming Events

Student and Family Welcome Brunch
Sunday, August 23, 9:30 am

Family Faith Formation Back to School Barbecue
Sunday, August 23, 5:30 pm

Martha and Mary Open House
Saturday, August 29, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy Resumes
Sunday, August 30

UW Fall Semester Begins
Monday, August 31

Student, Faculty, and Staff Barbecue
Thursday, September 3, 5:30 pm

September Meal Delivery
Wednesday, September 9

Mom's Group Gathering
Thursday, September 10, 6:00 pm

Youth Group Begins
Sunday, September 13

**Wyoming Council of Catholic Women
Convention and Retreat**
September 18-20 in Cheyenne

Adult Bible Study Begins
Wednesday, September 23, 9-10:00 am

**Parish offices will be closed the morning of
Monday, August 24 for a staff planning day.**

Martha and Mary Open House

Join Martha and Mary for an open house on Saturday, August 29 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Newman Center front lawn (weather permitting) or in Bishop Newell Hall. Discover Martha and Mary Women's Ministry—connect with other women, hear what they do, and find a welcoming place to belong. Also learn about upcoming events, projects, and groups. Light refreshments will be served.



COME AND EAT

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St. Paul's Newman Center
University of Wyoming Catholic Community

WELCOME brunch!

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9:30-10:30 AM

1800 Grand Ave. Laramie, WY
**All students & their families are
welcome to attend!**

Student, Faculty, and Staff Barbecue

UW students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us on Thursday, September 3 for a welcome back barbecue. We will celebrate Evening Prayer and Mass at 5:00 pm, then spill onto the front lawn for dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friendly faces on campus as we begin a new semester.



Diocese of Cheyenne September Institute

The annual Diocese of Cheyenne September Institute is September 15-18 at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. This year's conference focuses on whole family catechesis and will include a workshop on AI at the end of the week. All catechists and faith formation ministers are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending September Institute, or if you would like more information, please contact the parish office:
307-745-5461, newman@newmancenter.org.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Faith Formation Back to School Barbecue

Send off summer at the Family Faith Formation back to school barbecue in Washington Park. Join us at Shelter #1 on Sunday, August 23 at 5:30 pm, where there will be food, fun, and games for all ages (including a bouncy house!). All families with children are welcome.

Calling all Youth!

Middle and high school youth group will begin meeting on Sunday, September 13 at Zion Lutheran Church, located at 406 S. 19th Street. Middle schoolers will meet 3:45-4:45 pm, and high schoolers will meet 6-7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided for high schoolers. For more information, please contact Brenna Fankell: brenna@newmancenter.org.

Free Estate Planning

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and Wyoming Catholic Ministries

Foundation is offering FreeWill, an online tool to build your legally binding will or estate plan for free. The process takes about 20 minutes to complete and makes it easy to protect you and your loved ones. To get started, click [here](#) or visit FreeWill.com/WYCMF. For questions or more information, please contact Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation at info@wycmf.org or 307-631-4084.



Meal Delivery Ministry

The next opportunity to prepare or deliver a meal for our neighbors in need is Wednesday, September 9. This is a wonderful way to make a connection with someone new in our community. To volunteer, please click [here](#) or contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org



The next parish mom's group meeting is Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 pm in the Emmaus House. All mothers, Catholic or not, are welcome to attend and grow in fellowship with one another.

Wyoming Council of Catholic Women Convention and Retreat

Save the date for the 72nd annual Wyoming Council of Catholic Women Convention and Retreat September 18-20 in Cheyenne. This year's theme is "Pray Like a Girl—Handmaids of the Lord," with Bishop Steven and author Julie Onderko serving as featured speakers. For more information or to register, please click [here](#) or contact Kathy Page: ktdyd1335@gmail.com, 909-806-0301.

Adult Bible Study

Dive deeper into Scripture this fall with our adult Bible study, where we will explore the books of Galatians, Philippians, and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Meetings will be on Wednesdays, 9-10:00 am, beginning September 23. For more information or to sign up, please click [here](#) or contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org.



Our Progress

Our Goal: **\$100,680.00**
Amount Raised: **\$90,544.00**
Percent Raised to Goal: **90%**
Number of Donors: **119**

To make a gift, please make all checks payable to the Diocese of Cheyenne, or click [here](#) to donate online.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 23, 2026

The Jesus Question

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Over the years, I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden. Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 22:19–23

What he opens, no one will shut,
what he shuts, no one will open.

Romans 11:33–36

For from him and through him and
for him are all things. To him be glory
forever.

Matthew 16:13–20

[Jesus said,] "You are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my Church, and
the gates of the netherworld shall not
prevail against it."

For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer, and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another, all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our lives? †



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, "Samaritan" spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



REFLECTION
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- Who do you say Jesus is?
- How does your answer make a difference in your life?