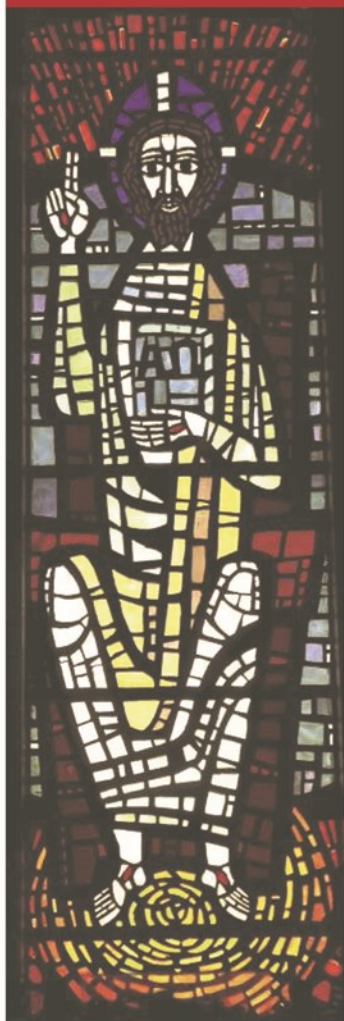


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THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

As we begin week two of the Season of Creation 2024, I am sharing with you this information from the School Sisters of Notre Dame. (ssnd.org)

Ecological Conversion – Changing our hearts

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis identifies our current ecological crisis as a “summons to profound interior conversion.” What everyone needs, he writes, is an “‘ecological conversion,’ whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them” (LS 217). In essence, ecological conversion is not just changing our actions, but changing our hearts to where we see the intimate connection between God and all beings so we can more readily listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

According to laudatosimovement.org, an ecological conversion involves four steps:

- Recognizing that we have harmed creation
- Repentance and turning to the Creator
- Commitment to change and becoming good stewards of creation
- Community conversion

Ecological conversion takes place at the personal level, but as Pope Francis notes, a community conversion is equally important: “Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds... The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion” (LS 219). *Laudato Si'* is not just an encyclical; it is a movement.

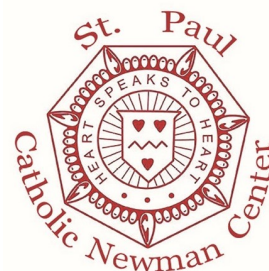
“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” -Pope Francis (LS #139)

Peace and love,

Deacon John

Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Night

Join us on September 11th for our student dinner. This week we begin with dinner at 6pm followed by Adoration 101 inside Newman Hall. Come learn what adoration is all about and spend some time with God...literally.

Student Lounge

Come over to the Student Lounge to see our free Student Pantry consisting of kitchen supplies, food/snacks, and some personal care products. All items that we have are available for free, all thanks to the generosity of our supporters!

Fresno Pacific Catholic Gathering

Fresno Pacific students, we will be meeting Thursday, September 12th, in the Jost Hall room 130. Join us from 11:30am - 12:30pm .

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, September 9th @6PM in the student lounge. We will be hosting Bible Study 101, an introduction to our bible study. Join us to reflect and share what bible study can do for you!

JUBILEE 2025

Dinner with the Pilgrims

The Jubilee Pilgrims invite you to join them for dinner at Panda Express! Order online or through the app on September 12. Make sure to use the code (925158) in the fundraiser code box at checkout for pickup or delivery. Purchases can be made at any location, but there will be some pilgrims gathering from 6-7pm September 12 at the Blackstone location (5347 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93710) if you would like to meet pilgrims. Thank you for your support!

National Eucharistic Congress

Congress Reflection from Steven

I currently work as a paraprofessional 2 in special education for Clovis Unified. I have been involved at Newman Center since 2019. I have worked in the music ministry playing percussion for the 7PM Mass for several years. I have helped fundraise to be able to go to the Eucharistic Congress. In doing so I have gotten to know the members of the team that I traveled with. I was very excited and blessed to get to attend. One thing I didn't anticipate was how it would feel watching all of the faithful clergy and lay people processing into the stadium and Jesus leading the way. Jesus was there and I felt his presence in everything. My favorite memory of the congress was getting to have adoration every night with all of the faithful Catholics. Thank you again for supporting us in this experience. I am ever so grateful!

Sergio P. Negro Scholars Celebrated on Founders Day

Gabriela Vargas

Gabby Vargas began her college journey at Porterville College, in her hometown, where she was active in parish life. She transferred to Fresno State two years ago, intent on becoming an elementary school teacher and also plunged into Newman Center activities, including college student leadership and the food recovery ministry. Gabby became a lector and serves as a receptionist. She calls her Newman involvement “a deeply enriching part of my college experience.” She adds, “The Newman Center has become an integral part of my life.” A repeat Negro Scholarship recipient, Gabby intends to integrate “character education, empathy-building activities and discussions about kindness and compassion” as part of the curriculum in her classrooms.”



Brianna Vasquez

Over more than a decade, Brianna Vasquez’s work toward a career in early childhood education has taken her to Willow International Community College, UC Santa Barbara and Grand Canyon University, where she’s studying for her master’s degree. Her journey parallels her involvement with the Newman Center, beginning with Confirmation and continuing with the RCIA team, which she describes as “an enriching experience [that] has helped me deepen my own faith.” After lots of reflection during the COVID pandemic, Brianna’s faith commitment deepened and she became a preschool special-education aide. She says, “I found my passion [of] serving the preschool special needs population.”

Sergio P. Negro Scholars Celebrated on Founders Day



Desi Salazar

Desi Salazar of Visalia plans to put her psychology training to work after Fresno State as a school psychologist and in children's ministry. She transferred from College of the Sequoias in her hometown of Visalia just last year, and has participated in parish programs for students and young adults and sung at the 7 p.m. Mass. She intends to serve children with mental and physical disabilities. As a tutor, she's already experienced "a stronger passion for helping children academically and with their emotional needs." As she launches her career, Desi wants to help children "grow in their faith" by providing a foundation for a fulfilling relationship with God.

Heriberto Vasquez

Beto Vasquez of is a repeat recipient of a Negro Scholarship, helping pay for his mechanical engineering studies at Fresno State. He says nearly four years at the Newman Center "has deepened my understanding of the Catholic Church, myself and my relationship with God." He's been engaged in student activities, planning and leadership; served as a receptionist; and helped plan for World Youth Day and the National Eucharistic Congress. Once he's launched his career and has financial security, which he feels is a key to inspiring young adults, Beto plans to mentor young men to make "right choices" that lead toward "a job that contributes meaningfully to society, while also maintaining Catholic values.



Registration Still Open: Opportunity for High School Youth to Attend Diocese of Fresno Youth Day

We are excited to have the opportunity for our high school youth to attend the Diocesan Youth Day that will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024, in Visalia.

We have a group of youth from our parish who will journey together or meet up at the event at the Visalia Convention Center. **Registration has been extended until September 11th at 5:00 p.m.**

This annual event is a part of the annual Diocesan Congress. This year's Youth Day will include our very own Fr. Byron Macias, CMF as one of the speakers. Fr. Byron has a strong connection with so many of our youth and we want to give them time to see him and hear his message.

The event is for students currently in the 9th-12th grades. Students must be registered as part of a parish group. The Diocese does not accept individual student registrations for youth day.

The cost to attend is \$20. In addition, students will need to either bring a sack lunch or may purchase a lunch for \$13.00 through this registration. We do not want the cost to be a barrier to anyone. Scholarships are available.

The QR code below will take you to a registration form in Flocknote to register your high school student for the event. Please note, you must be registered in Flocknote to access the registration form.



For questions, please contact Mary, Clergy Assistant, at clergyassistant@csufnewman.com Additional information available on the Diocese of Fresno website

NEWMAN CENTER WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

We would like to invite the women of our parish to our first meeting of this academic year on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:00 in the cafeteria next to the church.

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
September 3	\$13,358.60	September 1	\$15,387.89
September 10	\$19,153.91	September 8	
September 17	\$11,932.84	September 15	
September 24	\$12,492.52	September 22	
SEPTEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$56,937.87	SEPTEMBER 2024 TOTAL	\$15,387.89

Claretian Youth Program

We are pleased to announce that our Claretian Youth (high school students) will resume this school year during the Faith Family and Friends program. The meetings will be held in John 23 aka the Student Lounge on Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. beginning Tuesday, September 10, 20224.

This program follows the four tenets of the Claret-Way:: to **Know**, to **Love**, to **Praise** and to **Serve God**. The evenings are led by Fr. Rubi and Br. David as well as a team of college students and adults. Each month we focus on a scripture passage from the perspective of each of the four tenets. The evenings include time for the students to listen, reflect and share their thoughts on the message being shared. Some evenings may include a Holy Hour or praying the rosary. We also allow time for some fun and games and no evening would be complete without a light snack!

If you would like to register or if you are a parent who would like to register your teen, you may do so by following the Faith Family and Friends registration links on the parish website.

For more information please contact Fr. Rubi at frrubi@csufnewman.com or Mary at clergyassistant@csufnewman.com

Looking to get involved during Mass on weekends? We are actively looking for volunteers to learn and help manage sound at every Mass! If this sounds interesting, please join us for a "show and tell" of our sound equipment and to answer any questions you may have after every Mass on September 28th & 29th. Once we have a full list of those ready to serve as our "**Newman Sound Technicians**", we will schedule a comprehensive hands on training.

Volunteer now to plan Founder's Day Weekend 2025!

For details on this newly forming working committee, please email plc@csufnewman.com

LIFE MINISTRY

Alberto Navarro can be reached at:

lifeministry@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family and Friends

Registration is now open for FFF! FFF resumes meeting on Tuesday, September 17th with an orientation for parents and children on September 10th at 6:00pm and Mass at 6:30pm. Please scan the QR code to register today!



Bible Study: Resumes Thursday, September 5th and runs through November 21st. We will be studying the Gospel of John, St. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. Please purchase this workbook before our first meeting—available on Amazon for \$11.49. We're looking forward to growing closer to our



Newlywed Marriage

Enrichment Brunch

All Couples who have been married five or fewer years are invited to join us for a light brunch

Sunday, September 8th following the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Cardinal Newman Hall

Please RSVP to Mary at clergyassistant@csufnewman.com

Football Day of Parking Passes

Our first come first serve parking passes have increased to \$30. Correct change is greatly appreciated.



The Faith Community Nurses appreciate your participation in the long awaited Health Assessment Surveys. Please complete the survey below that best represents you and your family. Use your phone's camera to select the desired survey.

College Student Survey



General Health Survey



School Age Survey



10 Things You Can Do to Sow Climate Hope

1. Calculate your carbon footprint and find ways to reduce it by at least 10% in the next year
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4. Reduce fossil fuel use: switch to renewable energy, make your home energy efficient, green your transportation (walk/bike/carpool)
5. Reduce, reuse, repair and recycle
6. Use less water
7. Petition lawmakers to take bold and ambitious climate action
8. Speak up! Talk about climate change with friends and family and write to your local newspapers
9. Join or form an action group at church or school
10. Pray for our common home and all who defend it

Take the Laudate Deum Action Pledge (bit.ly/LDactionpledge) receive resources and information on these action ideas and others, as well as how you can "sow climate hope."

PRAYERS

♥ Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Luana Burton	Rodolfo Ruiz
Kathy Robinson	Sarah Parkes
Dan Dungy	Genny Luchessi
Cathie	Don Hall
Louie Razo	Victoria Hoff
Kaya	Ivan Guzman-Vital
Sandy Dami	Elias Torrejon

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the ["Prayer Requests"](#) tab to have a name included on this prayer list.

Names of the sick / for special intentions will be published in the bulletin for four weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested. Names of the deceased are published the week after death.



Weekday Liturgy Updated Schedule

- Mass
- 8:00am Monday
- 8:00am Wednesday
- 6:00pm Thursday
- 8:00am Friday
- Communion Service:
- 8:00am Tuesday

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 8—SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

XXIII SUNDAY ORD. TIME

Special Collection: Founder's Day

7:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Arturo Mejia	Chapel
11:00am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Maria Guadalupe Loera	Chapel
12:30pm	Newlywed Marriage Enrichment Group	CNH 104
12:45pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH
1:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Library
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Steve Rontell	Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00am	Mass	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	FF&F Orientation (Parents & Kids)	Chapel
6:00pm	Claretian Youth	Student Lounge
6:30pm	FF&F Mass	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Special Intention for Vasquez Family	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	CNH101-102
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CNH 104

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Women's Guild	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Bible Study	Classroom 2
6:00pm	Special Intention for Patrick Nicholson	Chapel
7:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	CNH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Special Intention for Maria Jesus Sanchez	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Catholic Charities Truck *Fresno State Home Game*
Special Collection: Campus Ministry

No Confessions

5:00pm	Mass for Theresa Wilson	Chapel
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

XXIII SUNDAY ORD. TIME

Special Collection: Campus Ministry

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Mass for Dixie Sutherland	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Pam Clark	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Ferdinand Erese	Chapel

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