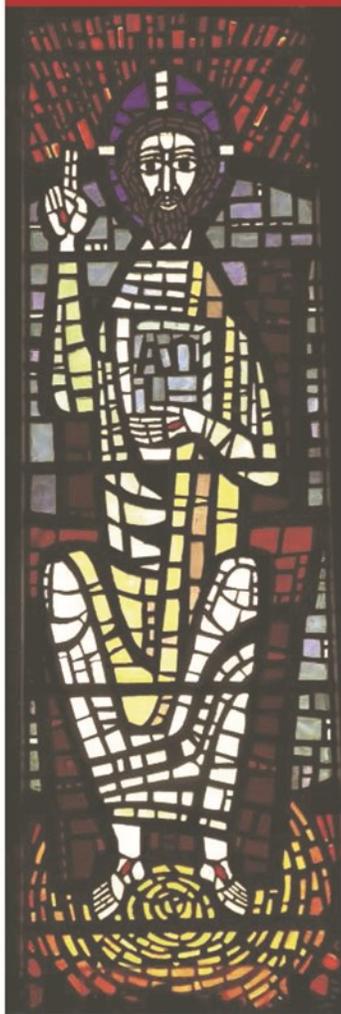


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THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Christmas is a story with many valuable lessons. For many of us who find Christmas "not what it used to be," a messy commercial enterprise, a joyless chore - there's one lesson from today's gospel reading that's particularly relevant. Christmas teaches us to accept the humdrum, the "chore," the trivialities, and the messiness of life as a source of joy. The lesson is wrapped up in the birth of a baby.

The circumstances surrounding the birth of the Son of God were certainly messy. The story of Mary, Joseph, a shabby stable with a manger and straw, and shepherds and wise men on camels has been romanticized in legend, but the facts of life were not so romantic. According to the story, Mary traveled on a donkey while she was pregnant, with a husband who, not long before, wanted to break off their engagement. The government census had to be honored, no matter her condition. There were no reservations at the innkeeper's house and they were turned away more than once in their search for lodging. It's unlikely that any doctor would approve the birth of a baby in a cow's stall, but it was what it was. Strangers kept coming in to gawk and wonder. An all-around messy situation--but still the angels sang "Gloria!"

Life is so messy that we can legitimately conclude that it's meant to be that way. There's never a time we don't have some kind of problem and there's never a day without its hassles. We plan a great Christmas get-together for family and what happens? The cake falls, the buns get burned, Uncle Dave has a bit too much to drink, Uncle Ralph and Uncle George get 'Into It' about the coming elections, cousin Suzie has the flu that we might all catch, and the dog just took a chunk out of the pumpkin pie. But God says it's okay. We can still sing "Joy to the world."

Joy is found in embracing life exactly as it presents itself-- Having someone to hug us on a cold winter's night is better than a house full of valuable antiques. True friends are worth more than their weight in gold. Having good health is worth more than an impressive investment portfolio. Appreciative and loving children can guarantee a more enjoyable old age than all the "toys" we accumulate in our lifetime.

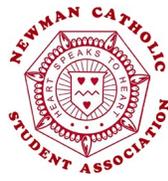
Joy to the World,

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.





CAMPUS MINISTRY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Things have significantly slowed down in our young adult and campus ministry during the Winter break. A break that not only I but the young people welcome to slow down and remind themselves of the many joys they have in their lives by visiting loved ones, taking time that is usually filled with studies and work, to fill that time with leisure or just lounging around. This break serves as a breather to prepare and to look at what lies ahead.

Pray for our young adults that they may take this time to rest and be full of joy.—Edgar Guzmán

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

We will be taking a 2 week break because of Christmas Day and New Years Day. Join us as we continue reading the Gospel of Luke on January 8th. See you then!

Vatican Document on Blessings

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Fiducia Supplicans Declaration

The Pope's Declaration on Blessing same sex couples.

- The Declaration issued by Pope Francis, approves and authorizes blessings for any person or persons requesting a blessing. It does not approve the blessing of any irregular unions. The declaration simultaneously, **reinforces that the Church's doctrine regarding marriage does not change.**
- Pope Francis states that the blessing should **not** resemble the sacrament of Catholic marriage in any way and should **not take place before, during or after a civil union.**
- The Declaration is a message from Pope Francis, that the **Catholic church needs to continue to be welcoming.**

To read Bishop's full statement on Fiducia Supplicans please head to our media page on our site.

IS GOD CALLING YOU IN A NEW WAY?

If you are wanting to find a new way to be a part of our Newman community please consider helping us in these areas:

2024 Parish Directory Committee

Parish Welcome Committee

If you are willing to learn, or have past experience in any of these areas please reach out to Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com.

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DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
December 4	\$32,925.03	December 3	\$18,781.12
December 11	\$8,571.19	December 10	\$17,967.39
December 18	\$13,492.37	December 17	\$27,665.68
December 25	\$25,569.42	December 24	
DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$80,558.01	DECEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$64,414.19



**Knights of Columbus
Wreaths Across America**



John Cardinal Newman Council had the honor on December 16th to participated in wreaths across America. A few of our members were able to laid wreaths on the gravesites of our service, men and women. We also were able to help and donated 20 wreaths to this great and wonderful organization that bless these men and women who have proudly served our county for the Holiday Season.

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

CHRISTMAS

Office Hours 2023-2024

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 OFFICE CLOSED

WEDS-THURS 12/27-12/28 OPEN 9AM-3PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 OFFICE CLOSED*

TUES-THURS 1/2-1/4 OPEN 9AM-3PM

*There will be no Daily Mass on January 1.



Confessions will be heard as scheduled on Thursdays from 4pm to 5:45pm and Saturday from 3:30pm-4:45pm.

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Claretian Youth Thanks YOU!

Thank you to our Newman Family for your generous support of our Claretian Youth Care Packages! Your generosity enabled us to create 76 Care Packages that will be distributed to homeless people and those in need in our community. We are so grateful and appreciative for the outpouring of the requested items! Holy Moments were happening in John XXXIII as Claretian Youth High School teens joined by the 7th and 8th grade teens, were busy writing cards, making fleece scarves and assembling the care packages that included holy cards and booklets of faith. A Huge Thank you to the Claretian Youth Leadership Team who made this special night possible.



Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am | 9:30am | 11:30am | 7:00pm



WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday (except First Monday) / Wednesday | 8:00am

First Friday (of the month) | 8:00am

Thursday | 6:00pm

COMMUNION SERVICES:

First Monday / Tuesday / Thursday | 8:00am

Friday (Except First Friday) | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION:

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Saturday | 3:30pm to 4:30pm

or call for an appointment

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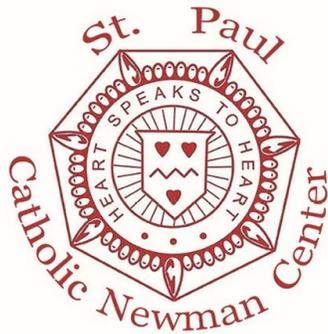
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PRAYERS:

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

Jolie Justina	Susan Olson
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If you would like to include the name of someone on this list, please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab.

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24—DECEMBER 31

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT (B)

7:30am	Mass for August Short	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:30am	Mass for Rick Kay	Chapel

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (VIGIL)

Holy Day of Obligation

4:00pm	Mass for Jose Bonifacio Garcia	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Dixie Sutherland	Chapel
9:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am	Christmas Day Mass	Chapel
12:00pm	Mass for Charlie Lynes	Chapel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 ST. STEPHEN

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 ST. JOHN EVANGELIST

8:00am	Mass for Nellie Tovar	Chapel
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass Int. Linda Smith	Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 THOMAS BECKETT

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Mike Arroyo	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 HOLY FAMILY

7:30am	Mass for Jan Fusselman	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Vaughn Melcher	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Paul Rodriguez	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Josh Bishoff	Chapel

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next Women's Guild monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 11th, 2024. Join us at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. If you're looking for a way to contribute to our parish and connect with other women, please join us!

Upcoming Event:

- Women's Spiritual Retreat - Saturday January 27 - 8:30am to 1:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall.
- Cookie Sale - February 10th & 11th

Please Join Us For

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24	<p>4:00PM CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR</p> <p>6:00PM ADULT CHOIR</p> <p>9:00PM NIGHT MASS</p>
Monday, December 25	<p>10:00AM & 12:00PM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</p>

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE NOTE:

Unusually this year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve! This means that **we will hold our Advent Masses in the morning at our normal times (7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am) and then begin our Christmas Masses in the afternoon** according to the schedule above.



ADVENT PARISH DISCERNMENT

We thank you for your prayers and participation in our Parish Discernment time during Advent.

Please take a few moments after mass to write something you felt called to during your discernment. We have set up a bulletin board in the foyer to provide you room to share how the Holy Spirit called to you.

In January, we will begin the Action part of the discernment process, where you can start to be involved in your parish and community as you were called.

Please look for those opportunities to use your gifts and talents to serve God. If we do not have a ministry already, maybe you can be the light to help us get it started! Let us know! Blessings, Dan Nickerson (PLC) & your Discernment Team!



Giving Tree 2023

Thank you Newman community for your generosity. You have provided many families, in eight communities, with food cards to make their Christmas a happier one. So many families suffer from food insecurity, but with your help of **over 400 donations**, you have made it easier for them this Christmas. God Bless you and have a wonderful 2024.

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Email the Newman Communications Team at communications@csufnewman.com

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Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Email John Prandini for information on these ministries and more: prandinij@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family & Friends wishes all of our parishioners a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Many thanks to all of our families and friends who have participated this year. Faith, Family & Friends is for everyone! So please join us in the New Year to grow in your faith and your relationship with God. You will meet many wonderful people from our parish community.

We will begin in the New Year on Tuesday, Jan.9th, 2024 with a new schedule. We will all gather - parents, youth and children - at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm. This will allow families additional time after work and school activities to arrive with less stress.

Adult Topics: In January, the adults will again have 3 class options: a Family Life topic - Parenting Strategies; a Catholic Faith topic - Caring for the Whole Person & Catholic Apologetics; and a Prayer option - SoulCore.

The Family Life option will include 3 sessions by Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and parishioner Amanda Bernabe . She will present on: 1. Attachment - How to Cultivate Secure Attachment with Our Children. 2. Increasing Empathy in Our Children. 3. Increasing Resilience in Our Children. Amanda will give a clinical perspective on each of these, but will also add how these pieces apply to us as children of God and open up those conversations.

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group: *will not meet December 25 or January 1.*

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 104. The group will meet for a Christmas potluck on Wed. Dec. 20 at 9:00am. *** *They will not meet on Wednesday, Dec. 27th.*

Family Ministry

Rooting Your Teen in the Faith-- Moms Book Club. Some of the Joy of Love families have teens going through the Confirmation program and are looking for ways to connect their teens to other participants as well as come together for support in raising faith-filled teens through the high school years. Those interested are invited to join the book club as they read through *Rooting Your Teen in the Faith, A Field Guide for Catholic Parents* by Kim Cameron-Smith. If you are interested in this or future meetings, please email joyoflovemoms@gmail.com

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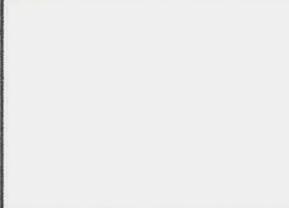
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