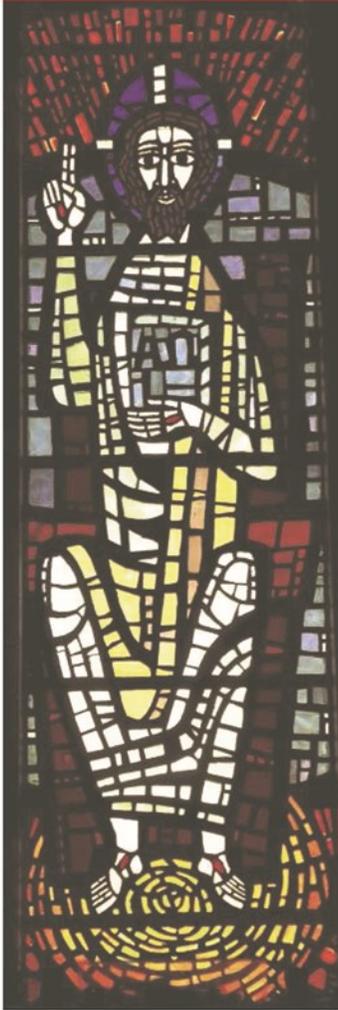


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Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I write this letter announcing my retirement – effective Feb. 4th. I have been blessed to serve the parishioners of the Newman Center for over 18 years. The Newman Center has been the foundation of my faith, family and friends for 48 years. My life has been enriched by those I've had the privilege to serve and serve with.

I have been blessed to have provided support ministries for the divorced and separated, those grieving the loss of loved ones, LGBTQ individuals and their families. I've prepared engaged couples for marriage, provided marriage enrichment classes, retreats and counseling, parenting education and support. I am proud to have brought to the Diocese a new and innovative way of providing religious education through our whole-community, family-centered program, *Faith, Family & Friends*. I've enjoyed holding book studies, teaching scripture and religious education classes, and forward-looking courses like, *Re-imagining God in the New Millennium*, *The Universal Christ*, and *Awakening the Hero Within*.

I've worked with many gifted and faith-filled people to develop transformational courses like, *Spirituality of the 12 Steps* and *Come Follow Me* that combine Ignatian Spirituality with the 12-Steps. Many others have helped to develop a variety of ministries like our Holistic Health Ministry that included Tai Chi for Health, Gentle Yoga, and now Soul Core and Faith Community Nursing. We developed a Prayer Ministry that includes Christian Meditation, Rosary groups and Prayer and Life Workshops. I have enjoyed assisting our Campus Ministry by teaching faculty, staff and students on the CSUF campus and on Wednesday evenings. I have been privileged to be a presenter at our Diocesan Religious Education Congress and an active member of the Interfaith Alliance - so many wonderful experiences.

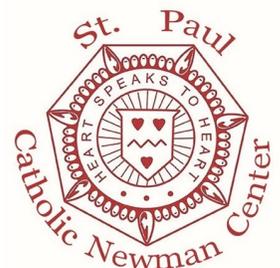
Over the years I've seen the relevance of religion questioned and secularism pushing faith and religion to the margins. In response, I have strived to make our ministries responsive and relevant, to bring Christ back to the center, to see God in all things, and to meet people where they are in their spiritual journey with pastoral support and practical programs. This has been my vision and mission as the Director of Ministries.

I am committed to continuing the mission that God gave to Jesus, and that Jesus asked me to continue as his disciple. I have been privileged to do this with you and that mission will not end with my retirement. The Newman Center has been my faith-family for most of my life and I am grateful to be a member of such a wonderful community. I look forward to serving with you and together carrying on the mission of Christ's Church in a world that desperately needs the Good News proclaimed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – The Christ! Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year!

John A. Prandini, M.A., Director of Ministries

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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NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Trivia

Our first trivia night will be at Tioga Sequoia in downtown Fresno. Join other young adults from Newman to form a trivia team to test our knowledge on all things. All specialty knowledge is needed, so come by! Wednesday, January 3rd at 7pm.

Bible Study

We will not be meeting tomorrow because of the New Year holiday. We look forward to pick up our study of the Gospel of Luke next Monday, January 8th. See you soon!



St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Collections 2024

January 6 & 7
February - 3 & 4
March 2 & 3
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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

Contact our **New Volunteer Coordinator**, Kendra De Luca- Leiker, at

volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com

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	\$23,499.53
DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$80,558.01	DECEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$87,913.72

Christmas Collection:

\$19,242.88

Thank you for your generosity

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1 Office Closed, No Daily Mass
Tu—Th, 1/2—1/4 Office Open 9AM — 3PM

“Heart Speaks To Heart” Stewardship

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about our upcoming stewardship program, “Heart Speaks To Heart”. Your contributions of Treasure, Talent, and Time to support the mission and vision of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center are invaluable.

We encourage you to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family to reflect on the work we do as a parish and how your financial contributions support that special work.

Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on January 27 & 28. If you have questions regarding the “Heart Speaks To Heart” Program, please contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com or (559) 436-3434.



Thank You!

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers of the Liturgy Ministry who so beautifully decorated our church for Christmas!

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:

Thursday | 4:00pm to 5:45pm
Saturday | 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm

MAIN PHONE LINE:
559.436.3434

FOR ANY MEETINGS OR APPOINTMENTS,
PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE.

For any after hour emergency, please listen for telephone prompts to leave a message.

PRAYERS:

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

Rev. Msgr. Tony Janelli	Kathy DeMera
Dan Dungy	Betty Lindsay
Elizabeth Dungy	Tim Camacho
Jolie Justina	Steve Camacho
Dan Dungy	Evelyn Cortes
Kenneth DeLuca	Steven Jaquez

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.

HIKES WITH MARY

Our Hikes with Mary Rosary Ministry will be holding our 2nd Annual Campus Rosary Blessing.

Meet us Saturday, January 6 at 8:30AM to pray the Rosary over Fresno State's Campus. We will be meeting at the P24 parking lot closest to Barstow & Cedar. Hope to see you there!

Eucharistic Revival

Join us for our Eucharistic Revival Mass on Sunday, January 7 at 9:30AM! A Eucharistic Procession will follow at the conclusion of Mass. Come celebrate Christ in the Eucharist taken into our community!

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will host the annual St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Women's Spiritual Retreat, Saturday January 27th, 2024, from 8:30am to 1:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. A flyer with event and ticket information will be available soon.

Purchase tickets in the foyer after mass!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31, 2023—JANUARY 7, 2024

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am	Mass for Monica Baker	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Janet Fusselman	Chapel
6:30pm	Fresno Catholic Singles	Cafeteria

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00am	Mass for Dion Thomas	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
9:00am	Adoration	Chapel
12:00pm	Benediction	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Lay Claretian Missionaries	Library

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Men's Saturday Coffee & Scriptures	Cafeteria
8:00am	Adult Confirmation Retreat	Student Lounge
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for James Highsmith	Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Mass for Kenneth Christiansen	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:00am	First Year Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Richard Madrigal	Chapel
12:30pm	Second Year Confirmation	CNH
7:00pm	Mass for Irma Gonzalez	Chapel
8:00pm	First Sunday Adoration/Confessions	Chapel

ADVENT DISCERNMENT

Please write how God Called You on our board in the Foyer! We look forward to moving from Discernment to Action starting in January! Be an active part of your parish, so we can all do God's Work together!

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the week of December 31 to January 6, 2024:

- **Sunday, December 31**
Feast of the Holy Family
- **Monday, January 1**
World Day of Peace
- **Friday, January 5**
5:30-6:30 PM in Newman Cafeteria-
Join us as we resume our Dinner with the
Needy this week!
When you see what we do, you may want
to volunteer monthly! (see Matt 25: 31-46)

For so much more, visit the SPCNC website:

CSUFnewman.com/ministries and scroll down to
"Peace and Social Justice."

—Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate,
jim@csufnewman.com.

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 joyoflovmoms@gmail.com

Bulletin and Parish Media

TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARTICLES, OR FLIERS FOR
THE BULLETIN, WEBSITE, OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Email the Newman Communications Team at
communications@csufnewman.com

Submissions should be unformatted text, with pictures uploaded separately. They may be subject to editing and are not guaranteed for publication, so consider if the website or social media would be suitable alternatives for us to publish instead of the bulletin proper. **Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm on Wednesday of the week prior to publishing.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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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! We will be taking a 3 week break over the holidays but will return on Tuesday, Jan. 9th. We will begin the New Year with a slightly **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: meets on Monday mornings, 8:30-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library. The group will not meet on Monday, Jan. 1st.

Men's Monthly Saturday Coffee Group : will meet on Saturday, January 6th, from 7:30 - 9:00am, in the Cafeteria. We will watch a video and discuss "Defining Moments" in our lives. Please join us to share our collective spiritual wisdom and to form friendship bonds with other men. Invite and bring a friend!

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 104. Please join us as we pray for our priests and our own intentions.

Prayer & Life Workshops begin a new series of sessions from Wednesday, January 10 through April 14, 2024. The Workshops are held from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Library and are facilitated by Regina Flores. To register email Regina at rmflores39@icloud.com.

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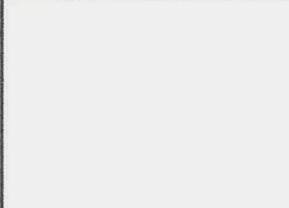
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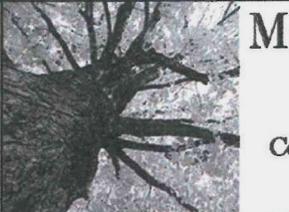


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