

February 2020

Newman Reaches Out to Those in Need



Casa Hogar Mission Trip

On January 6-14 our Newman group of 15 traveled to Lima, Peru, to help serve at Casa Hogar, the orphanage run by the Diocese of La Crosse. The week was filled with opportunities to learn about Casa's positive impact on the lives of those in Peru and those from our diocese who visit there. It is a unique orphanage in that they employ eight married couples each of whom raises up to eight orphans. The 'families' are categorized by age and gender and include any biological children that the couple may have.

What struck me was that the focus of the trip was not on the 'work' we came to do (a relatively small amount) but on how we ourselves were going to be impacted and would share this experience coming home. The current Director of Casa Hogar, Monsignor Hirsch, referred to this as 'reverse mission'. It was quite humbling to realize that we had so much to receive from this beautiful and peaceful place.

~ Savannah Siegler

Our Children Show Compassion for Others Through Works of Mercy Projects

Four years ago, inspired by Pope Francis' Year of Mercy, we began the Works of Mercy (WOM) program as part of our religious education classes. Each classroom is assigned a project based on one of the works of mercy so students learn from a hands-on approach how they can make a difference and bring mercy to others. This year's projects were:

Grades K-1: *Give Food to the Hungry*
Visit to Feed My People on March 4th

Grade 2: *Give Drink to the Thirsty*
Cookie Sale raised money for a well in Uganda

Grades 3-4: *Clothe the Naked*
Clothing and toiletry drive and visit to Prairie Ridge Early Learning

Grades 5-6: *Comfort the Sick*
Christmas Carols and visit with residents at Heatherwood Assisted Living

Grades: 6-8: *Shelter the Homeless*
Helped with Beacon House Christmas Shop



We Have a Well!

We have exciting news about the second grade's WOM *Give Drink to the Thirsty* project. The class has had a cookie sale for the last 4 years to raise funds for a well in Uganda. The goal was \$10,000, the cost of one well. Through your generosity, \$8,100.22 was raised. The Parker family has been so touched by our efforts in honor of their son's mission, they matched the amount we made this year from their Jesse's Charity Fund which put us over the amount needed to fund a well. Thank you for all of your contributions to this worthwhile cause to bring drink to the thirsty!

Lent at Newman

Lent is the 40 days in which we intensify our spiritual self-discipline with an increased amount of prayer, fasting, and contemplation. We do this because Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year. Lent helps us to become more intimately connected to the peace, hope, and joy of the risen Lord.

Please take advantage of the various opportunities Newman is offering throughout Lent.

Ash Wednesday, February 26

Mass at 7 am

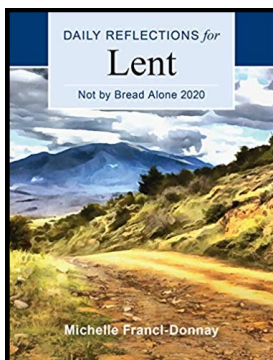
Service of Ashes at 12:00 noon, 5 pm, and 6 pm



Parking for the noon Ash Wednesday service is available in the UWEC Water Street Lot from 11 am to 1:30 pm. This lot is located across the river from the ERC and is on the same side of Water Street as Owen Park. **Please do not park in the "W" stalls or metered spaces.**

Free Daily Devotional - Not by Bread Alone

This daily devotional will be handed out the weekend of Feb 22-23 and on Ash Wednesday and will be available at the ERC throughout Lent. It provides a short reflection on the daily Mass readings by Michelle Franci-Donnay.



Lenten Faith Formation Emails

A few years ago, the religious education committee conducted a survey to find parishioners thoughts on faith formation. A number of changes were made in regard to the results, i.e. the works of mercy program for children, Teaching the Way of Love. A suggestion from the survey was to provide online material for faith formation. There is a lot of good Catholic material produced that can be accessed online.

Each Monday during Lent the parish will be sending out an email with links to 3 videos. A reflection/discussion question will be included to go along with each video. If you're interested in watching the videos, you could use them for personal enrichment, you could also pick one to watch and discuss with family members, or small groups could use them to facilitate discussion.

Topics this Lent for the videos will mainly be around Lenten practices/themes and Catholic social teaching. Most will be short, 5-10 minutes, but a few might be longer. We will send the videos to the email addresses we have on record, please let Mary Richmond know at parishoffice@newmanec.com if you have an update to your email address. If you aren't able to access videos at home, but would like to watch them, please contact Mary Richmond, 715-834-3399, and we can find a way for you to watch them at the ERC.

Triduum Choir Rehearsals Start March 1st

Consider joining our beautiful Triduum Choir. **The first rehearsal is Sunday, Mar 1st at 6:30 pm at the ERC.** The choir is open to all students and sustaining members. If interested in participating, please contact Adam Krajnikconde at adam.krajnikconde@gmail.com.



"24 Hours For The Lord"

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available starting at 3:00 pm on March 13th until 3 pm on March 14th at Immaculate Conception Church. All Eau Claire priests will be helping with confessions. Please note that these 24 hours of availability will take the place of the communal penance services.



Confession Times at Newman

Confession will be available at the ERC on Thursdays from 7:00-7:45 pm in the Music Library and on Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Library.

Good Friday Parking

Parking for Good Friday is available in the UWEC Water Street Lot from 11 am to 2 pm. This lot is across the river from the ERC and is on the same side of Water Street as Owen Park. You may park in any space except "W" spaces and the metered spaces.

Easter Celebration

Everyone is invited to stay immediately after the Easter Vigil to share in the joy of Easter with one another and to congratulate the RCIA candidates on receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil. There will be plenty of delicious treats for everyone!



Pack a Pantry Mardi Gras Party!



Join us for fun at the 12th annual Pack a Pantry Mardi Gras Party, Saturday, Feb 22nd immediately after the 5 pm Mass. The party is to help meet the needs of area food pantries and to have a time to socialize together as we prepare to enter Lent. A light supper will be served downstairs and also in the Fireside Lounge for those who wish to remain on the main floor. An opportunity to donate will be in both locations. Cash donations are preferred. Please make checks out to Newman Parish, and food is also gladly accepted. Donations will go to St Francis, UWEC and CVTC food pantries. **There will also be Mardi Gras craft projects for the kids!**

Holy Week

April 9-12, 2020

-Holy Thursday

8:00 p.m. at the ERC

-Good Friday

12:00 p.m. at the ERC

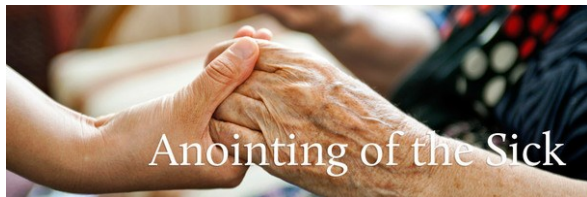
-Easter

Easter Vigil Mass- 8:00 p.m. at the ERC

Easter Morning Masses- 9:30 a.m. at SHHC, 11:30 a.m. at ERC

Anointing of the Sick

Newman will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick immediately after all Masses on the weekend of February 15 and 16. Anointing of the Sick claims the power of the Holy Spirit to heal and comfort. It is intended for major illnesses or injury, for the elderly who may be in frail health, for chronic, bodily illnesses and for long term mental suffering.



Newman Speaker Series

Are you interested in learning and exploring topics of faith? Consider attending one or both of the upcoming Newman Speaker Series talks. A time for Q&A and then a social with light refreshments follows each talk.

Tuesday, Feb 18 at 7 pm

Seeing Behind the Scenes; What's Really Happening at the Liturgy, presented by Chris Carstens, Director of Sacred Worship, Diocese of La Crosse.

Tuesday Apr 28 at 7 pm

On Loving and Losing: An Augustinian Meditation, presented by Dr. Erika Kidd, Assistant Professor Catholic Studies, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN.

The Century Club Campaign

Last year the Century Club campaign was moved from being run by the ERC to each parish: Newman and ULC. It was a good success for us, Newman Parish collected \$11,050. Thank you!

In 2019 this money was used to pay the ERC assessment. The ERC assessment is our share of the costs to maintain, operate and make improvements to the ERC. Last year the assessment included redoing the landscaping work in front of the ERC after the Garfield construction was complete and also for the replacement of the windows in the back of the Centrum. The windows in the Centrum are also being paid for in this 2020 budget as it was a larger expense, so the money we collect will help to finish paying off that cost.

Please consider contributing \$100.00 to the Century Club campaign. Checks can be made out to **Newman Parish** and the money collected will be used to pay the Newman portion of the ERC assessment. An envelope is enclosed for this purpose. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping Newman Parish in its mission of campus ministry at the Ecumenical Religious Center.

Peace,
Fr. Dan Oudenhoven

Pastoral Council Openings

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council or would like to suggest someone, please contact Fr. Dan. The council assists the pastor with the needs of the parish and offers him advice and counsel. Newman's council consists of 9 members: 7 sustaining members and 2 student members. Each member serves a term of 2 years that is renewable up to 3 times. The council meets 4 times per year. There will be three spots opening up on the council this spring.

A special thank you to Jack Kaiser who is retiring from the Parish Finance Council. For most of our parish's history, Jack served on various ERC / Newman Councils. Thank you, Jack, for your guidance and commitment to our parish!

Newman Grief Group Will Meet on April 14

If you have experienced the death of a loved one recently or years ago and wish to explore the spiritual aspects of grief, join us Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30 pm in the Fireside Lounge at the ERC for a light supper. The group offers friendship and support as we all share in this journey to peace. If you have questions, contact Flo Sheridan, 715-835-4635, flosheridan@gmail.com or Sue Ripp, 715-832-3296, rippsk@charter.net.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Working Together, Sharing the Joy

THANK YOU to all who have already given to the Diocesan Appeal, your generosity is appreciated! Our parish is assessed \$55,165 to support the appeal. To date 42% of our households have given or pledged to the Appeal for a total of \$49,710. This is 90.11% of the way toward meeting our assessment. If you haven't given yet, we do still need your support. Please prayerfully consider giving to the needs of the Diocesan Annual Appeal and also to the parish's Charity Appeal. Here at Newman we recommend a gift of \$350 to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and \$75 to the Newman Charities Appeal to help fund charitable works for local, diocesan and national charities.

Pray for the Students Receiving Sacraments

First Eucharist

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they make their preparations to celebrate First Eucharist on Sunday, April 26 at 11:30 am: *Molly Auth, Damon Graser, John Hoepner, Mollie Noe and Marie Schapp.*



Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, May 8th at St Patrick's Church at 6 pm. Please pray for our students as they make their preparations for confirmation.



- Aiden Auth
- Lilianna Dallman
- Elijah Daniels
- Mackenzie Decker
- Adelaide Hoeschen
- Cormac Moss

- Maggie Munger
- Eydie Myers
- Emma Rubenzer
- Joseph Schlitz
- Jessica Weigel

News & Events on Web

For a list of current announcements and events happening at Newman Parish and for the most recent newsletter check out the Parish News and Events page on the parish website, **newmanec.com**. On the Home Page click on the Parish News and Events box or select the Home tab, then Parish News.

Blessed is She

Blessed is She meets this semester on Saturday, March 14 and April 25 from 9:30-11 am. Sustaining members and college students are invited to come for a time of prayer, fellowship and brunch. No need to register.

Upcoming Events

Free Student Dinners

Monday, Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 20

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 11, April 21, 6 pm

Anointing of the Sick

After all Masses Feb 15/16

Newman Speaker Series

Tuesday, Feb 18, 7 pm

Seeing Behind the Scenes; What's Really Happening at the Liturgy

Tuesday, Apr 28, 7 pm

On Loving and Losing: An Augustinian Meditation

Teaching the Way of Love

Grades 4-7

Wednesday, Feb 19

Pack a Pantry Mardi Gras Party

Saturday, Feb 22, 6 pm

Ash Wednesday – Feb 26

Mass - 7 am

Service of Ashes – noon, 5 pm, 6 pm

Confession - 24 Hours For The Lord

Friday March 13, 3 pm to

Saturday March 14, 3 pm

at Immaculate Conception

Blessed is She

Saturday, Mar 14, Apr 25, 9:30-11 am

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 17, June 16, 6 pm

Encounter

Thursday, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 14
7 pm

UWEC Spring Break

March 23-27

Grief Group Supper and Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 pm, ERC

2nd Graders Celebrate First Eucharist

April 26 - Sunday, 11:30 am Mass

No 11:30 am Sunday Mass

May 3 due to the EC Marathon

Confirmation

Friday, May 8, 6 pm at St Patrick's

Finals Hospitality

May 18-21, 10 am to 6 pm

ERC Book Club

Thursday, Feb 27, Mar 26, Apr 30,
May 28, 7 pm, ERC Library