

Graduation Mass

April 28, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. with celebrant
Archbishop Bernard Hebda

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
& Newman Center
1203 5th Street SE

Parking can be found
in the 6th Street Lot



Summer Hours

Beginning Monday, May 13,
our summer building hours will be:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Non-Semester Mass Times

Beginning Sunday, May 12, our
non-semester Mass times will be:

Monday - Friday: 12:15 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m and 7 p.m.

Thank you for a great year!



ST. LAWRENCE NEWMAN CENTER

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Unity through Sacrifice

My name is Ainsley, and I'm a sophomore here at the University of Minnesota. Before coming to college, I never really had to sacrifice anything for another person. I lived comfortably and didn't fully understand the beauty of sacrificing for others until encountering the Lord here. I grew up Catholic and was pretty set on becoming a part of the Newman Center even before encountering them on campus. I entered the community wholeheartedly, and was a freshman who knew what she wanted. I originally sacrificed the normal college experience for one that people in my classes would scoff at. Rather than going out on Friday nights, for example, I would head over to the women's house for a movie. I would spend my days going to Mass in between classes and spend every Thursday night with the women in the women's group, all of which seem like massive sacrifices for a typical college student. The biggest sacrifice the Lord has called me to, however, is in my relationships. In meeting new people and creating relationships here at the Newman Center, the Lord has called me to sacrifice a lot, whether that be my time in order to comfort my roommates, my comfort in meeting new people, or even my happiness for the good of the people I love. I wasn't used to sacrifice and lived comfortably thinking I had everything I wanted. The sacrifice I've been called to endure here has both united me to Christ and allowed me to understand that nothing I do or sacrifice, especially when it is done in love for others, is ever wasted. Only in the ups and downs of community life have I grown a personal relationship with him, found true interior freedom, and fully discovered the joy the Lord has planned for me.

Sincerely,
Ainsley Pauna
Ainsley Pauna



UNITE

Our bi-weekly meeting for all students which includes prayer, fellowship, and faith-inspiring talks.





Our Mission

A Catholic church making disciples of Jesus at the U of M by building transformative relationships and raising up leaders in the faith

Mission Leadership

Father Jake Anderson,
Pastor & Director

Alice King Moormann,
Trustee

Tom Hagen
Trustee

Brother Matthew Warnez, B.H.,
*Managing Director of
Campus Ministry*

Rachel Holmes
Women's Director

Brother Gary Davis, B.H.,
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Cohabitation is Easy; Communion is Costly

I live in a house with other fellow priests close to the St. Lawrence Newman Center and this is a standard household quip. To live under the same roof with others? Relatively easy. After all, just try to stay out of each other's way, do the bare minimum to "keep the peace" and so forth. To have real communion though? A bond that goes deeper than social pleasantries? Well, that will

cost you. Communion always entails sacrifice. It involves the death of something. In this case, it is our "fat, relentless egos" which always fight to maintain the superiority of "my will be done." The way of Christ is the way of the whole Christian life. St. Paul's Letter to the Romans exhorts us, "brothers and sisters, I urge you...to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." Making oneself a "living sacrifice" in imitation of Christ is, as was said, costly. I believe it is actually good to acknowledge this fact in all its sobriety. Because love always happens in the concrete and never in the abstract. It is never a pain-free existence. It is choosing to serve rather than be served, it is choosing to forgive and reconcile when I could hold on to bitterness. It is choosing to get up early on those dark, winter mornings to offer prayer to God. It is living a Eucharistic life – a life that is given. This is what we wholeheartedly encourage in Gopher Catholic; to live a given life, a sacrificial life. After all, the Church says men and women, "cannot find themselves until they make a sincere gift of themselves."

In the love of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Jake Anderson

Fr. Jake Anderson, Pastor and Director

The Call to Sacrifice in the Present

Sacrifice can easily be misconstrued as an esteemed value portrayed by giving up something from our lives in pursuit of greater self-advancement in our world today. However, I believe sacrifice as a Catholic to be so much more. Sacrifice is giving full heartedly of oneself, in disregard for personal gain, for the sole purpose of serving the good of others. Sacrifice at its core is giving and serving out of love. A life of sacrifice challenges and stretches, but it also makes us holy and allows us to be transformed more and more into a greater image and likeness of God, the heart and purpose of the Christian life.

As young adults, it can be tempting to choose a life for ourselves and choose to ignore the areas we can serve, but God calls us to more than ourselves. He calls us to sacrifice right where we are as friends, siblings, spouses, missionaries, students, and working professionals. As a young adult leader, student, working professional, new wife, and mother, I have learned that putting others above my desires can feel hard and unfair at times, but in the end, it brings about the most peace, freedom, and happiness as I learn to let God lead over my desires.

In Gratitude,
Ashley Sandholm

Ashley Sandholm, Graduate Student and Young Adult Group Leader



Engage the Call

I once heard a priest talk about faith, hope, and charity. He said, "In Heaven, faith and hope fall away because we are in God's presence, and the only thing left is charity". It made me think, if charity is the currency of Heaven, as I've heard Fr. Jake explain, then why am I not more charitable? The first answer that popped into my head was fear. Giving up my time, talents, and resources can feel like giving up my control and security. After all, I have bills to pay, a retirement plan to fund, children to put through college, and grandchildren to spoil. Everything I give away takes away from the most essential things. Why would God ask that of me?

A wise spiritual advisor told me that God works in paradoxes, and the fruit of those paradoxes comes when we trust Him enough to engage in the instruction He asks of us. It is then that we begin to experience the profound return of following His will. The best advice I heard about engaging in charitable giving was to start small, but start! Ultimately, the Lord doesn't want us acting out of fear but out of peace and love. The best way to detach from the clutches of materialism is the act of charitable giving. St. Lawrence Newman Center is a wonderful ministry to foster that calling. We serve as a shelter from the storm for hundreds of University of Minnesota students every year, and our ministry is funded by the love and charity of generous souls who believe in Jesus' invitation to be fishers of men.

Sincerely,

Joe Geiger

Joe Geiger
Director of Development



Participating in the Life of Christ

"When was the last time you sacrificed something for someone else's sake?" I was asked this question recently and I was ashamed to admit that I couldn't think of anything! Perhaps it was due to the fact that when I hear the word 'sacrifice', I think of the epic stories: Abraham, willing to give up his only son in obedience to the Lord. Mary, sacrificing her understanding to say yes to God's plan for her life. The greatest example of all, Christ sacrificing himself on the cross for the sins of the world. Compared to these, washing my roommates dishes or canceling plans to listen to a friend in need seem rather paltry in comparison.

However, on further reflection, I came to realize that sacrifice is not just a grand ideal to aspire to or an unattainable goal, but it is an essential part of the Christian life. I am called to sacrifice in the here and now, in the concrete reality of my life. Why? Because Christ showed by his example that this is how we must live. So when I do sacrifice, even if it seems small, I am participating in the life of Christ.

One of the reasons I love working in campus ministry is because it draws sacrificial love out of me in a way that I could never do myself, and often this is through the inspiration of the people I serve with. The missionaries and students in our community have a sacrificial love for one another and the Lord that I am privileged to witness. May it be said of us that we are a community whose lives are truly sacrificed to God!

In Christ,

Rachel Holmes

Rachel Holmes
Women's Director

