



JANUARY 25TH—THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

One Man Can Change the World

In the long history of the Church, no conversion has been more consequential than St. Paul's. Paul had not been ambivalent towards the Church before he converted it. He had actively persecuted it, even throwing rocks at the head of St. Stephen, in all likelihood. But he changed, or God changed him, on one particular night. And on that night Christianity changed too. And when the course of Christianity changed, the world changed. It is difficult to overemphasize the impact of today's feast.

One way to think about the significance of an event, whether big small, is to consider what things would be like if the event had never occurred. This is the premise behind the movie "It's a Wonderful Life." You compare actual life with a hypothetical "what if" alternative scenario. What if St. Paul had remained a zealous Jew? What if he had never converted? Never wrote one letter? Never traveled the seas on missionary voyages? It can safely be assumed that the world itself, not just the Church, would look different than it does today. Perhaps Christianity would have remained confined to Palestine for many more centuries before breaking out into wider Europe. Maybe Christianity would have taken a right turn instead of a left, and all of China and India would be as culturally Catholic as Europe is today. It's impossible to say. But the global scale of the effects of Paul's conversion speaks to the significance of his conversion.

The details of Paul's conversion are well known. He was thrown from his horse on the road to Damascus (except that Acts makes no mention of a horse). Maybe he just fell while walking. While stunned on the ground Paul heard the voice of Jesus: "Why are you persecuting me?" Jesus and the Church are one. To persecute the Church is to persecute Christ. Jesus is the head and the Church is his body. Paul did not convert to loving Jesus and say that the Church was just an accidental human construct that blocked him from the Lord. No, of course not. He believed what right-minded Catholics have believed for centuries and still believe today. To love Jesus is to love the Church and vice versa. It is impossible to love the Lord while disregarding the historical reality of how the Lord is communicated to us. The Church is not just a vehicle to carry God's revelation. The Church is part of God's revelation.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am.....Bill & Joy McMahon & Family

10:30 am.....†Erin Johnson

8:00 pm.....Macrina Yray

Monday, January 24

12:05 pm.....Bob Trauch

Tuesday, January 25

12:05 pm.....Claudia Rebaya Cuizon

Wednesday, January 26

12:05 pm.....Alex & Julie Smith

9:00pm.....Emily Merz

Thursday, January 27

12:05pm.....†Father Les Echevia

Friday, January 28

12:05 pm.....Alice Smith

Saturday, January 29

9:00 am.....†Charles Smith

4:30 pm.....Dennis Wick

To keep the prayer list below current, we will be removing names after 6 months. If you would like to continue prayer for the individual that you have added, please email the officemanager@newmanniu.org and the name will be listed again.

Thanks for understanding!

Please pray for parishioners, relatives and friends in our community, especially:

Patty Dailey

Edward O'Neill

Camila Gabriela Rojo

McFadden Family

Martin Zielinski

Mario Fontana

Kate Davis Anderson

Please pray for those who protect and serve us and our country.

To add or delete a name from the prayer list, please call the Newman office at 815-787-7770.

Parish Membership

If you would like to register as a parishioner, have a change of address, email address or telephone number or if you will be leaving the parish, please notify us at 815-787-7770 or officemanager@newmanniu.org .

Thank You!

Pastor's Corner

Weekly Message from Father Manno



Newman Family,

Today in the Gospel we hear that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament scriptures. That he is the one that everyone has been waiting for in order to save the world. Not only is He the fulfillment of the Old Testament scriptures but He is also the fulfillment of every single desire of your heart.

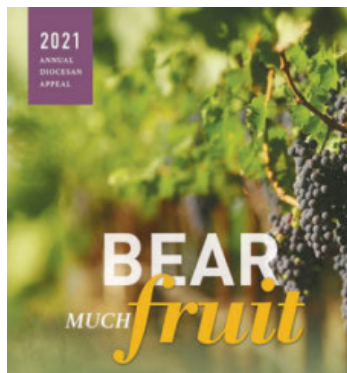
The part of your heart that feels alone at times even when you're in a room full of people you love, the answer to that feeling and fulfillment is Jesus Christ.

The part of your heart that feels like life isn't getting better and there's more and more chaos around you. The answer to that is Jesus.

Every single one of your longings that exist inside of you, the answer to that is Jesus!

So today, spend some time sitting in silence and reminding yourself that the answer to everything you desire and long for is Jesus Christ. As He stood in the temple and open the scroll to speak truth so today He wishes to stand up, open your heart and speak truth to you!

God is good,
Fr Kyle Manno



2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Goal:.....\$35,647.00
Total Pledged:.....\$33,170.65
Total Paid:.....\$29,551.38
Pledge Balance:.....\$3,619.27
Number of Families Pledged:.....85

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze!”

-St. Catherine of Siena

Middle School students, if you had to describe life in the past year, abundant is probably not the word you would choose. Alone, tired and discouraged is probably more like it. Why? Because we thrive in relationships! Our souls thirst for connection. We were made for community, and it's time to come back!

Blaze is more than a Middle School youth night. It is a faith community that supports, encourages, and challenges one another. It is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions as your heart is transformed by the Word of God. It is everything you need to get back to living a life that you love! Please Join us on January 25th 2022 to kick off our Blaze nights!

Details:

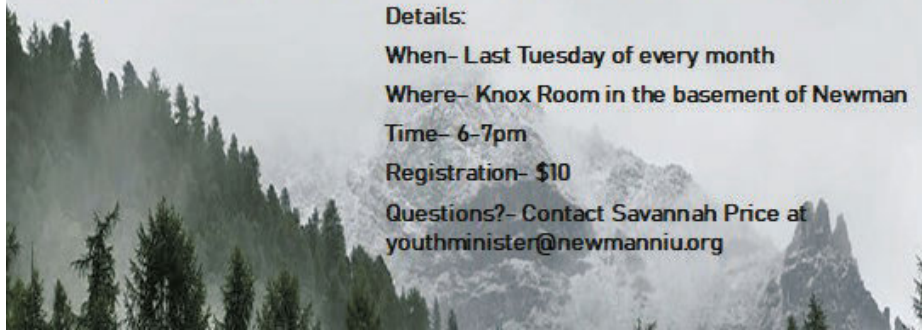
When- Last Tuesday of every month

Where- Knox Room in the basement of Newman

Time- 6-7pm

Registration- \$10

Questions?- Contact Savannah Price at youthminister@newmanniu.org



Adorers Needed!

Newman will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in the Chapel from 9 AM until 9 PM starting Jan 25th! Sign-up sheets for a holy hour during the 2022 Spring Semester are in the lobby. If you are not able to commit to every week— please sign up as a substitute! Thank you for your generosity of time spent with our Lord.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? It is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is displayed in a special gold holder called a monstrance, and people come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day. Christ's great love for us was shown when he was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus an hour of love and adoration in return?



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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday.....4:30 pm

Sunday.....8 am, 10:30 am, 8 pm*

Signing for the deaf: Available by request

Weekday

Monday-Friday.....12:05 pm

Wednesday.....9:00 pm*

Saturday.....9:00 am

Adoration

Monday – 11:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday - 9:00am– 9:00pm*

Wednesday - 8:00pm -9:00pm

Thursday - 11:00am-12:00pm

Friday - 11:00am-12:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday.....3:30-4:30 pm

Wednesday.....11:00am-12:00 pm

.....8:30pm-9:00 pm*

Sunday.....7:30-8:00 pm*

***when NIU is in session**

Celebration of Sacraments

Baptisms

Please call the Newman Center for more information on baptismal preparation classes. Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.

Marriage

Please contact Marcia Feltes at least six months in advance of wedding date at officemanager@newmanniu.org.

Inquire about becoming Catholic (RCIA) or Adult Confirmation

Please contact Rachel Johnsen rcia@newmanniu.org.

Religious Education

Sacramental Preparation

Please contact Cheryl Lehman, Director of Family Faith Formation faithformation@newmanniu.org

Anointing of the Sick and/or Sick Calls

Please contact the main office if you would like to receive the sacrament of the sick. Also, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Newman Office.

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Paul’s conversion teaches us that when Jesus comes to us, he doesn’t come alone. He comes with his angels, saints, priests, and bishops. He comes with Mary, the sacraments, doctrine, and devotions. He comes with the Church because he and the Church are one. And when we go to the Lord we don’t go alone either. We go as members of a Church that has received a tradition to meet Jesus who gave it to us. Thus St. Paul heard from God himself, and thus we believe today.

After the conversion of St Paul he began his ministry of preaching the work in around the area of Mediterranean. During this journey of Christianity, he wrote letter which become books of the bible to several areas. He later died in 67 AD in Roman Empire.

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-25-the-conversion-of-saint-paul-apostle/>

January 23:

Third Sunday in Ordinary time

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Contact Information—815-200-4730
or the helpline -815-761-0430

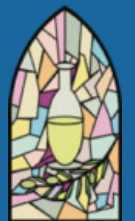
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Anointing of the Sick

Father is available for anyone who needs an anointing. Please call the parish office number 815-787-7770.

If the office is closed, you will be connected with the emergency line.



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING 1/16/2022

Collections needed to meet budget.....	\$7,143.00
Actual Collections.....	\$3,089.00
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