



JOIN US ON MISSION!

Did you know!?! University of Wisconsin - La Crosse welcomed their **biggest freshman class ever** this fall! With a growing student population on campus and at Newman, our cost of outreach has increased. Would you **prayerfully consider joining us on mission through monthly support by scanning the QR code on the enclosed envelope.** Any amount is profoundly appreciated as we support the future of the Church together. Please contact Adele with any questions campusmin@newmanlc.org or at (608)784-4994 ext. 3. **Thank you for your generosity and your prayers!**

OFFER IT UP!

Our first ever "Offer it Up! 5K" was held Saturday, September 25th, and was a great success. Planned by the eagleCatholic student leadership committee, the run was hosted to give students something to do on a Saturday morning and to help promote Newman to new students. Over 60 students came out to run and walk!

EagleCatholic is a student organization of leaders who brainstorm, organize and promote campus ministry activities for other students. These activities are categorized into four categories: social, service, worship, and faith formation activities.

The eagleCatholic Vice President, Izzy Dick, and Social Committee Head, Mike Krol, led the planning and organization of the race.

"It was so fun to spend time with everyone - it was one of the most fun days I've had!" shared sophomore Krol.


Oftentimes 5Ks are held for a specific goal or cause. The eagleCatholic team envisioned that this run would be a unique opportunity to raise awareness for multiple causes, as well as personal prayer. Students created a banner in which they wrote their personal intentions on. As they ran, students were encouraged to offer up their energy for these causes. Several students remarked how motivating it was to pray for someone when they were exhausted mid-run.

"Praying for my intention is what kept me going when I got tired mid race," one sophomore remarked.

There's no doubt that the Offer it Up 5K will be a new tradition here at Newman for years to come.

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Greetings friends of Roncalli Newman Catholic Ministry,

What a joy it has been to welcome our students back to campus! The mission of Roncalli Newman Catholic Parish in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with college students. If this is your first newsletter, it is likely that your son or daughter has recently joined our community!

Last year because of COVID-19 classes had been moved online and many students stayed with their parents. This fall in person classes have resumed, and students are seen frolicking about the campus and neighborhoods. Due to the abnormality of the last year and a half, we have significantly more students to reach out to than typical fall semesters. Here's a sample of some outreach initiatives:

Tuesday Dinners: Each Tuesday we host dinner at 6pm for any and all college students. We range from 60-100 students each week! Top favorite dinners this year have included Taco Tuesdays and the Classic Breakfast for Dinner.

Bible Studies and small groups: Our studies are back in full swing! This year we have started a new small group series, titled "The Search." This group allows students to gather Tuesday evenings in small groups to watch short videos exploring big questions. Our bible studies are held throughout the week, working with students' individual schedules.

Salvation Army Outreach: Following a 23 year tradition, we continue to volunteer at the Salvation Army in town each Monday and Thursday. This is one of our most popular service opportunities with our students!

Swing Dances: Swing dances are back and better than ever at Newman. Every other week we welcome students to Newman for lessons and a dance - one our favorite activities at Newman. Swing by if you are ever in town on a swing dance weekend!

Upcoming Newman events include a fall retreat, a Eucharistic procession, guest speaker, service day, and a few karaoke nights!

Please keep all of our students in your prayers as the semester continues. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry which is uniting our students in Christ through worship, community, and service!

Yours through the Heart of the Savior,



Father Billy Dodge



Neighborhood cleanup! Monday after Oktoberfest, eagleCatholic service committee hit the streets to clean up trash left out from over the weekend.



Our freshman hike was a huge hit the first weekend back! Freshman and upperclassmen alike came out to hike the bluff, get to know each other, and explore a bit of La Crosse.



To know. To love. To serve. Student leaders show off their brand new Newman t-shirts. Newman purchased 400 t-shirts to hand out to students to bring awareness and sense of community to the student body.



It's picnic time. The first Saturday back, FOCUS missionaries and student leaders gathered for a "cereal picnic" on the Newman plaza.



Taco Tuesday! We welcomed over 90 students to our first Tuesday dinner of the year. We welcome 60-100 students each week for a free meal in the lower level of Newman.



FOCUS missionary and students smile as they participate in UWL's involvement fest. Many connections were made this evening!

WELCOME BACK Students



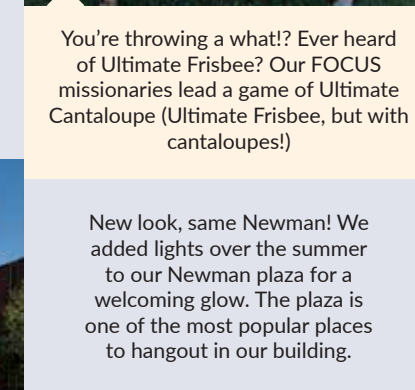
Who doesn't love a trip to the apple orchard? Students take a break from picking apples to grab a bite for lunch.



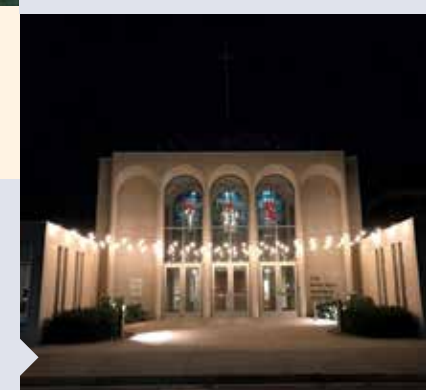
EagleCatholic Vice President Izzy Dick, and Social Committee Head Mike Krol hype students up before running the 5K.



Our FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionaries welcome students back with goodie bags and a smile.



You're throwing a what!? Ever heard of Ultimate Frisbee? Our FOCUS missionaries lead a game of Ultimate Cantaloupe (Ultimate Frisbee, but with cantaloupes!)



New look, same Newman! We added lights over the summer to our Newman plaza for a welcoming glow. The plaza is one of the most popular places to hangout in our building.



Fr. Billy Dodge and students spend time together swing dancing' and chatting at this year's Oktoberfest.