



RONCALLI NEWMAN CAMPUS MINISTRY // SPRING 2022

KAIROS I RETREAT SUCCESS

Our first ever Kairos retreat was a fantastic success, thanks to the leadership of a group of dedicated students. The retreat was a 2.5 day, 2 night retreat spent at Camp Gray in Reeseburg, WI, organized by Newman students. We had over 40 participants, with over 53 total attending the retreat. The retreat was centered around having a personal encounter with Christ, growing in community, and sharing personal testimonies and reflections. Highlights of the retreat included 10 student testimonies, opportunities for small group discussion, group games, Adoration, and receiving personal notes from other retreatants and past students.

Junior Mike Krol and Senior Matt Prendergast headed up the leadership, devoting many hours to make the retreat possible. Krol noted that "God wanted Kairos to happen more than me, and His timing could not have been more perfect! He gave me Kairos as a gift and He instructed me to help bring it to the Newman community that truly loves, knows and cares for me. Praise God!"

With the success of Kairos I, the plan is to continue Kairos in the years to come, welcoming the ownership of growing student leaders each year, and bringing in new testimonies and experiences. We are excited to see how this retreat will continue to impact our community! Senior Josef Fulop, who both attended and spoke at the retreat, reflected, "The Kairos retreat was a faith-filled time where for a period the world seemed to move closer to heaven and the divisions of the world were healed in little ways. My heart and the hearts of everyone at the retreat were opened to each other, and more importantly, to our Savior, Jesus." A huge thank you to our student leaders who made this possible!



MORE KAIROS I RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS





SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

January was our annual SEEK conference, hosted by our FOCUS team. 150+ students had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers, receive the sacraments, and more! Next year we will be traveling to St. Louis, MO to meet with thousands of other college students for a nationwide, in person version of the conference.



NOTHIN' LIKE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Our final Tuesday dinner of the year was Taco Tuesday - picnic style! Senior Ellie Hoffman reflected on the popular dinners - "As my four years at La Crosse conclude, I will miss the Tuesday night dinners as I was always part of the fun cooking crew, yet was also able to witness the generous hearts of the parishioners who did everything to love us students well. But of those Tuesday dinners, I will miss the people I was able to share the meals with the most."



EAGLECATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS

We had a phenomenal group of student leaders on our eagleCatholic student org this semester. The eagleCatholic student org is composed of 4 committees: social, worship, faith formation, and service. Each committee meets bimonthly to plan and execute events for students based on the committees. President Katie Hall reflected, "working with eagleCatholic gave me a new outlook on my faith, my relationship with the Lord, and it provided me and many others a home away from home."



PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS

SEE YOU SOON, SENIORS!

It never gets any easier to say goodbye to our seniors! We said goodbye to over 50 seniors this spring, honoring their dedication to Newman with a banquet dinner. Father Billy Dodge shared advice on moving forward in the post-graduate world, and students had the opportunity to share their favorite memories with one another from their years at Newman.

Senior Ellie Hoffman noted how hard leaving was, explaining, "for me, Newman is a place of comfort, a place of strong community, and was quite literally a safe haven throughout my time in La Crosse."



WORSHIP



At Newman, our busiest Mass time continues to be our 8:30pm Mass. We averaged 200 students at this Mass alone, with over 300 students worshipping with us each Sunday.

GROW



We were thrilled to welcome 2 men into the Church at our Easter Vigil, and to confirm 3. These men have become true leaders in our community.

SERVE



Service is one of our core values at Newman. EagleCatholic, the student leadership organization, hosts several extra volunteer opps this spring. One new event hosted this year was the highway cleanup!

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