

Newman Welcomes a Summer Seminarian!

During his years of seminary, a seminarian usually has various summer experiences ranging from working full-time, taking classes, a course in hospital ministry, and parish assignments. I spent three summers in parishes when I was a seminarian, and it helped me to learn more about priesthood and parish life. This summer, Ethan Hokamp, a seminarian for our La Crosse Diocese, has been assigned to Newman. I'm looking

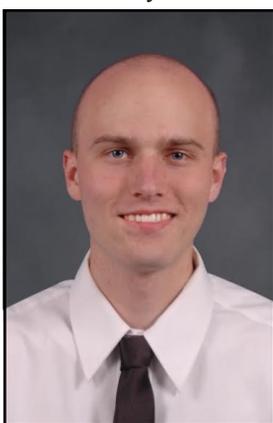
forward to having Ethan here in the parish. While here, Ethan will be helping the Diocese with some youth events; he will spend some time learning from the chaplains at Sacred Heart Hospital about hospital ministry; he will help with Masses at Newman; he will spend time with the staff learning about various parts of parish administration; and he will help out where needed in the parish. One of the summers I spent in a parish as a seminarian was at

Ethan's home parish in Wisconsin Rapids which is where I also worked as a priest before coming to Newman. I asked Ethan to write a short biography to introduce himself. The first weekend he will be here will be June 24/25. Please extend a warm welcome to Ethan when you see him.

Peace,
Fr. Dan

About Ethan . . .

Hello, my name is Ethan Hokamp. I am 23 years old and a seminarian for the Diocese of La Crosse. This summer I will be entering my sixth year of seminary formation with two years left before I am ordained a priest.



I grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, the third of four siblings. I have two older brothers and one younger sister. After graduating from high school in 2011, I attended Marquette University for one year. During this first year of college I felt that God was calling me to discern the priesthood in the seminary. The next year I entered St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. I graduated from college in 2015 and continued to major seminary where I have been the past two years. I am attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. I study in Rome during the school year and come back to the diocese during the summer to have some experience of life in the parish. I am quite grateful for the opportunity to be here in Eau Claire this summer and for the willingness of the parish to host me. I look forward to

meeting and getting to know you this summer, and I ask for your prayers as I continue on my path to the priesthood.



Upcoming Weddings

Amy Kimmes and Paul Traczek, both members of Newman, will be married at Newman on July 8th. Madeline Bires and Michael Benson, active members of Newman while they were students at UWEC, will be married at Newman on July 14th, and Annie Richie, daughter of Dave Richie, and John Boston will be married at Newman on July 22nd. Please pray for these couples.

Newman Celebrates Confirmation

On May 12th, 10th grade students from our parish joined with other students from Sacred Heart-St. Patrick's and St. Olaf parishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a day filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. A special thank you to Ken Ripp, who has done a wonderful job leading our Confirmation program for many years.

Pictured (Top row left to right): Nathan Gorzek, Fr. Dan Oudenhoven, Bishop William Callahan, Wyatt Pankratz, Ken Ripp (Catechist)
(Bottom row left to right): Ally Wirth (Catechist), Will Hayes, Simon Giese, Maddie Banich, Danylo Ripeckyj, and Savannah Siegler (Catechist)

World Youth Day Opportunity

World Youth Day will be held in Panama January 19 - 28, 2019. Fr. Don Meuret at Immaculate Conception will be leading a group to Panama to participate with millions of young Catholics from around the world in the celebration of our faith with Pope Francis. Cost of the trip is \$3,249.00 which includes travel from Eau Claire to Chicago, flight to Panama City, rooms at the Meridian Hotel (double occupancy), WYD tickets, most meals, and tours of the Rainforest, Monkey Island, and the Panama Canal. For more info contact Fr. Don at fatherdonmeuret@gmail.com.

Finals Week Hospitality Continues to Grow!

Final's week hospitality was again a huge success. Thanks to all who served and provided food! We served meals and provided a welcoming place to study for 1,291 students! Kay Magadance said "Each day went very well. We had enough food, and our hosts were just terrific even when traffic was particularly heavy. It takes a team, and we have a great team! 71 Newman households either provided food, hosted, or both, ULC and Newman parishioners provided 66 crocks of homemade soups and Don Hoeschen made 81 loaves of bread (thank you Don!). Kay went on to say, "It just may be that we've created a monster, but no worries; it's a friendly monster that just wants to be fed." Some words of thanks from students:

- ~ *"Thanks so much for providing a friendly environment for us all to take a study break and enjoy some delicious food."*
- ~ *"You are all angels! This made my finals week full of sunshine."*
- ~ *"I am so thankful for all of the food and encouragement you all provided!"*
- ~ *"Your doing something so lovingly and selflessly gave me an opportunity to tell my friends about the love Christ freely gives us."*
- ~ *"I attended services during my time at UWEC at the ERC, and it is very evident that this community cares a lot about their student population and does a lot to make them feel welcome and comfortable!"*
- ~ *"Finals are a stressful time and to have a hot meal is such a blessing."*

Collection Envelope Changes

Beginning with this newsletter, we will send each household one collection envelope instead of four or five. Because the majority of households make contributions monthly instead of weekly or do not use an envelope at all, we will try sending only one envelope per month, thereby, reducing the expense and waste of envelopes. Those of you who use an envelope more frequently than monthly, please contact Mary Richmond for the supply you need, parishoffice@newmanec.com or 715-834-3399. For contributions made by check it is optional to use an envelope; for cash contributions please use an envelope with your name written on it for recording purposes. Thank you for your contributions to Newman!

Community Connections

This section of the newsletter contains announcements about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities in the community. If you have items for The Community Connections, please call 715.834.3399 or email Mary Richmond at parishoffice@newmanec.com Announcements must be received by the 10th of the month to be included in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

This is a good time to join the **ERC Book Club!** The book club will meet in the ERC Library on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm to discuss *Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon. Please contact Kathie Schneider, schneiks@uwec.edu, if you want more information about the ERC Book Club.

Newman Summer Schedule

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday 9:30 am (SHHC)
Sunday 11:30 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday thru Friday at 8:30 am
(there will be no daily Mass July 24 through August 11)

Confessions

Saturdays from 4-4:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday thru Thursday 9 am - 3 pm.

Congratulations, Fr. Dan!



On June 23rd Fr. Dan celebrated his 5-year anniversary of being a priest. Blessings to you, Fr. Dan!

Fr. Dan is Taking Some Time Off in July/August

There will be no daily Mass from July 24 through August 11 when Fr. Dan will be away from the parish. In an emergency where you need a priest, contact Fr. Don Meuret at Immaculate Conception at 715-835-9935. If you are not able to reach Fr. Meuret, contact Mary Richmond at the parish office.