



## Diocesan Annual Appeal: Stewards of Hope



**S**tewards of Hope is the theme of this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) supports works of the Diocese of La Crosse that strive to inspire hope in lives through Catholic Charities, Catholic education, and the formation of future priests.

Last year, Newman Parish's DAA target was \$57,032. We had 51% of parishioners participate and received \$66,993. **Thank You!!** As you can see we exceeded the target amount through your generous support, and every dollar over the target came right back to the parish. Hopefully, this year we can also exceed our parish's target of \$54,670. The parish does have to pay this target amount, so please see your gift as one to support your parish and Diocese.

**We are inviting each household to consider contributing \$350.00 to the DAA again this year.** If your best gift can be more than \$350.00 it will help the parish as anything over the target comes back 100% to the parish. If you cannot contribute \$350.00 please contribute what you can, every gift truly does count! The pledge card you receive from the Diocesan

mailing might list a different amount, but at Newman we are asking each household to consider a gift of \$350.00.

**We also invite you to consider a gift of \$50.00 for the parish's works of charity account.** The works of charity money is distributed to help the needs of charitable organizations such as Sojourner House and The Community Table. There is a separate blue envelope enclosed for the works of charity money and checks should be made out to **Newman Parish**.

We hope to reach our goal within a month of the campaign's start. You will receive a mailing from the Diocese in mid-October. **We are asking that pledge cards be returned by November 13.** If we have not reached our target by November 13, phone calls may be made to those members who have not returned the pledge card to answer questions and make an appeal for supporting the parish's efforts. Please, prayerfully consider your response to the needs of the DAA and the parish's works of charity. Thank you for your generous spirit of stewardship.

Peace,  
Fr. Dan

## Parishioners May Volunteer to Offer Rides to Mass

**T**he Newman Pastoral Council has discussed having parishioners available to offer rides to Mass to parishioners who are in need of a ride. At this time we would like to invite parishioners who are interested and able to provide rides on a regular basis to volunteer by contacting Mary Richmond in the parish office. Mary will keep a list of available drivers, and when a person requests a ride, she will e-mail the drivers on the list to see if there is someone who can help. The parishioner willing to offer a ride would then receive the name of the person requesting a ride, and they will work out the arrangements together. So if you are interested in offering rides let Mary Richmond know which Mass time(s) you are available, parishoffice@newmanec.com.

## Meet and Mingle

**A**ll are invited to share hospitality with one another after Masses on the weekend of October 7-8. Meet and Mingle provides time to socialize and to welcome student members to their Newman home. New this year, we will also be celebrating the feast day of our parish patron, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman. Plan on joining the celebration!

## Marriage Encounter—November 4 - 5

**A** two-day National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for November 4-5 in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. Mac Arthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at 715-832-3296, e-mail at [rippsk@charter.net](mailto:rippsk@charter.net) or through our website at [www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm](http://www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm)

## Newman Oct. Events

### Wednesday Night Youth Program

First class and registration Wednesday, October 4

### Meet and Mingle Reception

Weekend of Oct 7-8 after all Masses

### Free Student Dinner

Monday, October 9

### Parish Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 10 at 3:00 pm

### All Saints Day Masses

Wednesday, November 1, noon and 5:15 pm

## Juan Ana Coffee Orders

Coffee orders will now be taken every other month. Email eileenmunger62@gmail.com by November 13<sup>th</sup> to order Juan Ana Coffee for the next delivery. The cost is \$9 for a 1-pound bag of medium (whole bean or ground) or dark (whole bean only) roast coffee. Proceeds help the programs of San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. The next orders will be due by January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Newman Grief Group

If you have experienced the death of a loved one (recent or years ago) and wish to explore the spiritual aspects of grief, join us for fellowship and a light supper immediately after the 5:15 pm Mass for All Saints Day on Wednesday, November 1. We will meet in the Fireside Lounge. If you have questions, contact Flo Sheridan, 612-723-2993, flosheridan@gmail.com or Sue Ripp, 715-832-3296, rippsk@charter.net.

A record number of students attended our first student dinner of the year - 308! Thankfully, the food lasted. Our appreciation goes out to Kay Magadance and the September serving team for their hard work and for making so many students feel welcome at Newman!



## Coming Soon—A New Parish Directory!

This January we will be taking pictures for a new parish pictorial directory. The last one was done about six years ago. There is no obligation to buy a portrait when you come for a sitting and each sitting receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free directory. Our photography dates will be January 11-13 and January 16-20. If you already know that you will not be available on those dates, please contact Mary Richmond as soon as possible because you can still be included in the directory. Mary will give you instructions for having your picture taken at another site, such as, St. Olaf Parish who is taking pictures for their directory on Oct 17-21 and on Nov 14-18. Look for more scheduling information to come as we get closer to our photo dates. We hope this will be a complete parish family album so please plan to be part of it!

## Community Table Volunteers Needed!

Newman has a long tradition of serving meals at The Community Table. We have five teams comprised of parishioners who help prepare and serve meals. We are currently in need of more parishioners to join our teams or to serve on more than one team. Each team serves 3 or 4 times a year on Tuesdays or Fridays. Our team members usually work a shift cooking/preparing food (3-5 pm) or serving (4:45-7 pm). Team participation is a fun way to help our community and to meet and form friendships with fellow parishioners. If you are interested in joining a team or in serving on more than one team, email Mary Richmond at parishoffice@newmanec.com.



## Community Connections

### Commemorating 500 Years of Reformation in Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches

Grateful for our unity in Christ, the Catholic and ELCA Lutheran Churches of the greater Chippewa Valley are hosting a prayer service. Inspired by joint Catholic and Lutheran services around the globe, we will affirm what we have in common and commit to continue to work together in our community. United by a common baptism and a common faith, we remember our past in order to live into a more peaceful future. The Common Prayer Service is Sunday, October 29, 2017, at 4 pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, food and fellowship following at St John's Lutheran Church.



### Senior Citizens Needed!



Do you know someone 55 years of age or older who would love to work with children in Eau Claire schools as a Foster Grandparent? Perhaps *you* might be interested!

Foster Grandparents work one-on-one with children, under the direction of teachers for 15 hours each week, reading, doing math, practicing spelling words and more! Foster Grandparents who are income qualified receive a tax free stipend of \$2.65 per hour and a transportation reimbursement as well as a school meal. Training, fun, and appreciation are provided.

The Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and locally by CESA 10. Please Contact Mary Jo Hanson, Program Administrator at [715-456-8543](tel:715-456-8543) or [mhanson@cesa10.k12.wi.us](mailto:mhanson@cesa10.k12.wi.us) for more information. Thank you.

### ERC Book Club

The ERC Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the ERC Library. The book to be discussed is *My Beloved Country* by Sonia Sotomayor. Come and enjoy a lively discussion, good camaraderie, and refreshments. Contact Kathie Schneider at [schneiks@uwec.edu](mailto:schneiks@uwec.edu) for more information.