



Newman Catholic Website is Live!

www.munewman.org

Check out our official website, which allows you to view upcoming events and bulletins, complete sign-up forms, learn about various ministries, and set up online donations to support our annual fund.

The creation of this website is an important step to growing our ministry, so please share it with students, parents, friends, alums, and others interested in college campus ministry.



Lent Retreat – March 4

Our Prayer and Spirituality Retreat is an opportunity to discern how God can have a role in your life through extemporaneous prayer and attending Mass. The Retreat is Sunday, March 4 from 1:30-4pm at St. James Church. Transportation and lunch are provided. Sign-up online at our website.



Join Student-Led Small Groups

Our primary focus of the Spring Semester are our 6-week Lenten Small Groups, so don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in community and faith in a comfortable, informal way. Each student will receive a Small Group book to guide the discussions.

Small Groups will be led by students Logan, Julia, Eric, and TJ, and Campus Minister Tom will lead one too. Contact the leaders to sign up or complete the Small Group Form on www.munewman.org.



Welcome to Millikin Newman Catholic! Our faith-based community invites you to participate in our various faith, service, justice, and social events this semester, and we promise you'll create long-lasting friendships!



Campus Reflection

Julia Krull - Students for Life Coordinator

As this new semester begins, we're approaching our own season, Lent. As Catholics, some of the first things that come to mind when we think of Lent often include Ash Wednesday, the practice of giving something up, the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays, and more. Fasting is indeed an important part of Lent for us, but why do we participate in this practice? Fasting in terms of our religious life refers to the act of giving something up to deepen our spiritual life. We do this during Lent because we recognize the importance of preparing ourselves for Easter, the greatest holy day in the Catholic Church.

This Lent, I encourage you to partake in a form of fasting. Fasting can be as simple as giving up chocolate for Lent or abstaining from eating meat on Fridays. You could also consider the act of doing something positive in your spiritual life as a form of fasting. This can be choosing to take part in more activities to strengthen your faith, attending Prayer Around the Cross or the Lenten Small Groups, or performing acts of kindness. This year, let us all strive for a Lent of great spiritual growth.

Small Group Schedule

- Monday: Tom Prior
- Tuesday: Julia Krull & Logan Bader
- Wednesday: Eric Curtis & TJ Weglarz
- Thursday: Eric Curtis & TJ Weglarz / Tom Prior

Sunday Mass Noon – Pilling Chapel

- President:** Logan Bader
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Ash Wednesday Readings

First Reading: JL 2:12-18

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

Second Reading: 2 COR 5:20-6:2

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Gospel: MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."