



Four Pillars Forum: Prayer – May 1

The final part of our Four Pillars Forum will focus on the importance of daily prayer. Attending Mass is essential to knowing Christ, but your relationship with him must extend beyond the walls of Pilling Chapel.

This discussion will introduce you to various forms of personal and group prayer, and you'll have a chance to practice praying for others. We'll also explain why Mary and the saints are used as intercessors during prayer. This forum is Tuesday, May 1 in the UC lobby from 7-8pm. Snacks will be provided.



Honor Seniors at Final Mass

Mark your calendar to attend our final Mass of the semester on May 13 because we'll honor the graduating seniors at the end of Mass. It's a time to thank them for participating in faith during their years at Millikin, and we'll bless them as they transition to parish life.

Exec Board Applications '18-'19

It's time to apply for Exec Board positions for the 2018-19 school year! As a member of our Exec Board, you'll meet as a group once a month to plan Newman activities, promote Newman to the rest of campus, and work with Tom to schedule ministers for Mass and participate in Small Group Bible Studies. This is a great way to build your resume, strengthen your friendship with other Newman students, and grow in faith.

Please submit your application form online by Sunday, April 29. The form is on the 'About' page of our website. The 2018-19 Exec Board will meet once before the end of the year to review this past year and offer hopes for next year. Everyone is encouraged to apply!

Seven students saw the movie "Paul: Apostle of Christ" earlier this month. The movie was a reminder of the persecution the early Christians endured, but they persevered so that we can know Christ in the 21st century!



Go online to read Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation about "The Call to Holiness"

Campus Reflection

Vaida Naris – Junior

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). People say college is the place where you are supposed to find all the answers, have the most friends, ace all your classes, and find your future husband or wife. Life is suddenly supposed to make sense. Unfortunately, that is wrong. College is hard. It is the transition period from childhood to adulthood, and it is the first time for many that they are learning to live independently. College has a lot of pressure. Pressure to do well in classes, fit in, get involved with campus activities, and stay connected with God and family. Through my three years at Millikin, I learned that college cannot teach you everything about life, but going through challenges and setbacks will make you stronger. Although the Bible also does not have answers to everything, it can give encouragement and advice during challenging times, and you can see how God is working in and through your life.

Sunday Mass
Noon – Pilling Chapel

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April 22

First Reading: ACTS 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. *He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Second Reading: 1 JN 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel: JN 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

April 29

First Reading: ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Second Reading: 1 JN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel: JN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."