




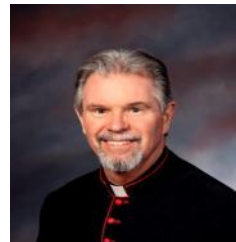
BHSU Newman Center
844 N. 5th St.
Spearfish, SD 57783

THE GOAL OF THE BHSU NEWMAN CENTER IS TO REACH ALL CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS ATTENDING BHSU!

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Meet Our Ministry Team



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Pastor and Newman
Center Chaplain



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Is there is Catholic Student already at BHSU or who will be coming here? Help us find them.

Name: _____ Hometown Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

BHSU Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior Major: _____

Home Parish: Name, Town & State: _____



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Retreat January 2014

The idea of a spiritual retreat has deep roots within Catholicism. Most basically, a retreat is a time wherein one deliberately removes oneself from the cares and concerns of their everyday lives to focus exclusively on their relationship with God. Christ repeatedly leaves his disciples and the crowds to go up on the mountain to pray alone. Similarly, early examples of “retreats” would include saints such as Anthony of Egypt, who left his whole life behind and moved into the desert to pursue holiness for the rest of his life. In the 1500s, St. Ignatius of Loyola established a thirty day silent retreat during which time, with the help of a skilled spiritual director, one moves through a series of reflections specifically created to help one deepen one’s sense of God’s love. These days, retreats take all sorts of forms and implement a vast array of methods, all with the same goal – to deepen one’s relationship with God.

Over the weekend of January 17, 18, and 19, fifteen BHSU Newman Students attended a retreat that was co-sponsored by the Newman Center at the South Dakota School of Mines. Students gathered at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center on the outskirts of Rapid City, and from Friday evening through Sunday morning, the focused on prayer. Fr. Nathan Sparks, Fr. Tyler Dennis, and Fr. Dave DeMarco focused on God’s love for them, and introduced them to a variety of methods of praying from the Catholic tradition. Over the course of the weekend, the students were able to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, to attend Holy Mass together, and

to spend lengthy periods of time praying in Eucharistic Adoration.

The retreatants also had ample time for fellowship and fun. Each evening was spent playing games and snacking. During the day, the made use of the obstacle course provided by the retreat center, and on Saturday evening, they congregated at the observatory on the retreat center property to spend some time exploring the cosmos with a local amateur astronomer. The brisk night air, the beauty of the full moon, and the opportunity to share their common faith was a moving experience for the students. Newman Club Vice President Alex Whitney comments, “[The retreat] really gave me time to just sit down and listen to God. It gave me a chance to think about some life decisions and have God be a part of those decisions.” Another Newman student, Brook Lang, had an equally positive experience noting, “The retreat was very applicable to my life. It was what I needed to hear for what has been on my heart.”

The Church, in her wisdom, recognizes the value and importance of these opportunities for retreat. Priests, by Church law, are expected to attend a retreat each year. Before ordination to the priesthood and diaconate, men are required to participate in a retreat. In recent times, parishes have begun including a retreat into their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Nothing can replace the experience of a retreat when it comes to helping a person experience God’s love for them more deeply



Retreat!

In cooperation with the School of Mines Newman Center, we are pleased to host a spiritual retreat January 17-19 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

Speakers will include Fr. Dave DeMarco, S.J., Fr. Nathan Sparks, and Fr. Tyler Dennis. Along with Mass and opportunities for reconciliation, there will be plenty of time for personal prayer and reflection as well as opportunities for fun with other students in attendance. Participants are asked to contribute \$25.

Upcoming Events

Newman Center Tubing Party

On-Campus Lenten Reconciliation Service

Spring Semester Bible Studies

Ethnic Meals at the Newman Center

Tuesday Evening Masses



There was a murder on the campus of BHSU on December 5, and the Newman Center students were on hand to investigate who was responsible. It all began when someone stole Mrs. White's diamonds. Well, more accurately, it all began when the students were brainstorming ideas of how they could increase the Newman Club's visibility on campus. They decided it would be fun to host a murder mystery party. Murder mystery games are generally party games wherein one of the partygoers is secretly, and unknowingly, playing a murderer. The other attendees must determine who among them is the criminal. The party script may involve the actual 'murders' of guests throughout the game, or may open with a 'death', with the remainder of the party devoted to investigation and resolution of the crime.

This party's theme was that of a masquerade ball. It was intentionally scheduled to occur right after the Thanksgiving break, giving the students an opportunity to return from vacation with suits and prom dresses to use as costumes. The Newman Club provided masks for each person when they arrived as well as food and drink. In all, around sixty people attended the event. It was a great opportunity for our students to work together and host other campus students, regardless of religious affiliation.

Events such as these are instrumental in forming young Catholics in their faith. First, it reminds students that Catholicism is not simply a stagnant set of dogmas and rules that they must memorize and by which they must abide. Rather, it is a dynamic faith that one lives in the context of a community, and which informs everything they do, even their recreation. Likewise, to host an event for the entire campus helps students grow in the virtues of generosity and hospitality, and affords them a context in which to publicly witness to their own faith. Finally, it provides them with a project for which they are responsible from start to finish, helping them to develop a deeper sense of community and connection to one another. The death of a fictional character and the cost of food for sixty people seems a reasonable price to pay to achieve these ends.



Newman Center Masquerade

Newman Center Building Campaign

The Newman Center continues to move forward with the Capital Campaign for the new building. A Catholic spiritual home away from home with more space is needed for the students and faculty of BHSU. The mission of the Catholic Newman Center is to bring students and faculty of BHSU closer to Jesus Christ through the Gospel and full participation in the life of the Church. The students have outgrown the current Newman Center making this mission more challenging than ever in a good way. Imagine how our numbers of college faithful could grow when they can easily access our new facility at the campus of BHSU.

Currently the committees are working on the presentation materials for the campaign. Committee members have made presentations to the City of Spearfish and are awaiting final approval of the building plans. We intend to start fund raising this spring and hope you will help support the capital campaign to further support the Christian formation of our youth.

Fraternally in Christ,
Monsignor Michael Woster
BHSU Newman Center Chaplain



Meet Jack Nelson

Jack Nelson is a freshman from Omaha, Nebraska studying Tourism and Hospitality. He is a regular at the Newman Center, joining us for Mass, Sunday Evening Dinners, Bible Studies, and other events. About the Newman Center, Jack comments, "It's a place that feels like a second home and also a place where I can feel completely comfortable." Aside from hanging out at the Newman Center, Jack works a part time job at a local hotel. He is fan of sports, and is looking forward to spending some quality time on the ski slopes here in the northern Black Hills.



Senior Alex Whitney gets crafty while preparing for a Masquerade Murder Mystery Game that the Newman Club hosted on Campus December 5.



Casie and Shauni work on their masks for the event while Marissa models a mask she has finished decorating.



This logo, recently developed by BHSU students, incorporates both the Catholic Faith and the BHSU Community. Using the official green and gold of BHSU, the circular pattern in the rear represents the Eucharist, with the cross in the foreground. The Latin phrase, meaning "Heart Speaks to Heart," is the Episcopal motto of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman, after whom Newman ministry is named.