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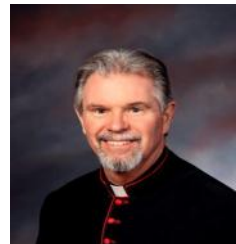
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THE GOAL OF THE BHSU NEWMAN CENTER IS TO REACH ALL CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS ATTENDING BHSU!

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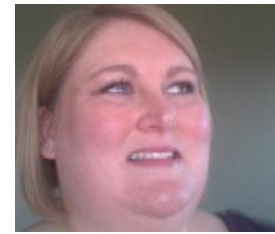
Our Ministry Team



Msgr. Michael Woster,
Pastor and Newman
Center Chaplain



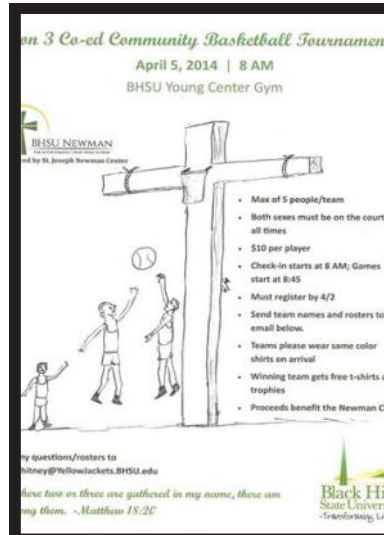
Fr. Tyler Dennis,
Associate Pastor



Malinda Hetzel,
Newman Center Director



Beth Erk,
Newman Center
Campaign Coordinator



In trying to raise money to attend the FOCUS conference in December, our students have come up with some creative ideas. One of the most successful was a three on three basketball tournament. Eleven teams participated, and the tournament drew interest from nearly every demographic in Spearfish with adults, college students, high school students, and middle school students all participating. The winning team won t-shirts and the glory of victory. Our students are looking forward to hosting the second annual three on three tournament in the coming year.

Upcoming Events

July 27— “Ride with the Bishop” Poker Run and Rally

August 22—Move in Day

August 23-24—Green and Gold Days

August 25—First Day of Class

September 4— BHSU Newman Center Charity Golf Tournament

September 7—St. Joseph Parish Picnic and BHSU Newman Student Welcome

September 14—Sunday Evening Mass Resumes



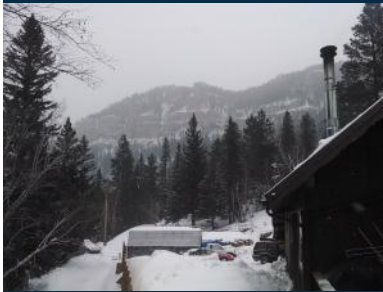
Summer

Our Newman Students having already been on summer break for six weeks, one cannot help but recall the ancient Latin dictum, *tempus fugit*, time flies. After months of winter, spring lingers in Spearfish, and the ministry team for the Newman Center continues preparations for the coming year.

When they return, there will be some new faces at the Newman Center. We have hired Malinda Hetzel to assume responsibility for Newman Ministry. She is excited to meet her students. Other people will be missed. Michael Hofer, who worked with the students throughout the year, has discontinued priestly formation for the present, discerning that he must complete obligations to the United States Air Force before taking further steps toward priesthood.

Looking back over the course of the last months of the school year, it is evident that our Newman Center has much for which to be proud. We hosted several significant events both on campus and at our Newman Center. We have an excited group of underclassmen who are prepared to accept leadership responsibility for our organization in the coming year, and we have a strong and stable presence of men and women who take advantage of the ministry of the Church each weekend. Students have already created a list of plans for next year, and they are eager to participate in various forms of ministry within the parish.

Until the students return, planning continues. We still hope to acquire a development director, and plans for some major fundraisers are nearing completion. The students themselves continue to raise funds so that they can travel to Nashville for the FOCUS event for college students that will occur there next winter. In the meanwhile building and campaign projects move forward. So, even though the end of a school year marks a moment of transition, our zeal for this ministry remains fresh and vibrant. We are looking forward to seeing our students return in September.



Stacking Wood

In February, a local parishioner approached our Newman Center Students asking if they would be available to help him and his wife cut and stack firewood at his home. In return, he offered to make a donation toward their trip to Nashville next winter. Six young men and women agreed to help, and they spent a beautiful day in the snowy Black Hills. When they finished their work, they were treated to a home cooked meal and the considerable hospitality of the family with whom they worked. Events such as these are great ways in which our young men and women can be of assistance to the community and wherein local residents can welcome the students to the Spearfish Community.

Spring Formal

In April, just before finals began, our students needed an opportunity for wholesome Catholic recreation. The opportunity to do so was afforded them when Mark and Jane Schwartz, local business owners and St. Joseph Church Parishioners offered to host them at their home for a Spring Formal. The ladies found new use for dresses from high school proms, the gentlemen wore their suits, and seminarian Michael Hofer, with the assistance of his parents and several other volunteers, provided heavy *hors d'oeuvres*. As they were preparing, Fr. Tyler met the students outside the Newman Center, and loading several in his own vehicle, led them along a meandering gravel road to the house where they were greeted by a roaring fire and a scenic vista of the Northern Black Hills.



The evening was filled with good food, joviality and dancing. Even Fr. Tyler got into the act, teaching the group some basic dance steps. While there was some minor disagreement over the music (classic country is the only music truly fit for dancing, after all) everyone had a tremendous amount of fun. A minor tragedy occurred when one of the girls twisted her knee and was taken back to town to the Emergency Room. Her injury notwithstanding, the night was a great success.

The formation of Christian Disciples is about more than simply teaching the content of the Catholic Faith. It demands also that we provide opportunities to share our lives with one another in an atmosphere imbued with faith and Christian Charity. Our young men and



women seldom have an opportunity to be together in a way that respects their own dignity and encourages them to relate to one another in a way that promotes Catholic values. Events such as our Spring Formal provide this opportunity, and help us to ensure that as our students complete their studies at BHSU, they will move into the world as mature Catholic adults.

Newman Center Building Campaign

Greetings and blessings in the Lord! We have great news and a wonderful opportunity in the next few weeks. Along with Bishop Robert Gruss, I would like to invite all of you who are motorcycle enthusiasts to join us in the 1st Annual "Ride with the Bishop" Poker Run and Rally scheduled for Sunday, July 27, 2014. It will begin in Spearfish with Mass at St. Joseph Church at 8:00 a.m. and end the day with a BBQ in Belle Fourche. Some of the highlights will be a ride through Spearfish Canyon and on to Devil's Tower with other stops along the way.

The Purpose of this event is to raise money and focus attention on the campaign for the BHSU Newman Center. This is a great opportunity for bikers to get out and ride with me and Bishop Gruss. It will be a beautiful day of motorcycling in the Black Hills and points beyond. Please visit www.stjosephspearfish.com/ for registration information. I look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally in Christ,
Monsignor Michael Woster
BHSU Newman Center Chaplain



Meet Seanna Murnion



Seanna Murnion recently completed her first year at BHSU. Seanna has been actively involved in our organization, participating in nearly all of our events. She is originally from Jordan, Montana, and is studying dental hygiene. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and baking (a skills she has used to the advantage of our Newman Students). About her time with the Newman Center, Seanna comments, "I have never felt more at home, when I'm away from home, than when I'm at the Newman Center. It is a place where I have learned to embrace my beliefs and share them with some of my best friends, who have undoubtedly changed my life, in a short matter of time. I know that if I ever needed a place to go, I could go to the Newman, and there is nothing more comforting." She returns to us this fall holding the office of Treasurer for the Newman Club.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us Sept 4th, 2014
for the First Annual
BHSU Newman Center Charity
Golf Invitational
with Bishop Robert Gruss
of Rapid City, SD
For more information on registration and sponsorships,
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