



Newman Catholic Community

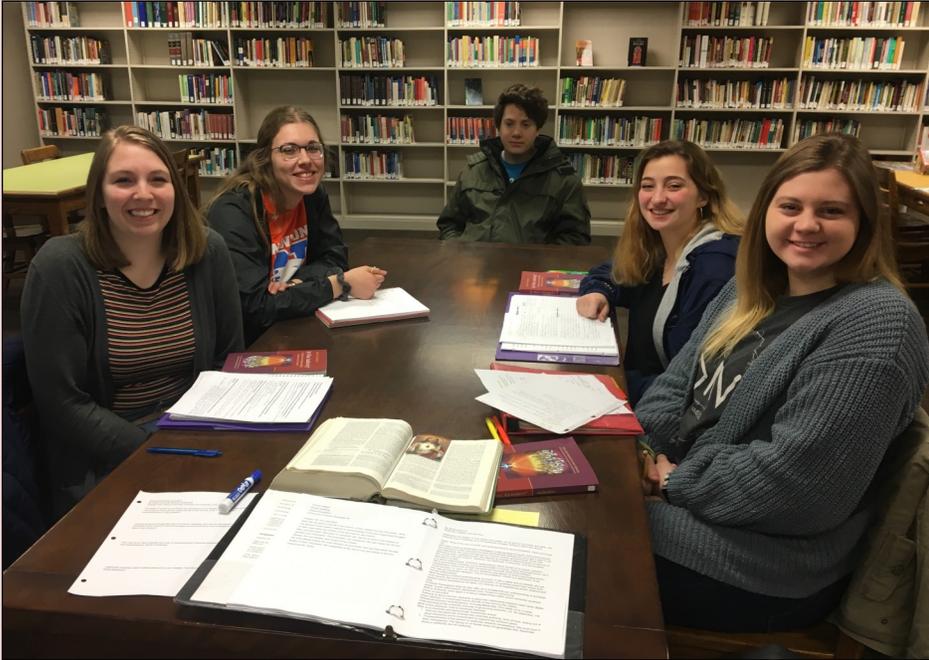
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DR. ANN JACKSON CATHOLIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BY MADDIE HARVEY '22



Maddie Harvey, far right, with others from her Ecclesiology class.

The Catholic Scholars program at Newman was something that came to me by surprise! I wanted to get a Religious Studies minor at EIU so I could one day teach in a Catholic school, but to take courses in Catholic thought is a bonus. This program means a lot to me, it is allowing me to take classes about my faith, and grow in my faith and knowledge all while getting a minor with Catholicism as a concentration. Since starting in the fall, I have become closer with the Newman community, and feel more at home with my religion and faith because of what I am learning.

I am currently taking Ecclesiology. It is teaching me not only about the history of the church and how it is structured, but also how the Church herself is a

mystery. Learning how the church came to be is very intriguing for me. I am able to grow spiritually and mentally, and also help others grow. The Catholic Scholars program has been an unexpected blessing in my life.

NEWMAN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

BY IMANI RYAN '20

In 2017, I was asked to be the Newman food pantry coordinator. My duty was to put together a space where students could get assistance. As a Family Services major, this opportunity really stood out to me, and I was excited to be able to provide this service to students. Through research done by Dr. Michael Gillespie, I learned that many EIU students suffer from food insecurity. It all began with donations of shelving and food from The Wesley Foundation and others throughout the community who believed in this project.

In 2018, we had many generous donations, including funding to purchase two refrigerators. The food pantry is open twice a week, and students can come once per week. We have an open shopping style pantry where the students can get whatever they need.

I believe this has greatly impacted EIU, growing from 25 students per week in 2017 to now over 80. I am truly grateful to have been a part of the start of something that has made a difference, and I have met many amazing students from all over the world. So much goes into keeping the pantry running each week, and it has been a wonderful experience. I hope to see more students utilizing this resource and more people in the community helping to provide donations to keep the shelves full.





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REFLECTING BACK: HOW NEWMAN IMPACTED ONE WOMAN'S LIFE FOREVER

BY AMANDA (HOELSCHER) STOUT '14, '16

Every time I hear or see the word "Newman," my heart flutters, and a smile comes to my face. My life will forever be influenced by my college and graduate school experiences at the EIU Newman Catholic Center. Faith had always been a part of my life, but little did I know that Newman would become my home away from home during my time at EIU.

This community is not like any other. It is fueled by the greatest love of all, God for his people. The cool thing about Newman is that you can really feel that "God Love" flowing out of the faithful to those around them. The students supporting and challenging each other to live a life of faith and service while committing to their studies inspired me. The community members always treated me like I had something to offer the world, which meant so much as I tried to figure out my life in college. The campus ministers and chaplains were so knowledgeable while sharing the faith.

From that community of love, comes real relationships. I have met some of my best friends through my time at the Newman Center. My husband and I met at the Newman Pizza Volleyball night our first week on campus. Eight years later,

we got married, and many of our Newman family members joined us to celebrate. Newman gave me the tools, support, and environment to grow in my relationship with God and others.



Since graduating, I share my faith that I developed through my Newman experiences by organizing a few small groups that were true blessings as we celebrate adulthood together and challenge each other to strive for holiness in the chaos we call life.

I feel like I owe Newman for the constant support, encouragement, and faith experience it offered me for my six years at EIU. The culture of faith that the Newman community offers helped formed me into the woman I am today. For that I will always be grateful.



Helping Austin and Amanda celebrate their wedding from left to right: Dana (Flahaven) Aicher '14; Zachary Samples '14, '16; Andrea Esker '04; Patrick Ward '14, '18; Edrienne Ezell; Roy and Sher Lanham; Kelly Inda '14; Kelly Ann Hennessy '14; Brian and Doris Nordin; Rachel (Sapp) Ward '14, '16; Katie Eckberg '15; Jenette Vogt '15; Jennifer (Vogt) Metz '14; Austin Stout '14; Kelly Nicholson '13; Amanda (Hoelscher) Stout '14, '16; Clare Smith '13; Katelyn McCausland '17; Emily Van Ostran '13; Megan Corder MA '17; Sarah (Manka) Worthington MS '16

Our Vision Statement: *To invite the EIU Community into transforming relationships with Christ and one another, empowering all to create a lasting impact in the world.*



80 YEARS AND COUNTING: PICTURES TELL THE STORY



Panther Awakening 6 Retreat held January 31 through February 2



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB presents as part of our 80th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, March 3. He presented on the thought of St. John Henry Newman.



Kevin Nazari, '23 hanging drywall on our Mission Trip to Kentucky in November



International students gather for our Welcome Back dinner in January.



Left: Our newly Elect and Candidates get a quick moment with Bishop Paprocki at the Rite of Election.

Right: Students gather at the Center for our Women's Appreciation Meal.

LET US PRAY

As we go to press COVID 19 virus is sweeping the world and our nation. We stay committed to our students, faculty and staff and their families during this time of uncertainty.





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Give the gift of joy this
Easter season!



Please consider a gift to Newman through your will or a planned gift to provide lasting support for this Newman Community. To discuss available options, please contact Maureen Smith, Director of Development at 217-348-0188 or msmith@eiunewman.org for a confidential conversation.



2020 Spring Ring Callers

Thank you to everyone who said "yes" to our Phonathon callers this year. We raised over \$13,000!



Living Faith Society

One of the most significant ways you can be a part of the Newman Catholic Center at EIU is to join the Living Faith Society.

What's this all about?

The Living Faith Society is a monthly giving program where families, students, alumni, and friends of the Newman Catholic Community answer the call to stewardship through supporting the ministry. Joining allows you the opportunity to give as easily as possible via check, credit card, EFT, or Paypal.

Why should I join?

- It's *rewarding*. Your generous donation will continue to grow our ministry.
- It's *easy*. You don't have to remember to write a monthly check. Your gift will be drafted as you choose.
- It's *helpful*. You can set the budget and keep your bookkeeping easy.

How does my donation make a difference?

We hope many folks will give back through the Living Faith Society, ensuring that we can continue to form today's EIU Catholics into tomorrow's leaders in the church and society with the riches and wisdom of our Catholic faith! Imagine a future filled with hope and strong Catholicism because of your support. If you are interested in joining today, email or call Maureen Smith (msmith@eiunewman.org, 217-348-0188).

SAVE THE DATE Newman Night

Remembering our past.
Celebrating our present.
Ensuring our future.

November 14, 2020

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