

A Rapidly Growing Ministry

The success of ministry can be measured by the fruit it yields. St. Augustine University Parish and the Newman Center programming have been amazingly successful spiritually.

- Twelve (12) men since 2011 have entered seminary formation, four (4) are currently in Major Seminary, the others are at various stages in College Seminary. One woman has also been discerning a call to consecrated life.

- Programming formed 3 new Men's Groups, 1 Women's Group, community service groups and mission trip opportunities in the last three years.

- Weekly Newman Dinner participation grew from an average of 10-15 students per week in 2013 to over 80 students each week.
- Nine (9) Daily Masses are offered during the week. All are well attended and growing.
- Eucharistic Adoration is offered four full days each week from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Men's and Women's retreats in 2016 each drew over 30 students, more than doubling in size from just two years earlier.

- FOCUS missionaries arrived at St. Augustine in the Fall 2014 to assist programs.

- + Increased Bible Study participation by over 200%, from 40 people to over 80 individual students

- + Increased student Mass participation markedly

- + Mentored students so well that 5 UWP students applied to become FOCUS missionaries themselves.

All five were accepted on their first attempt. FOCUS representatives commented how that was previously unheard of when they contacted us to find out more about how we do things here.

- + Developed mission trip and service opportunities



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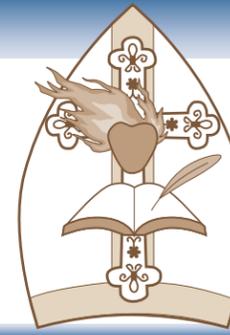
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Faith formation and the Sacramental Life continue to thrive and deepen at St. Augustine University Parish and Catholic Newman Center. Continued growth for the future is expected as word continues to get around UW-Platteville that this is THE place on campus to have a true encounter with Jesus Christ.



SAINT AUGUSTINE

University Parish



PAST:

St. Augustine Newman Center,
1959-1974



PRESENT:

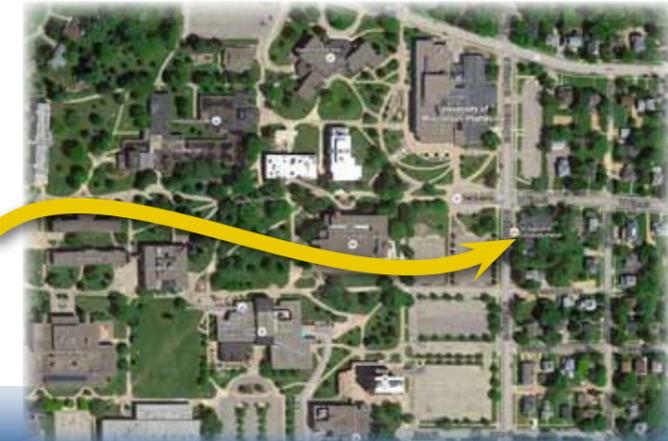
St. Augustine University Parish
& Newman Center, 1975-present



FUTURE:

St. Augustine University Parish & Newman Campus (proposed)

Ministering to students
on the doorstep of the
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
since 1959





The Case for an Updated St. Augustine

The primary goal of any Catholic ministry program is to bring Jesus Christ to the people in a very real way. In the Diocese of Madison, St. Augustine University Parish in Platteville, WI, is developing an exciting vision for the future of campus student ministry in order to achieve that goal and to increase Christ's presence on a secular university campus. The focal point is the creation of a Living and Learning Center (LLC) across the street from the main campus entrance of the University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

History: The Catholic Newman Center community has been in existence since 1954. The community began as the *Newman Club* on campus, and in 1959 services and meetings were moved to a nearby house. In 1973 the existing facility was deemed "badly deteriorated," and repair or renovation "seemed out of the question."

It was clear to the Diocese of Madison that a true chapel and a larger student center were very much needed. St. Augustine University Parish was founded in 1974 to accommodate the growing number of



students. The existing building was completed in 1975. Two additions were constructed within the next 25 years, and the chapel was remodeled in 2013.

Today: At its current location on South Hickory Street, the parish offers two daily Masses and a wide variety of programs such as Bible studies, RCIA, student fellowship, men's & women's groups, service retreats, spiritual direction/development, continuing faith education, and much more. Moreover, student ministry has grown steadily over the last 40 years with each new program and service made available. Since 2011 there has been a sharp increase in student attendance at Mass and a large growth in many programs offered at St. Augustine. The current size of this facility has limited the parish's ability to serve the community and minister adequately to the needs of the students. Also, in that six-year period, there has been a steady rise in the significant number of religious vocation discernments coming from this particular Newman Center.



The current student center is in need of repairs, and similar to 1973, is growing increasingly inadequate to properly serve the needs of students and staff who use the building. The intention is to use a model successfully launched on at least a dozen other college campuses across the country. By creating a more modern and appealing Newman Center combined with a more traditionally designed church, the goal of developing and continuing to expand the Newman Community can be realized. This new LLC will make evangelization and outreach to students more appealing and the beauty in architecture of a new chapel will help raise hearts and minds heavenward.

Additionally, in recent years there has been a growing call from students and parents to provide a student residential facility that offers a virtues-based environment. It has been proven that students involved in a faith-based organization have a higher retention rate in college as well as a higher grade point average than those who are not involved in a campus ministry program. Through the ministry at St. Augustine University Parish, tomorrow's church and community leaders are being well formed in the Catholic faith.



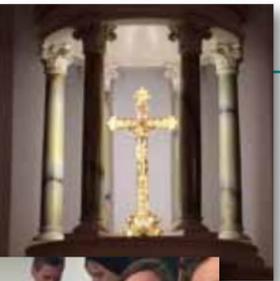
Building Christ's Presence on Campus

The new St. Augustine Newman Campus will serve as both the temporal and spiritual home for the St. Augustine University Parish and the Catholic Newman Community.

The campus will include:

- Chapel, traditional architectural design, seating 250-300 people including the choir loft
- Student Center, a modern facility to attract students to check out the Newman Center
 - + A coffee shop/gathering/study area with a welcoming street facade and front patio area
 - + A quiet study area, game room, meeting and catechetical rooms for Bible studies and other ministries.
 - + Back patio and large green space courtyard
 - + Office space for the Newman Center staff.
 - + Full commercial kitchen and banquet hall for events
- Residential apartments, a separate 53,000 square foot, three-story building containing 46 two- and four-bed units, totaling 144 beds
 - + On-site and off-site parking for over 140 cars
 - + Full kitchen and washer/dryer in each unit
 - + Fitness Center and an engaging student residential life program
 - + On-site 24/7 management by a professional student housing management company

The residence will be open to anyone with the expectation that all residents will be associated with the university or other post secondary institutions but not necessarily Catholic. Programs and activities hosted at the Student Center will be developed primarily by the Newman Center staff. Opportunities will be sought to develop new strategic programs in cooperation with the university and the Diocese of Madison.



FAQs

How is this being funded? The funding of the total project is being addressed in two ways:

1. The student residence (Phase 2) will be funded through both private donations (\$2.1M) and loaned equity from qualified accredited investors (\$8M, the total is approximately \$10M)
2. The chapel, student center, and offices (Phase 3) will be funded through a traditional fundraising campaign of donor dollars. The total estimated cost of the facility is \$7M.
3. Our total combined fundraising goal for these two phases is over \$9M in donations.

When will you break ground? In order to break ground on the student residence, we need to fundraise and collect \$2.1M. Once those funds are secured, we will start to raise the money to break ground on the Chapel and Student Center.

Is there a demand for new student housing? Very much so! We have learned that retaining upperclassmen is becoming more difficult due to the lack of quality off-campus student housing. UW-Platteville is currently providing housing for approximately 800 upperclassmen in campus residences. Apartment housing like ours would give students a high quality option and help the university retain students.

Making the Vision a Reality for the Parish

Phase 1: \$1,000,000

Land Acquisition (*completed*)

Phase 2: \$2,100,000

Student Residence

Phase 3: \$7,000,000+

Church & Newman Center



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