

## A Vision for the Future

Over the last 60 years, consistent growth has defined the Catholic Newman Community. The existing facility is in need of many repairs and has become inadequate to the task of supporting the programming and ministry at St. Augustine.

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 Center.

The new campus will include the following:

- 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, catechetical and meeting 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



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+ On-site 24/7 management by a professional student housing management company

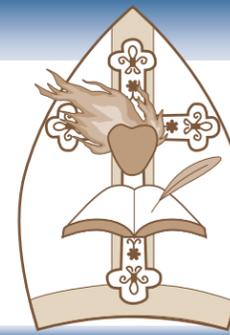
The residence will be open to anyone with the expectation that all residents will be associated with the university or other post secondary institutions but not necessarily Catholic. Programs and activities hosted at the Student Center will be developed primarily by the Newman Center staff. Opportunities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

To learn more, please contact our Development Director, Steve Davies, at [steve@pioneercatholic.org](mailto:steve@pioneercatholic.org) or 608-220-2088

**Phase 1:** \$1,000,000  
Land Acquisition (completed)

**Phase 2:** \$2,100,000  
Student Residence

**Phase 3:** \$7,000,000+  
Church & Newman Center



# SAINT AUGUSTINE

## University Parish



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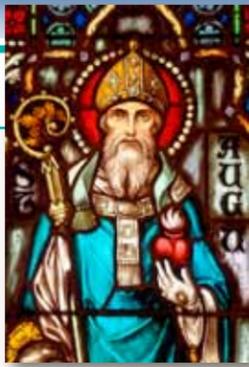
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*Faith formation and the Sacramental Life thrive and deepen at St. Augustine University Parish and Catholic Newman Center. Continued growth for the future is expected as word continues to get around UW-Platteville that this is THE place on campus to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

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# Catholic Newman Community History

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 and Catholic Newman Center located in Platteville, WI, has been doing that for over 60 years!

Providentially situated directly across the street from the main campus entrance of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville has allowed the Newman Center to thrive since its beginning.

**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, spiritual direction/development, service retreats, continuing faith education, and much more. Moreover, with each new program and service made available, the student ministry has grown steadily over the last 40+ years. Since 2011 there has been a sharp increase in student attendance at Mass and a large growth in many programs offered at St. Augustine. Also, in that six-year period, there has been a significant rise in the number of religious vocation discernments from this particular Newman Center.

Four FOCUS Missionaries arrived at St. Augustine in Fall 2014; and, as a result, program participation doubled in just three semesters. At the end of 2015, four graduates from our Center were hired as FOCUS Missionaries themselves.

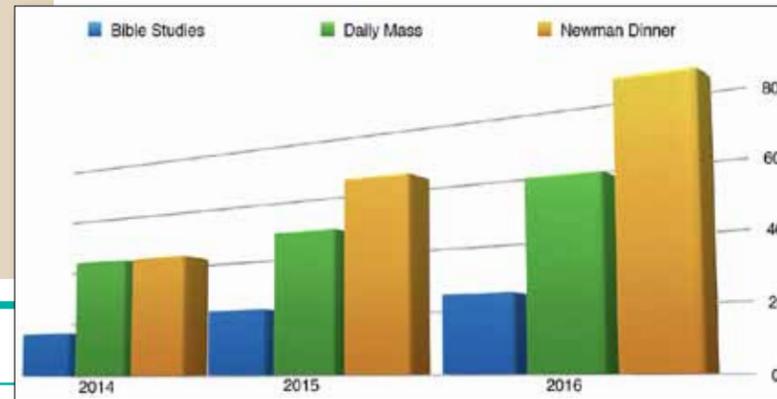
**The Future:** As the student population who spend time at the Newman Center increases, our programming expands and the scope of services we provide continue to increase. We expect growth to continue as the spirit of the New Evangelization flourishes at St. Augustine.



# A Rapidly Growing Ministry

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

- Since 2011 twelve (12) men have entered seminarian formation, four (4) are currently in Major Seminary, the others are at various stages in College Seminary and discernment. One woman has also been discerning a call to consecrated life.
- In two years programming formed 3 new Men's Groups, 1 Women's Group, several community service groups and mission trip opportunities.
- Weekly Newman Dinner participation grew from an average in 2013 of 15-20 students per week to over 80 students each week in the Fall of 2016.
- Nine (9) Daily Masses are offered during the week when college is in session. All are well attended and growing.
- Eucharistic Adoration is offered four full days each week. Students are also in the chapel constantly throughout the day.
- 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



# Funding to Support the Mission

In a parish where over 85% of the parishioners are 18 to 22-year-old college students, financial support of the ministry can be a serious challenge. Our relatively small group of resident parishioners has done an amazing job in keeping the Parish up and running with lights and heat. However, as we have grown in order to support the demand of more students using the Newman Center, costs of programming have risen. As is true for any university parish, we rely heavily on the generosity of parents, alumni, parents of alumni, and friends of the ministry for ongoing funding. Building a strong network of benefactors to support the mission of the parish is a key to our long-term success in providing for our students.

We request that you prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in helping us with either a one-time yearly gift, or even more beneficially, an ongoing monthly amount to aid our efforts in maintaining and growing all that we can offer to so many students as they encounter their Catholic faith away from home for the first time. Your gift might truly be what makes the difference to college students as they transition to their adult faith life.

## FAQs

### How is the Newman Center funded?

In a typical Catholic Parish, regular offertory donations from resident parishioners make up the bulk of the money that run the operations and ministries of the parish. However, we are not a typical Catholic Parish; a university parish runs on a much different financial model. The bulk of the support for running the campus ministry comes from parent support, and generous donations from alumni and friends of the ministry. This necessitates ongoing fundraising.

**Is my gift tax deductible?** Very much so! As a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Madison, WI, St. Augustine University Parish is a qualified 501(c)(3) charity.

### Can I set up regular EFT payments?

Yes, contact us for the details. All of your personal information will be kept securely and will not be shared with anyone.

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