



## Rolla Newman Newsletter – Fall, 2019

**School is in full swing again.** It is a great joy to have our students back in town for the new year, and now we are joined by several freshmen and transfer students. Our Opening Week events were very successful, and many freshmen were welcomed to the Newman Center.

Weekly events like Wednesday Night Mass and Social remain staples in our schedule, but we also have some new events and adventures. The women held their own camping trip, and the men will follow up with a trip in the spring. Our small group Bible studies are bigger than ever. Outside of our events, the students love coming to the Newman Center to study, spend time with each other, and pray. God continues to bless our ministry in many ways.

Here is how our new year began:

- August 12-16 – **Opening Week** for incoming freshmen. We hosted a number of social events to reach out and welcome new students at S&T.
- August 22 – We held our first Thursday night event called **Oratio**, where students come to learn and discuss Catholic spirituality and prayer.
- August 23-24 – The women of the Newman Center departed for a **Camping Trip** at Painted Rock Conservation Area. This is the first major trip that the women have taken together, and they had an amazing experience.
- August 25 – The first 7pm **Sunday Student-led Mass** of the year.
- September 7 – We headed to Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg for our **Pilgrimage and Hiking Trip**.

Below: Group picture from the Women's Camping Trip.

Above: The line of tents at night.







Above: Enjoying the view from the top of the bluff during our hiking trip.

From one of our students:

*As students at Missouri S&T, we constantly have different organization and groups vying for our time and interest. One of the great organizations on campus is the Newman Center. In it, students find a community of like-minded students who unceasingly strive to grow in their faith, while helping one another do the same. Unlike any other group on campus, the Newman Center is focused on the source and summit of our Catholic faith: the Eucharist.*

*Through our common worship at Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, I have deepened my relationship with Christ and kindled tighter bonds with those at the Newman Center than in any group I have ever been a part of outside my family. These relationships with Christ and with those in the Newman community are now integral to me, and I can't imagine life without them. As a student, I am incredibly thankful that God has blessed my life with the Newman Center, and I will always look back fondly on the years spent here.*

-Tristan Ott, Junior in Mechanical Engineering

Below: Our group picture in Starkenburg.



### Welcome to Father Greg Meystrik

Father Greg is our new pastor at Saint Patrick Church and chaplain at the Newman Center. He is a native of Jefferson City and has served as a priest in our diocese for twenty-nine years. Before coming to Rolla, he served as the Vicar for Administration in our diocese as well as pastor at Saint Andrew Church in Holts Summit. He loves being a priest and serving God's people. He is also excited to know and serve the students at the Newman Center.

Be sure to check out our rebuilt website at [rollanewman.org](http://rollanewman.org) and keep up with everything we're doing.