



St. Joseph Catholic Newman Center

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Serving Black Hills State University

Newman Center operates as 'home away from home' for BHSU students

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SPEARFISH — Come take a nap on the couch! Put your feet up and watch a DVD! Study in a quiet atmosphere with unlimited computer access. Or just come to meet new people and share your faith. Whatever Black Hills State University students are looking for as their home away from home while they're busy with classes, the Newman Center wants to fill that need. A former apartment building that volunteers converted into a safe house for college students, the building boasts two living room areas, two kitchens with full cooking utensils, a dining room, a game room, two bathrooms with shower facilities, a computer room, a chapel, a large yard with grills, and a deck, all for college students' use. The big screen television sits in the main living room ready to greet students as the overstuffed couch and chairs welcome them in to relax. For those students who want to munch while they study, the refrigerator and

cupboards are kept stocked with popular snacks, while the study area and computer lab promises no interruptions from peers.

"College students, when they leave home, find it hard to continue their faith," said Newman Center Director Lisa Fahey. "The peer pressure is still a reality for them. The Newman Center is a visible place where they can feel comfortable and secure in carrying out their faith journey together with others college students. It is their chance to fully participate in the life of the church, even though they are a way from their home church."

In addition to the physical house, located across the parking lot from St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Fifth Street, the Newman Center also hosts a variety of activities for students. On Sunday nights students can enjoy a free, home-cooked meal provided by parishioners at St. Joseph's & St. Paul's Catholic Church, following the

5:30 p.m. mass. On Monday nights students can participate in a rosary walk, which starts at 9 p.m. at the corner of King and University Streets. Students who participate in this will walk around the full BHSU campus while saying the rosary. One Wednesday a month students who want to serve the community can gather for service night. Additional activities include scripture studies, movie nights, and more.

Available to all BHSU students, the Newman Center is provided at no charge, and students who come to the facility have no obligation. The center is supported by St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and students who come are encouraged to build their faith while enjoying the amenities at the building. In addition to the facility itself, the church also offers a Newman Club membership for all Black Hills State University students. With a membership, students are allowed 24-hour access into the Newman building, seven days a week..



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Meet The New Campus Minister

Lisa Fahey is our new Campus Minister at the Newman Center in Spearfish, SD. She is a Area Contact for Life Teen, as well as a campus minister for St. Joseph's Life Teen youth. Lisa brings to the Newman Center, business experience, enthusiasm, and 18 years of youth ministry. With that kind of combination the Newman Club members cannot be anything but on fire and motivated for Christ.

She loves spending time with husband Pat, two daughters Alisha and Rebecca, and friends. I enjoy people and having a deep personal relationship with Jesus! I love seeing young adults when they are unguarded in self-giving prayer. My hope is that everyone will see the beauty of God working in their hearts. My second hope is that all we reach at the Newman Center will

then go out on fire, and tell the world about Jesus! Just like in the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus said, "I came to set the world on fire and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)



Newman Club Hike in Spearfish Canyon



Newman Center at BHSU Homecoming Parade

History of the St. Joseph Newman Center and the Direction We Are Headed!

In August 2002, Bishop Blasé Cupich asked St. Joseph's Parish to build a Newman Center and develop programs to meet the spiritual needs of Catholic college student studying at Black Hills State University (BHSU). In the summer of 2003, St. Joseph's Catholic Church purchased an apartment house just five blocks from BHSU campus. BHSU students, alumni and parish volunteers worked together to build what is now the St. Joseph's Catholic Newman Center. Two-thirds of our income is from St. Joseph's Parish stewardship, one-third comes from the Diocese of Rapid City. Our goal is through the development of alumni, students, and parents to provide one-third of the income. Currently we are 20.71% of our yearly budget to accomplishing the goal. St. Joseph's Catholic Newman Center for Black Hills State University students in Spearfish opened in 2004. This former apartment building was purchased in 2003 and renovated by St. Joseph's parish. The parish parking lot separates the Church from the Center. The Newman Center serves as a site for faith formation with weekly educational sessions, building of Catholic friendships with social activities

and good nutritional meals prepared by parishioners. The Newman Club offers an opportunity for great fellowship, prayer, spiritual growth, service, fun activities and a family atmosphere while attending school. Fr. Tim Hoag and Fr. Timothy Castor will help our group find room for Christ in a busy campus life. The Newman Club meets every second Sunday from 7:15-8:00 pm. Even though geographically we are five blocks away from the Newman Center the steep steps to take the short cut across detour many in the evenings. Students have commented that they would like to come to the Newman Center more often, but do not have a means to get to the Newman Center. Therefore, we are currently in a five year phase of building a Newman Center that will be a block from Black Hills State University. The first installment of \$207,000 towards the land was made this past September. Our mission is to meet young men and women where they are and invite them into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. By fulfilling His great commission by first living and then communicating the fullness of life within the family of God, the Catholic Church.



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