

# CATHOLIC RACERS

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## GREAT BEGINNINGS



### A MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY TRADITION

Great Beginnings is a series of events that Murray State University puts on for incoming students during their first few days on campus.

Newman House Catholic Campus Ministry had a few events of its own for new and returning students. This was a great way for students to meet and hang out with other Catholic students.

A few of the events students were able to enjoy included Adoration on Monday, an ice cream social on Tuesday, and a bonfire on Friday to close off the week.

We hope that all students had a great first week of classes and that Newman helped them feel welcome and at home.





## SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017

On Monday, August 21, 2017, the country experienced the solar eclipse. The city of Murray was no exception. Murray State Students were able to enjoy the eclipse and join in on activities around campus.

We had our own viewing party. Students were able to come and commemorate the eclipse with fellow Catholics.

The eclipse was an unforgettable experience for many. We are glad to be a part of the experience and memory for the students.

## TESTIMONY



During high school, I went to a Catholic school. I only went to Mass on Sundays and when Mass was being celebrated at school. Confession was also a rare occasion, going very little outside of the school-sanctioned Confession times. Other than that, I was an altar server, involved in youth ministry, and, at one point, part of the planning team for the youth group.

When preparing to come to college, I knew I wanted to be at Newman. Upon entering college, my faith life took off. During my freshman year, I was introduced to the team of missionaries from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). That year, I became involved in a Bible study as well as discipleship. I hung out at Newman quite a bit and made several friends there. I continued to be in a Bible study throughout my college career, as well as being in discipleship until Advent of my junior year.

Newman hasn't only gotten me involved in different events, but it has also allowed me to grow in my faith. I go to Daily Mass and Confession more often. My prayer life has also taken off. During high school, I didn't pray on a daily basis, but since beginning college, daily prayer has become a priority. I feel as if my relationship with God has been improved over the past three years, thanks to Newman and St. Leo.

I still have a long journey in front of me, but thanks to Newman, FOCUS, and St. Leo, I feel like I have better chances after leaving college than I did entering college.

Victoria Hosman, Senior

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## Fr. Eugene's Office Hours

Monday: 10 am – 1 pm, 4:45 pm – 11 pm

Tuesday: Day Off

Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm, 4 pm – 9 pm

Thursday: 10 am – 1 pm, 4:45 pm – 8 pm

Friday: 8 am Mass at St. Leo, 9 am – 12 pm, 4 pm – 8 pm

Confession: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

To schedule an appointment for Confession or Spiritual Direction with Fr. Eugene, text or call him at (832) 216-8547.

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## Announcements

If you would like to join a Bible Study, please ask a FOCUS Missionary for more details.

If you are interested in helping with liturgical ministries (Lector, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Collection), please contact Fr. Eugene or Victoria Hosman. Please also let them know if you need training.

If you have an idea for an event that Newman could host, please contact Andrea Graham, [agraham7@murraystate.edu](mailto:agraham7@murraystate.edu).

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## Special Events

Please continue to check in for any events that might be held during Family Weekend (September 22 through September 24).

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## San Damiano Retreat

If you would like to attend the retreat hosted by FOCUS to San Damiano Retreat Center in Golconda, Il., please register at <http://focusoncampus.org/retreat-registration>. The retreat is on September 29 through October 1 and it costs \$85. The retreat is titled "Spiritual Impact Bootcamp," and it focuses on the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, healing, and spiritual warfare. The retreat will also allow participants to experience the spiritual "stirring" Pope Benedict XVI called for. For any further questions, please contact one of our FOCUS Missionaries.

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## REGULAR EVENTS

### Weekend Masses (St. Leo):

Saturday: 4 pm and 5:30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8 am, 11 am, and 6 pm (Student Mass, when University is in session).

### Daily Masses (St. Leo):

Monday, Tuesday, and

Thursday: 12:05 pm

Wednesday: 6 pm

Friday: 8 am

### Daily Masses (Newman Chapel):

Monday and Thursday 6 pm

### Adoration (Newman):

Monday: Spirit and Truth, 8:15 pm – 9:15 pm (at St. Leo)

Thursday: immediately following the 6 pm Mass in the Newman Chapel

### Confession:

Sunday (St. Leo): 10:15 am – 10:45 am

Sunday (Newman): 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm (at St. Leo)

Monday (Newman): Spirit and Truth

Thursday (St. Leo): 11 am – 11:45 am

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## A WORD FROM FR. EUGENE

“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.”

These are the words of Saint John Paul II to all the youth and young adults at World Youth Day event. He called upon each of our young people to a radical conversion of heart: to live out the Gospel message of Christ and to be the light of the world.

The presence of the Newman House Catholic Campus Ministry at Murray State University is a response to this important call of mission and service. We help in spreading the light of Christ to all young adults by meeting them at the threshold of their journey of faith. We encourage them in enhancing the light of Christ that is already within them through the celebration of the Sacraments and exploration of the Scriptures.

Our commitment to our students is to be the beacon of Christ for them during their academic years. We hold hand in hand with our students the light of Christ that we received during our baptism.

Let us then be for each other the light of Christ, shining before all, so that everyone may see the glory of God (Matthew 5:16).

Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, Director of Newman House

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ATTN: Fr. Eugene Batungbacal

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If you have any prayer requests you would like us to pray for, please contact Fr. Eugene ([freugene@stleoky.org](mailto:freugene@stleoky.org)) with your request and it will be prayed for! Thank you.

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Newsletter written and prepared by Victoria Hosman

## SLS18

The Student Leadership Summit (SLS) is a five-day conference hosted by FOCUS. This conference teaches college students leadership techniques to carry back with them to campus. This year, SLS will be held in Chicago and is from January 2 through January 6.

For more information, please visit <https://sls18.com/>, or ask one of our FOCUS Missionaries for more details.





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