



College Ministry at
NEWMAN
— PARISH —

DONOR IMPACT REPORT

2024-2025



Mission Statement

With the help of Grace, to form a Catholic community of faith who cultivates beauty, truth, goodness, communion, and justice.

Vision Statement

A people in right relationship with God and their community.



Dear Newman Family

"The gifts you sent are a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God."

(Phil. 4:18)



Do you think of the gifts you send here for the work of campus ministry as a "fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God"? It's another example of the call of the Gospel to make "every thought captive in obedience to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5), so that "God may be all in all" (1 Cor. 15:28). Every aspect of our lives can and should be pleasing to the Lord. I'm all for genuine and authentic dialogue with others. I believe I've done that regularly with a large variety of people. But over the years, the word has grown in me that God wants charity without and obedience within. In other words, we bring great love and patience to our interactions with others, meeting them where they are, and toward ourselves we root out compromise with the world and with sin. Our students are exposed to a lot of the so-called "wisdom" of this age when they come to school here at the University (in addition to a good college education!). And many of them quickly become disenchanted with that "wisdom" and come to us not just for a respite from the world, but for a whole different way to be in the world. They come to see how the Gospel is different from the world, not how much the Gospel can be conformed to the world. "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:2).

Your fragrant offering, your sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God, helps us to show more and more of the students here the difference between the "wisdom" of this age with all its anxiety and addictions, and the freedom and joy of the Gospel. We were created for joy. And that's the transforming wisdom your offering helps us bring to more and more students on campus. Thank you!

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Dan Merz
Fr. Dan Merz, SLD Pastor

Encounter

The Newman Center is my home away from home while I am at Mizzou.

Allison Newkirk, MU Senior in Accountancy from Overland Park, KS

My name is Allison Newkirk, and I will be a senior this year at Mizzou pursuing a Masters in Accountancy. I am originally from Overland Park, Kansas, and when I decided to come to Mizzou for college, I was very nervous. At the time, my major was undecided, and I didn't know anyone else coming to Mizzou because no one from my high school came here. However, my older brother went to Mizzou, and he had a great experience since he found a community of faith and friendship at the Newman Center. So, I knew one thing when I started here: that I would find my friends at the Newman Center. And that's just what I did.

I was blessed to know that I wanted a community at the Newman Center, and I was even more blessed to find one from the students in my grade and the grades above me. Thanks to the opportunities the Newman Center provides, I grew closer to the Lord in my personal relationship with Him and made friendships that lead me closer to Him every day. Through the Awakenings retreats I have participated in during my time at Newman, I was blessed to experience the Lord's love for me in a real and tangible way and to provide the opportunity for other students to experience His love too. Through the bible studies I have participated in and led, I have seen my knowledge of the Lord through scripture increase, and I have seen how it changes my life and the lives of those around me to want to pursue the Lord more deeply.

The Newman Center is my home away from home while I am at Mizzou. The friendships I have made through the programs it provides lead me closer to Jesus, and I have seen my own relationship with the Lord grow, flourish, and deepen more than I thought possible. I am so grateful for all the ways that Newman has helped me in my walk with Christ, and I know that it continues to provide support and community for all college students going through a period of change and uncertainty in their lives. Thank you to anyone who has contributed either financially or through their prayers to the Newman Center, because it is truly a life-changing place for all who enter into it.



Grow and Serve

The Newman Center has helped shape my four years at Mizzou and guide me in my faith.

Alex Mittendorf, senior in Pre-Med and Biochemistry, Saint Louis, MO

My name is Alex Mittendorf, and I am a rising senior at Mizzou. I am studying biochemistry during undergrad, and planning to continue my education at medical school after graduation. When I first came to Newman, I was instantly captivated by the welcoming environment facilitated by our welcome week activities. While the food and activities made it easy to approach the Newman center, the warm smiles and kind people made it an easy choice to stay.

The Newman center has helped shape my four years at Mizzou and guide me in my faith. As a freshman, I was poured into by the campus ministers and the upperclassmen as they led me through how to be faithful at a secular school. As I grew older, I have been able to dedicate myself to service through MARK (Mentors Aiding Refugee Kids), welcome others by serving on the Ephesians Three team, and help others grow in faith by leading my bible study.

Now that I am helping to prepare for the upcoming welcome week activities, I am excited to be the person who welcomes a nervous freshman to the Newman Center. I am super grateful for our generous donors and benefactors who support the students at Newman. Without their donations, we wouldn't be able to help as many students walk through college as we continue to grow closer to the Lord.



Perpetual Giving: Endowment Growth

Martha Trauth Social Justice Education Endowment

Market value at fiscal year end 2022-2023

\$387,480

Market value at fiscal year end 2023-2024

\$651,289

Market value at fiscal year end 2024-2025

\$1,110,264.66

Last year, generous donors gave a total of **\$149,777.88** to the endowment principal.

We hired a full-time Director of Service and Justice this summer. This position will help create and provide opportunities for students and parishioners alike to volunteer and live out our values and Catholic Social Teaching.

We are nearing our goal of \$1.2 million for this endowment. Thank you for helping us get this far!

Campus Ministry Endowment

Market value at fiscal year end 2022-2023

\$2,724,394

Market value at fiscal year end 2023-2024

\$2,899,340

Market value at fiscal year end 2024-2025

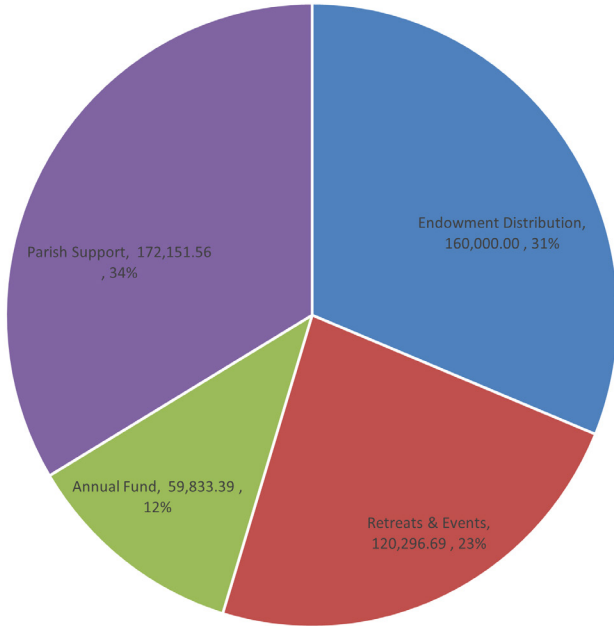
\$3,058,874.57

Last year, generous donors and Legacy Fund members gave a total of **\$22,350.55** to the endowment principal. We would like to increase this endowment to \$5 million over the next 3-5 years.



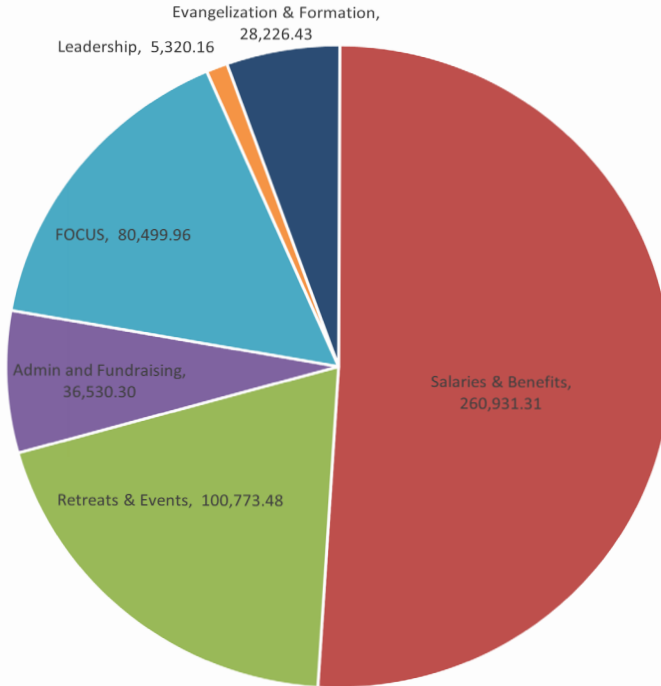
Financial Report | 2024-2025

FY25 Revenue
\$512,281.64



■ Endowment Distribution ■ Retreats & Events ■ Annual Fund ■ Parish Support

FY25 Expenses
\$512.281.64



■ Salaries & Benefits ■ Retreats & Events ■ Admin and Fundraising ■ FOCUS ■ Leadership ■ Evangelization & Formation

Partners in Mission 2024-2025

Who are our donors?

- 105 Alumni
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- 45 Parents of Current Students
- 67 Resident Parishioners



2024 2025

1,679 1,036

Contributions

592 278

Individual Donors

50 68

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470 630

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Please pray for us!

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of the students at the University of Missouri, Stephens College and Columbia College with your faith, hope and love. Make your presence known on our campuses and transform the students into your hands and feet for the world.



TWO WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

1. Pray for our students, especially for the unique challenges they will face in this coming year.
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