

Graduation Mass

Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 1:00 pm
St. Lawrence Catholic Church & Newman Center
1203 5th Street SE • Parking in 6th Street Lots

Livestream: umncatholic.org

Class Gift 2021

Our graduates have pledged nearly \$30,000 in monthly giving over the next five years.

Please match their commitment through a gift today by using the enclosed envelope or call Kathy Jo at 612-261-2811.

The Lord worked powerfully in the 100 students who went to confession and prayed for a greater release of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
—Kaitlyn, missionary

It was a blessing to see the Lord working at Fan Into Flame. So many hearts, including my own were set free that night. —Michael, junior

How beautiful to be in your home parish and experience the Lord working in a powerful way!
—Catherine, sophomore

Fan Into Flame was awesome! The best thing was seeing God work in others and giving them new life.
—Toby, senior



Retreats draw us closer to God

The Young Adult Retreat helped me keep my eyes on Jesus this past year. Our parish retreat last month brought it full-circle and gave me much joy.
—Abigail, parishioner & Young Adult member

Fan into Flame helped me to realize that God meets me where I am and asks me to be open.
—Monica, Northwestern student

CSU Alumni Retreat

(For grads of past 10 years)

Renew Our Hearts

June 5th to June 6th



Social Hall

Spend two days with other alumni and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Questions to Br. Ken: broken@brohope.net

Register (or donate) at:
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Alice King Moormann
Trustee and Parishioner

A Story of Discipleship

Alice is grateful to her parents for modeling an engaged and personal faith. She graduated in Art Education at the University and became involved with the Newman Center as a freshman. A heart for service and education was fostered during her early years at Newman. Alice finds a way in each season of life to share her gifts with others while deepening her relationship with the Lord.

She met her late husband, Michael, an architect, at Newman. After college, they helped coordinate and lead engagement and marriage courses at the Catholic Youth Center. They joined another parish for a short time but came back to Newman after their children were in school.

Their commitment to Newman was challenged and renewed with new priest assignments, and the Newman and St. Lawrence merger in 1998. Alice and Michael gave in countless ways over the years, including financially, to help young people grow in their faith. Before his death in 2000, Michael served on the Newman Finance Council. Plaques in the second-floor hallway recognize their involvement in student ministry. Alice is a trustee of St. Lawrence and serves on the Prayer and Discernment Council. She is a member of the women's book club and values these relationships that support her walk with the Lord.

Our one spiritual family has been blessed by her generosity of heart and spirit for the last 65 years. Thank you, Alice, for magnifying the Lord's light as a student, teacher, wife, mother, grandmother, parishioner and friend.



Making Disciples of Jesus as a University Catholic church



What a gift to learn about Alice Moormann's life as a disciple of Jesus at St. Lawrence. Being a disciple comes from believing that Christ's love is more than enough for me and allowing Him to work in the lives of others through me.
—Katherine Dougherty, Class of 2022



Our Mission:

Making disciples of Jesus as a University Catholic church

Mission Leadership:

Father Jake Anderson
Pastor & Director

Alice King Moormann
Trustee

Tom Hagen
Trustee

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Father Jake Anderson
Pastor & Director

A New Mission Statement

Imagine a shoe factory. This factory is ideally located and equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Its employees are top-notch, and clearly enjoy working together to create a model corporate culture. Every day, the highest quality rubber, leather and laces are shipped in to fill the many orders. Visitors exclaim, "This place is amazing. What incredible technology. The camaraderie is evident. The factory is bustling!"

Now imagine—despite all this, the factory doesn't produce any shoes. Not a single pair. Zippo! If the factory's purpose is to make shoes, is this business a success? No, there is no substitute for making shoes.

How is this relevant? Whether we are in the business of manufacturing soles or **inspiring souls**, it is crucial to focus on our ultimate purpose. After the Resurrection, Jesus Christ called upon the Church to go and make disciples of all nations. That is the mission statement of the Catholic Church. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be in relationship with Him and His Church.

We recently changed our mission statement to better reflect our purpose. Our mission statement is now —**Making disciples of Jesus as a University Catholic church**. This is a vital time to embrace our new mission. Praise God that we have the Brotherhood of Hope, St. Paul's Outreach (SPO), dedicated staff and volunteers and YOU to do this important work with us!



Bishop Andrew Cozzens with Lauren Sieben and Janessa Crane—who entered the Church at Easter

I pray that God uses my faith to inspire others in the same way that this community has touched me.
—Janessa

Breathe on me,
Holy Spirit of God
To love what You love and to do what You do.
—John Michael Talbot

God Cannot Be Outdone in Generosity

Amid the pandemic with economic uncertainty, we have grown more certain of the importance to support our church. We are convicted to give to St. Lawrence financially as we participate in the mission —**Making disciples of Jesus as a University Catholic church**.

We were married at St. Lawrence in September 2017 and committed then to weekly online tithing. Over the past three years, God has drawn us nearer to Himself through tithing and entrusting our finances to Him. When buying our house and finding child care, we were uncertain that we could make our budget work and discussed reducing our tithing. We prayed, trusting God with our continued commitment, and He provided!

When we entrust everything to Him, including things beyond money, He pours out abundant graces and equips us with a readiness to give ourselves to others. Through tithing, we have grown as disciples of the Lord Jesus. **We invite you to financially support the mission of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center.**



Jenna and Alex Thamel
Young Adult Group Members
and Parishioners

Fix-the-Floor Campaign Completed



Kathy Jo Peterson
Director of Development

It is with much joy to share that we have completed the Fix-the-Floor Campaign! We value the Gathering Space to build relationships and welcome students and parishioners to grow in faith. The update will begin in May and includes subfloor reconstruction, new carpet, a new fireplace, new floor tile and donut island repairs. **Before you know it, we'll be back to eating donuts.**



CONCEPT RENDERING - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

We will celebrate our new Gathering Space in August.
(Details soon)

To learn about making an unrestricted gift or a recurring pledge, please contact me at 612-261-2811