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January 21st, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses

10am & 8:00pm

Thursday Daily Mass

5:30 pm

Confessions

Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 7:30pm

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*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (1/23)

SCTCC Bible Study 9am

Staff Meeting 10:30am

Peer Ministry Meeting 4pm

Student Bible Study 5:30pm

Wednesday (1/24)

Side street 11am

SEND 6:30

Thursday (1/25)

Daily Mass 5:30pm

Student Meal 6pm

Sunday (1/28):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday, January 21st, join us for Vespers for Life, beginning at 3:30 with the rosary and Vespers beginning at 4pm with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding. The next day, Monday, January 22nd, we will have a Mass at 7am for the unborn. I personally invite you to both of these events and ask you to continue to keep the unborn in your prayers as well as the mothers and fathers who have had an abortion and are in need of healing or other assistance.

There is also a bus leaving from St. Anthony's at 7:40 to head down to the capital for the annual Minnesota March for Life.

On Sunday, January 28th, we have the blessing of Dr. Bailey Manns, one of the few lay people that joined in the Synod on Synodality in Rome this last October. She will share with us her story after the 10am Mass here at Christ Church Newman Center. Bishop Patrick Neary will join us as well!

Dr. Bailey Manns, 65, related the listening and awareness she has tried to bring to those telling their stories of war to the rest of the process at the synod on synodality. It is a process of discerning the Holy Spirit's invitation to be fully with all people, she said. "That's something that this process promotes," Bailey Manns said. "How can we help each other? How can we fully be a Church that supports everyone, that wants everyone to live into their baptismal dignity, if we aren't even in conversation with each other, if we aren't in community with each other, if we aren't noticing the Holy Spirit in each other? That's what is happening here, and my hope is that I am able to take that back with me and start to implement it in St. Joan's in a much deeper way."

"I think it's been amazing for us to be in space every day at all different levels," she said. "We have laity, we have religious brothers and sisters, we have priests, we have deacons, we have archbishops, we have bishops, we have cardinals, we have theologians, we have canon law experts. And all the people who are voting delegates seem to have somehow figured out that we're all trying to do this together."

Peace,
Fr. Derek

Parish Prayers

†Logan Krueger-Wasilowski
†Anne Fields
†Michael Garrity
†Jacob Olson
†Carrie Ahrens
†Michael Dale
Serenity Sabin
†Shawn Preisler
Helen Trisko
†Don Teff, brother of Bonnie Stachowski
Glenda and Ron Prom Family
†Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom
†Parisa
Skip & Pati Rothstein

Sacrament Dates for First Communion

Activity Day: (9-11am)

February 10 - Cathedral

February 17 - Holy Spirit

Learning Stations: (3-6pm)

March 20 - Newman Center

March 27 - Newman Center

Sacrament of First Communion

April 14 8am (St. Anthony)

April 14 10am (Newman Center)

April 21 9am (St. Augustine's)

April 21 10:45am (St. John Cantius)

April 28 9:30am (St. Mary's)

May 5 9:30am (Holy Spirit)

Consistent Ethic of Life

The approach of the concept of the 'consistent ethic of life' is "intended to form a broad commitment to the sanctity and quality of life in a variety of issues" that are interconnected and often complex. This includes "integrity of creation, racism, poverty, the arms race, peace, abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty" and all the "in between" issues. This moral vision is at the heart of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching", clearly focused on the common good and the continued creation of the Beloved Community.

For links to documents on Catholic teaching related to a variety of issues, see: <https://ihmsisters.org/living-justly/peace-and-justice/areas-of-focus/consistent-ethic-of-life/>

The Minnesota Catholic Conference "is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota and serves to uphold life, dignity, and the common good." MCC's website contains information about a range of issues, educational resources, and information about action opportunities.

See: mncatholic.org



SEEK 2024

Above is a group picture of the group of college students that attended SEEK! Thank you to everyone for their prayers and support.

Volunteers needed for Place of Hope -- weekly opportunity

Our tri-parish cluster has helped Place of Hope for many years -- and will do so Feb 18th - 24th. They need 3 to 6 volunteers per evening to prepare and serve meals for up to 200 people. Consider a group of family and/or friends doing this together. Another way of helping out is to stay awake through the night at the Passages location (west St Cloud) while those staying there get much needed rest. You may also donate to this wonderful program. If you have questions, or want more information, and/or to sign-up, contact:

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ONLINE GIVING:

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“Being Synodal” – A Way of Being Church, in the Parish and throughout the World

Presentation-and-Conversation with Dr Cynthia Bailey Manns

Sun, Jan 28, 2024 – Christ Church Newman Center – 11 am – in the Terrace



(OSV News photo/Dave Hrbacek, The Catholic Spirit)

In the spring of 2023, Catholic bishops throughout the world were invited by Pope Francis to nominate someone within their diocese they believed could be a vital participant in the Synod of Synodality’s gathering at the Vatican in October, 2023.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda (Minneapolis/St Paul) submitted the name of Dr Cynthia Bailey Manns, the Adult Learning Director for St Joan of Arc parish in Minneapolis. He did so because “she is someone with years of experience in parish ministry and spiritual direction – a superb listener and articulate dialogue partner, skills that will serve her well at the Synod.”

In early July, Dr Bailey Manns was notified that she had been selected by Pope Francis to be one of only four lay people from the United States who would be a voting delegate to the Vatican gathering. Moreover, this was the first synod in Church history at which lay people were voting delegates.

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“Synodality” literally means to “walk together”; and Pope Francis often speaks of “the art of encounter”.

Cynthia’s faith and life are deeply committed to synodality.

“We have to be a Church that listens to everybody. We have to be a Church that engages with others, particularly those who are different from us. We can’t say everyone’s made in the likeness and image of God and then put a ‘but’ behind it.”

“When we make the commitment to create space within ourselves for God to open our hearts to new understandings and responses to the different life experiences of others, we experience deeper closeness to God.”

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“Being synodal” – engaging in such “encountering,” “listening to,” and “accompanying” one another – has always been central to our identity and mission as a parish community here at Christ Church Newman Center.

That is why we have developed a small-group process of “synodal conversations” during the next couple of months.

That is why we have invited Cynthia to join us for a presentation-and-conversation – not only about her experiences in the Vatican gathering, but also in her ministry at a parish and diocesan level.

We invite you to join us for this opportunity!!

If you are unable to do so in person, you can:

- Access it via our live streaming option
(see button on our home-page – www.scsucatholic.org)
- View a recording of it, which will be posted on our website

Peace and Social Justice Committee

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Pope Francis greets Cynthia Bailey Manns, a synod member and director of adult learning at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Minneapolis, before a session of the assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican Oct. 17, 2023. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)