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**April 6, 2025**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday Masses**  
10am & 8:00pm

**Confessions**  
Sunday, 7:30pm

**Pastor:**

Father Derek Wiechmann  
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**Sacramental Minister:**

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

This Week's Happenings

**Monday (4/7)**

7:00pm Music Rehearsal

**Tuesday (4/8)**

9:30am Bread Baking

10:00am Cluster Staff Mtg. (Office Closed)

1:00pm Finance Council Mtg.

5:30pm Bible Studies (Wil's Place)

7:00pm Parish Council Mtg.

**Wednesday (4/9)**

6:15pm Community Focus Mtg.

7:00pm Passion Living Stations @ St. Anthony's gymnasium

**Saturday (4/12)**

10:00am Chapel Cleaning

11:30am Community Meal

My Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we approach the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which is also known as the First Sunday of the Passion, I invite each of you to walk with Jesus, meditating on His passion, death, and resurrection. On this note, we warmly invite you to join us for the Passion Play on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7:00 PM, at St Anthony's gymnasium, where we will come together to pray and reflect on the agony and pain our Lord endured for our salvation. The Passion Play will reenact the events Jesus went through in order to save us, and as we journey with Him to the cross of Calvary, where He was crucified, may the water that gushed from His side sanctify and purify us, cleansing our sins and those of the whole world. Please come with your family, friends, and loved ones to witness the presence of our Redeemer in our lives. Remember, Jesus' suffering and death led to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, reminding us that our sufferings are not permanent. Through His resurrection, He brought joy and peace to His disciples, and He will bring the same joy and peace to you and your entire family. The evening will conclude with Benediction, where Jesus will bless us before we depart for our homes. May this Lenten season continue to be fruitful for each of you.

Blessings to all,

Fr. Johnpaul Igbokwe

**Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral**

Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Good Friday, April 18, at 8:00 pm for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. This is a family event and all are welcome.

**Attention Saints and sinners of all ages and everyone in between!**

The Newman Community Focus Group is willing to help you fulfill some Lenten service resolutions or obligation time! All you have to do is check out the bulletin boards in the gathering spaces and sign up to help with any or all of the following opportunities!

**CHAPEL CLEANING!** No need to have special talents for this one, bring your good attitude and help us dust, wipe wax, sweep, clean and polish the entire chapel, Vestry, Sacristy, Baptistry and gathering spaces. We will have the equipment and directions, all we need from you is time and a little elbow grease on **SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> from 9:30am to 12:30pm**. Come for an hour or stay until we are finished!

**CHAPEL DECORATING!** Again, come in with a willing heart and we will show you how to help as we prepare our chapel for the wonderful Easter Season Masses! This happens **SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> from 9:30-11:30am** or until the work is completed.

**EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION SET UP!** It is Newman Center's turn to host the combined Holy Spirit Church and Christ Church Easter Vigil Mass! Combined choirs and congregations who will pray and praise together in our beautiful chapel (that you helped decorate) and then celebrate together in our terrace, we need your help!! Please use some of that Lenten service time to help us clean, set up and decorate the terrace on **FRIDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00am** just before our **Good Friday Noon service**. Many hands make light fast work!

**EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION HELP!** This is a really fun one! Please consider signing up to help us put on a great Easter celebration in our terrace. We need a lot of help with food set-up before Mass, food donations, hosts during the party, bartenders, and as always clean up help! Take a look at the sheets on the boards in the gathering spaces and join the fun!

**Passion Play at St. Anthony's, April 9th at 7:00pm**

Please join us for this year's Living Stations Passion play, with Fr. John Paul, on Wednesday, April 9th in the St. Anthony's gym at 7:00pm. This will be a powerful reflection on Christ's Passion, acted by members of our parishes.

**Parish Prayers**

†Bob Trisko  
†Frank Roehl  
†Mary Helen Montgomery  
†Mary Morton  
† Millie Moran Sister of Jay Schroeder  
† Sam Skoien  
† Mark Haberman

**Come and Join us for the SPRING MISSION RALLY**

**Wednesday, April 23rd  
from 7:30am-1:00pm at St. Mary's Church in Alexandria.**

It's a day filled with a Liturgy with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C; Missioners active and retired; Fellowship and wonderful food;

Fair Trade sales; Mission Group items;

Mission Office connections.

Registration is \$10/person- Hope to see you there!\*



Join us after Mass for coffee and rolls in the gathering space, and a discussion on how parishes will be "Walking with Moms in Need". Your input is welcome!

**ONLINE GIVING:**

Please scan this QR code to donate to the many needs of our parish.

Thank you!



Remember your loved ones by donating to the flower fund.

**Youth Group Calendar for April:**

**April 6th:** Adoration

**April 13th:** Topic Night

**ACC Faith Formation Reminders**

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to all being confirmed today!

**SEND:** April 16, 5:45pm

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