

# CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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**January 30, 2022**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Sunday Masses

9:15 am & 8:00 pm

### Weekday Masses

Thursday, 8:00 pm

Friday, 12:00 pm

### Confessions

Sunday, 7:30 pm

Thursday, 7:30 pm

### Adoration

Thursday, 7:30 pm

### This Week's Happenings

#### Tuesday (2/1):

Peer Ministry Mtg—4pm

CGS Level 1—5-6:30pm @SEAS

Bible Studies—5:30pm

Music Rehearsal—7pm

#### Wednesday (2/2):

CGS Level 1—9:30—11am & 5:45—7:15pm @ Mary Center

SEND—7pm

Family Formation—6:30—7:30pm at St. Mary's

Confirmation—7-8:30pm at St. Anthony

#### Thursday (2/3):

Mass—8pm

#### Friday (2/4):

Mass—12pm (Noon)

#### Saturday (2/5):

First Reconciliation @ St. Augustine 10am

#### Sunday (2/6):

Mass—9:15am & 8pm

Coffeehouse—9pm

### Feast of the Presentation

#### Presentation of the Lord and Candles

February 2nd marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox and 40 days after Christmas (is this why Groundhogs day is here?). In many places Christmas decorations remain up until February 2nd. February 2nd is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus. Also on this day, Christians remember the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple. Forty days after the birth of a Jewish boy, it was the custom to take him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God by his thankful parents. The celebration of this event on this day goes back to ancient times.

On the Feast of the Presentation it was also customary that all the candles, that were used in the church during the coming year, were brought into church and a blessing was said over them - so it was the Festival Day (or 'Mass') of the Candles. People also brought candles from home to be blessed thus the name Candlemas also was connected to February 2. Candles were important in those days not only because there was no electric lights before Jesus came to earth, it was as if everyone was 'in the dark'. People often felt lost and lonely. Afraid. As if they were on their own, with no one to help them. Then came Jesus with his message that he is with his followers always ready to help and comfort them. As if he is a guiding light to them in the darkness. Christians often talk of Jesus as 'the light of the World' - and candles are lit during church services to remind us of this.

Blest Candles will be available on the weekend Masses of February 5th and 6th donations will be asked to cover the cost of the candles but never required.

St. Blaise (Feb 3) St Blaise was a 4th century Bishop and martyr credited with miraculously healing a choking boy. There will be individual blessings of throats after the final blessing at Mass next weekend.

Blessings to all,

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### Prayers for Support;

**First Reconciliation – Feb. 5 –**  
Please keep these children in your heart as they continue to grow in their Faith.

### Don't Let COVID Stop You: Give Blood

Following good safety protocols, the Red Cross continues to meet critical demand for life-saving blood donations. Be part of the solution by giving the gift of life on **FRIDAY, Feb. 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** at Holy Spirit. Please call Kathy Becker at 218-343-3652 to schedule a convenient time.

### Parish Office

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\*\*\* From Bishop Kettler's January 18<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 Update - Face coverings will be required for all indoor parish activities regardless of vaccination status. February's Family Night will not include dinner \*\*\*\*\*

**Spring Confirmation Session** — Spring Session February 2: 7-8:30 pm at St. Anthony

**Family Formation / SEND – Family Night** Wednesday February 2 , at 5:30pm Mass (optional), followed by a Talk, 6:30-7:30pm in the lower church of St. Mary's Cathedral.

No Family Dinner for this month – Children should arrive at the Lower Church by 6:20pm.

**CGS Level 1-** Tuesday, February 1, 5:00-6:30pm at SEAS; Wednesday, February 2, 9:30-11:00am and 5:45-7:15pm at Mary Center

**High School Youth Group** – is being "paused" based on COVID-19 issues, we will recommence hopefully in a few weeks

**Interested in social, racial, and economic Justice?** Here is an opportunity to act. Get involved in a [Safe Spaces Issue Team sponsored by Isaiah](#). Isaiah is a multi-racial, state-wide, non-partisan coalition of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota. As part of its work on racial, social and economic justice, known as the Safe Spaces Initiative in the St. Cloud area, ISIAH is building two small issue leadership teams: one for housing equity and one for education equity. These teams will meet a handful of times and will work together on developing a framework for action on equity in each issue area. They will dig into the data on disparities, talk to experts in the community, and research possible actions that would improve equity. They will share what they learn in the Spring with others who are a part of Safe Spaces and with their faith communities. If you are interested in joining either group, or want more information, please email [Alexa Horwart \(ahorwart@isaiahmn.org\)](mailto:ahorwart@isaiahmn.org) to indicate your interest and which group you are interested in.

### February Community Meal Cancelled

With the rising COVID concerns, the February Community Meal has been cancelled. March Community Meal is on as of right now, please watch for updates.

### Parish Prayers

Anne Fields—Nancy Huber—Penny Zook—Waletzko's grandson Isaac—Kathy Williams— Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother Mark— Linda Urbik—Dave & Caroline Williams's son Jeff—Courtney Vorell's father Paul Snyder— Grace Bellicot—Doug Nieters—Katie & Amy's Uncle +Bill Hoffarth— Mil Voelker—Bob Huber—Tom Keaveny—Dale Baune—Isla Johns—Aaron Volker—†Katie Waletzko— †Don Prom—†Renee Miller—†Will Ellenbecker—† Stanley McElhone—† Bill Schroeder— † Vern Cronin— † Donald Lardy—† Sallie Bellicot — † Deborah Rodriguez — † Valerie Meinz—† Bette Bartos—† Rich Theisen—+Mike Schmiesing, brother of Sharon—+Carol Reiter—+Ed Schnettler—+Jim Pehler—+Denise Keller—+Mary Kelley, sister of Barb Grachek—+Jennifer Symalla—+Elaine Quella—+Bob Huber—+Dawn Newton



Lots of student activity in the building last Thursday! Floor hockey, dodgeball, Just Dance, late night Mass! Student and permanent members also served at Place of Hope Friday as well! Want to stay updated with student events at Newman? Text CCNC to 84576!

**This Week's Events:**  
 Tuesday 5:30pm Student Led Bible Studies - Women's in Conference Room, Men's in Wil's Place  
 Thursday 6pm Bowling Night in the Atwood Underground - 8pm Mass in Newman Chapel



A huge thank you to Kevin Strobel for the beautiful votive stand! The stand (located in the north east corner of the church) was commissioned by the Liturgy committee after several requests by visitors to light a candle as part of their prayer.

The tradition of lighting a candle in a church when praying for a sick or deceased loved one or a special intention is an ancient practice of our faith. The lit candle signifies the continuation of the prayer after we leave the space where we have offered prayer.

The lit candles also invite the greater community to pray for the intentions (unknown though they might be) of the lit candles we see when present in the church.

Please help us extend our gratitude to Kevin Strobel, and feel free to light a candle anytime the Church is open.

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