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January 7, 2024

Epiphany

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

Wednesday (1/3)

Confirmation 7pm

Sunday (1/7):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Coffee and Rolls after 10am Mass

Monday (1/8):

SCTCC Bible Study at 9am

Tuesday (1/9):

Peer Ministry Meeting at 4pm

Student Bible Study at 5:30pm

Wednesday (1/10):

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday (1/11):

Finance Meeting at 1pm

Reconciliation at 5pm

Mass at 5:30pm

Theology on Draft at 6pm

Saturday (1/13)

Community Meal at 11:30am

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy New Year! I pray 2024 will be a year blessed with good health and happiness. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the beautiful Christmas celebrations. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make each of our Masses very special. Thank you also for the many Christmas wishes, goodies, and gifts. I feel very blessed to be a part of this All Called to Christ Area Catholic Community.

Today we celebrate Epiphany and is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, (Twelfth Night), January 6. In the Catholic dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to January 2.

Epiphany takes its name from the Greek epiphania, a manifestation. Jesus, born quietly in Bethlehem's stable, is revealed, or made manifest, as the Son of God. In the recognition of Him by the Magi, then Christ, He is revealed to the "nations." (see, for example, Is 42:6; Is 60: 1-6; and Psalm 72:11)

The Feast Day is associated with three events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan (Mt 3); and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, (Jn 2), The latter two of these were designated as the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. In these "Mysteries of Light," we meditate on the revelation of Jesus as the Divine Son of the Father.

The Blessing of Chalk and Doorways

One tradition on Epiphany involves blessing chalk, that, then is used to mark the doorways of our homes with the year 2024 and the initials of the traditional names of the Three Kings:

Caspar (C)

Melchior (M)

Balthasar (B)

Families are invited to take chalk home and mark the frame of the main doorways with the date and initials:

20 + C + M + B + 24

The practice invokes a blessing on those who live in the house, and – in remembrance of the Magi – all visitors to the home.

Peace!

Father 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
Chuck Ernst
Glenda and Ron Prom Family
†Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom
†Parisa

Community Meal

Please sign up in the entryways to help with the community meal on Saturday, January 13, at 11:30. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Giving Tree-Donations:

Gloves-Mittens-Hats-Socks and Long Underwear are needed for our community. The donations will be shared with our Community Meal attendees and other area caring organizations. Donations will be accepted Dec 10th through ...

Are you looking for a New Year volunteer opportunity at Christ Church Newman Center? Please consider joining the **Community Focus** group on Tuesday 1/16 at 6:15pm to add your creative mind, hands and spirit to the many ways this Focus group does all of what we call; "Newman". Including Socials, campus ministry, membership retention and so much more. Feel free to come and meet the group this one time or every month on the third Tuesday evening!

Youth Group

ATTENTION YOUTH: NOTE DATE CHANGE from 8th through 12th grades! Our Parish Cluster is collaborating with area ACC's to form a combined youth group next Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Saint Cloud. Please come and help us make our youth group a vibrant catholic community of young friends in faith! We will have fun, games, food, an opportunity to meet new friends, and adoration! We look forward to meeting all the Catholic youth in our communities. Look for signs in the gathering spaces of your parish for a flyer for "**Illuminate Youth Group!**" Hope to see you there!

Middle Schoolers, we have an event for you Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids and moving to the St. Cloud YMCA for a Middle School Lock-in, ending at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Beginning with Mass, we will have great food, swimming, dodgeball, Ga Ga Ball, Climbing Wall, Prayer Opportunities, Wallyball, Silent Disco, Game Shows and much more. Open to all 6th-8th Grade Youth in the Diocese of St. Cloud! Bring a friend and meet some new ones!

High Schoolers, we have an event for you Palm Sunday weekend, March 22-March 24! **Castaway** is a weekend retreat put on by the Diocese of St. Cloud for all youth in grade 9-12. This a fun, high energy, faith filled retreat! Sign-up with a friend!

We will also be attending **Steubenville** in Rochester this summer and would like to bring as many youth as possible. The dates are July 12-15. Sign-up sheets are available at your parishes. We will be doing fundraising to help with costs.

Contact Tricia Walz for more information at tricia.walz@yahoo.com.

Information for all these events and more are located on the Youth Group table in the Gathering Space.

SAVE THE DATE:

January 28, 2024

Dr Cynthia Bailey Manns, adult learning director for St Joan of Arc parish (Mpls), is one of only four lay persons in the US who was chosen to be a voting participant in the Synod on Synodality gathering in the Vatican this past October, 2023. She will be joining us on Sunday, Jan 28th, following the 10 am Mass in the Terrace, to share about her experiences with the meaning and process of "synodality" -- at a parish/diocesan level, as well as in the global gathering in the Vatican. Hope you can join us!

Prayer and Spirituality Committee

We're working to get this committee off the ground again. The P&S committee is charged with faith development for all members of Newman. We'd like your help. Please contact Warren Christie if you'd like to be a part of a working group. Email: wbcristie56@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING:

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



Bulletin Submissions

If you have a submission for the bulletin, please send it via email to bulletin@spiritandsaints.org. All submissions need to be received by 10 am on Wednesdays.

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Growing as a “Synodal” Parish

WHERE YOUR STORIES AND YOUR FAITH MATTER – IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE WORLD



We have it from Bishop Patrick Neary himself: Synodality “is the model of being Church that we hope to follow at all levels of the diocese.” Synodality is not another something to do, “but *a way of being Church ... inspired by Vatican II.*”

SYNODALITY IS CENTRAL TO OUR IDENTITY AND MISSION: Here at Christ Church Newman Center, “being synodal” has always been central to our identity and mission as a parish community. For decades we have known our Christian life as Bishop Patrick characterizes it: “to encounter the Lord in one another, to listen to others, and to discern with them how we must change in order to live life more abundantly.” Our lived experience shows us that the “synodal way” strengthens our relationships and deepens our commitment to live out the parish mission in the wider community.

BECOMING MORE WHAT WE ARE: Given the increased emphasis on “synodality” – within our diocese, and globally, as evidenced by the Vatican gathering convened by Pope Francis this past October – now is a valuable time to become even more what we are, through synodal conversations that engage all parishioners. This was emphasized at Newman even more this past fall in synodal conversations with over 50 parish members, which convinced us that this needed to be available to the entire parish to participate. From now through the end of February there will be such opportunities.

In a small group process we will reflect upon and share sources of spiritual nourishment that we experience in our parish community and imagine opportunities for continued growth that we see and seek. The process will yield a deeper sense of belonging, and it will direct us to new growth as a faith community.

You will be getting emails in the coming weeks with the schedule, asking you to identify possible dates/times that would work for you.

The Parish Council in collaboration with the Peace and Social Justice Committee

The purpose of the Synod on Synodality is not to produce documents, but “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to be nourished, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.” ~*Pope Francis*



TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

I am truly excited for the ways in which the meaning and process of “synodality” are being promoted and supported by the Catholic Church, locally and globally. I am very grateful for the vision and the energy that our Parish Council, along with our Peace and Social Justice Committee, is devoting to providing parishioners with opportunities for “synodal conversations” in the coming weeks.

These are wonderful opportunities to be open to the presence and the movement of God’s Spirit among us. I look forward very much to what will emerge in such faith-full sharing with one another and I strongly encourage all members of the parish to take advantage of these opportunities.

Father Derek Wiechmann