

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

OPENING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES

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October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

MATTHEW 18:14

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 (10/5):

Peer Ministry Mtg—4pm

Bible Studies—5:30pm

Music Rehearsal—7pm

Wednesday (10/6):

Family Formation (SM) - 6:00pm

Confirmation (SM) - 7pm

Thursday (10/7):

Student Meal—6pm

Confession & Adoration—7:30pm

Mass—8pm

Friday (10/8):

Mass—Noon

Saturday (10/9):

Community Meal—11:30am

Sunday (10/10):

Mass—9:15am & 8pm

* St. John Henry Newman Feast Day

Discussion Group—After 9:15 Mass

Coffeehouse—9pm



On October 4 we will celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Francis of Assisi was a poor man who astounded those around him by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Illness and Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: “Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy.”

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, “Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down.” Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: “Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff” (Luke 9:1-3).

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his *Canticle of the Sun*, “Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death.” He sang *Psalm 141*, and at the end asked his superior's permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

St Francis overcame his difficulty with the leper. We look at the places in our life where we need grace to overcome walls and obstacles to deeper life with others and with our Lord. St Francis and Claire...pray for us

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SEND, Family Formation - Family Night Wednesday October 6, (5:30 Optional Mass, 6:00pm Dinner, 6:30-7:30 Parent Talk, and Classroom Lesson for Students at St. Mary's Lower Church

Confirmation Fall Session – Wednesday October 6, 7:00-8:30pm in the Mary Center



Save the Date!

Oct. 10—St. John Henry Newman Feast Day

- Rolls, coffee & Mimosa

Oct. 15—Newman Center Gathering

Oct. 31—Renewal Kickoff

Oct. 31—Halloween Party

NEWMAN CENTER GATHERING

Connect, Reconnect over Music, Food, and Hockey!

Friday, October 15th, 6PM-9PM

Christ Church Newman Center

396 1st Ave S, St. Cloud, MN



Music by SCSU alum
Glen Everhart
& watch the HUSKIES
take on the GOPHERS!



Visit our
livestream! Search
YouTube:

Christ Church
Newman Center

Daily Readings are
found at usccb.org

Community Meal!

Sat., Oct. 9th will be the next meal for our monthly participation in the Community Meal. Please sign up as a worker, or bring a salad or brownies. Please sign up in the Baptismal Lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Bisek.

STUDENT EVENTS

Tues, 5

5:30pm Bible
Studies @
Newman

Tues, 7

5pm FREE
Student Meal
8pm Mass

Fri, 8

12pm Mass
in Newman
Prayer Room

Sun, 10

9:15am Mass
8pm Mass
9pm Coffeehouse
in Wil's Place

Food,
Prizes!
Bring
friends!

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Student Meal!

The next Student Meal is Thursday, October 7 at 6pm in the Terrace. All students are welcome for a free meal and fellowship. Donations are welcomed to help cover the costs. You can put it in an envelope marked 'Student Meals' and drop it in the collection, or drop it off at the office. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



Please pray for all St. Cloud Diocese priests as they will be at their Annual Retreat Oct. 3-6.

Open Wide Our Hearts Discussion Group

Discussion Group Schedule:

Week 2: October 10th (topic: Do Justice, pg 5-13)

Week 3: October 24th (topic: Love Goodness, pg 13-16)

Week 4: November 7th (topic: Walk Humbly with God, pg 16-26)

Fall Charismatic Conference

The Holdingford area catholic communities will be Livestreaming the Fall Charismatic Conference "Igniting Disciples: The Boldness of the Holy Spirit" on **October 23rd at All Saints - St. Mary's**. 8:30am—3:30pm. All are invited to attend! The day will include praise and worship music, four talks by Peter Herbeck, lunch and an opportunity for sharing and prayer. There is no cost to attend. Please let Kristin know if you plan to attend: evangelist@tworiverscatholic.com.

Halloween Party

The Darwin Initiative is putting on the greatest Halloween show of all time. Musical guests will include Saint Cloud band's Traverse Road & Wild Residence. Pizza and beverages will be available. There will be a costume contest with prizes! Bring your best costumes!

Time: 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Date: October 30, 2021

Location: Newman Center 396 1st Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301

October 2021

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!



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