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## January 14th, 2024

*2nd 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

#### Monday (1/15)

SCTCC Bible Study 9am

#### Tuesday (1/16)

Staff Meeting 10:30am

Peer Ministry Meeting 4pm

Student Bible Study 5:30pm

Nuts & Bolts Meeting 6:30pm

Community Focus Meeting 6:30pm

#### Wednesday (1/17)

Confirmation 7pm

#### Thursday (1/18)

Daily Mass 5:30pm

Student Event 6pm

#### Sunday (1/21):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Fr John Paul will be gone from Jan. 12th-17th.

### Dear brothers and sisters,

It's beginning to look a lot like... winter! Old Man Winter has finally arrived. We knew he would make his way, just didn't know when. Something just didn't feel right with a non – snowy Christmas! Now the ice can start forming on lakes for ice fishing and snow on the fields for snowmobiling. All great Minnesota pastimes! Or, maybe you are looking forward to downhill or cross country skiing. Winter brings a lot of beauty with it. Outside my window in my office at Christ Church Newman Center, I have a beautiful view of the Mississippi. I often get distracted watching the birds fly from tree to tree. The winter birds have returned – Black-capped Chickadees, White-breasted Nuthatches, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Downy, Hairy, and Pileated woodpeckers, just to name a few. There is also a murder of crows that have made their home along the river, probably about 20 of them. While their cry is obnoxious, they are quite impressive birds.

Bishop Patrick Neary visited St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School on our feast day, Thursday, January 4th. He enjoyed visiting each of the classrooms and had Mass with all staff and students. Thank you Bishop Neary for visiting us!

Our second graders are making their First Reconciliation these days – some did on the 6th and the rest will on the 20th. Please keep them in prayer as they make this big step in their faith lives!

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  
Glenda and Ron Prom Family  
†Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom  
†Parisa  
Skip & Pati Rothstein

## Youth Group

**ATTENTION YOUTH: TONIGHT** from 8th through 12th grades! Our Parish Cluster is collaborating with area ACC's to form a combined youth group tonight, 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 **Stebenville** 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](mailto:tricia.walz@yahoo.com).

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

## Synodal Conversations at Newman -- Vital Opportunities to Connect and Share

To "be synodal" is to listen deeply to, and share with, one another.

We have designed a process of small-group "synodal conversations" in which parishioners can reflect on and share sources of spiritual nourishment that we experience in our parish community, and imagine opportunities for continued growth that we see and seek.

We believe this 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.

In the words of Pope Francis, "being synodal" can "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."



## Eucharistic Bread Baking

Volunteers are needed on January 16 & 30 to make Eucharistic Bread at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen. Please sign up in either lobby.

## 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](mailto:bulletin@spiritandsaints.org). All submissions need to be received by 10 am on Wednesdays. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

## Parish Staff

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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](http://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)