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## March 24, 2024

*Palm Sunday*

### Sunday Masses

10am & 8:00pm

### Thursday Daily Mass

5:30 pm

### Confessions

Thursday, 5:00 pm

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 (3/25)

Music Rehearsal 6:30pm

#### Tuesday (3/26)

SCTCC Bible Study 8:30am

Peer Minister Meeting 4pm

Bible Study 5:30pm

#### Wednesday (3/27)

Learning Station 1st Communion 3pm

#### Thursday (3/28)

Holy Thursday Mass 5:30pm

#### Friday (3/29)

Good Friday Mass 12pm

#### Saturday (3/30)

Decorating for Easter 9:30am

Easter Vigil at Holy Spirit 8pm

#### Sunday (3/31):

Mass: 10am

(No 8pm Mass)

### Dear brothers and sisters,

This is a continuation from my bulletin article last week of what makes each day significant during Holy Week. Holy Saturday is typically a day of preparation for Easter Sunday. Families can dye Easter Eggs, a symbol of new life, in preparation for the celebration of new life in the Resurrection. We have a Vigil Mass on Saturday evening where new members are baptized and brought into the faith. We also hear the story of salvation history through scripture.

Easter Sunday is a continuation of the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It's a Holy Day of Obligation because the Mass celebrates the most important teaching in the Catholic faith - that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead so that we could share eternal life with him in heaven. We can again sing "Alleluia" after 40 days of fasting, praying and almsgiving. Jesus Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Next we enter into what is called the Octave of Easter, which begins on Easter Sunday which is on March 31<sup>st</sup> and continues through Divine Mercy Sunday, which is on April 7<sup>th</sup>. I am grateful the church gives us 8 days to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Of course, each time we come to Mass we remember his passion, death, and resurrection.

I pray that your days of Lent are fruitful and that you enjoy the Easter days with many family and friends.

Peace!

Fr. Derek

### Dear beloved parishioners,

I am delighted to inform you of an upcoming event in our ACC: the life drama for the Stations of the Cross, scheduled for Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th at 6pm at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

Let us unite in prayer as we meditate on the passion and death of Jesus Christ. A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Scott and Fr. Derek for the unwavering support, and to all who have volunteered to portray roles in this poignant event. The evening will conclude with Benediction.

Blessings to you all,

Fr. John Paul

## Parish Prayers

† 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  
† Julie Gabrielson  
† India Faith Krueger Wasilowski

## Annual Wil Illies "Heart Speaks to Heart" Memorial Lecture -- Sat, April 13th

Fr Ed Foley, award-winning author and celebrated preacher, is our speaker. His presentation, entitled "The Justice of the Jesus Table: Eucharist Origins, Inclusion, and Mission", explores the connection between the Eucharistic liturgy and the Gospel call of social justice. It's a connection deeply rooted in the disruptive table ministry of Jesus, practiced in the early Church, and reaffirmed in the US Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on economic justice.

Join us on Sat, April 13th, at 7 pm in the Terrace.

## 26th Annual Way of the Cross

Sponsored by Communion and Liberation

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 3pm

St Mary's Cathedral Church

Please join us as we reflect on the passion of Jesus through Scripture, hymns and silent reflection. Procession begins at St Mary's Cathedral Church and proceeds to Lake George and concludes back at St. Mary's.

All are welcome and should come dressed for that day's weather. For more information about Communion and Liberation and this event please contact John Steichen at [jsteichen@aol.com](mailto:jsteichen@aol.com) or 320-492-7063

## Sacrament Dates for First Communion

Learning Stations: (3-6pm)

March 27 - Newman Center

Sacrament of First Communion

April 14 8am (St. Anthony)

April 14 10am (Newman Center)

April 21 9am (St. Augustine's)

April 21 10:45am (St. John Cantius)

April 28 9:30am (St. Mary's)

May 5 9:30am (Holy Spirit)

## Introduction To Our New Office Manager

Hello, my name is Nathan Schmitt and I am the new office manager for the cluster. I grew up here on the south side of St. Cloud. I have been a member of Holy Spirit since my baptism from Fr. Hahn. I attended Holy Spirit grade school and went on to John XXIII and Cathedral High School. My wife Heather and I have settled in the area and are blessed with five beautiful, adopted children. Kaitlin, Hannah, Lillian, Abigail, and Finley.

I grew up learning to work hard and help others along the way. I'm a cook for Holy Spirit bouja and a member of the Knights of Columbus. I look forward to doing my part in helping maintain the business side of church life and helping us to grow in love, faith, and unity.

## Foot washing Help Needed

At Newman, we have a wonderful tradition where the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday is open to everyone in attendance! Help is needed during our 5:30pm Mass as a foot washer, or water runner. If you are able to help, please sign up in either lobby or talk to/email Stacy.

## Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday March 30th at 9:30am.

There are sign up sheets in both of the lobbies!

## Donations for Easter Flowers

We are accepting donations to go toward purchasing Easter flowers. Please bring these donations to the office.

## ONLINE GIVING:

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



## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Derek Wiechmann [fatherderek17@gmail.com](mailto:fatherderek17@gmail.com)

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## **Highbanks Ravine Rehabilitation Project**

**The city and contractor will have a pre-construction meeting on March 27th and work will start approximately 2 weeks later, around April 10th.**

The City of St. Cloud has obtained the appropriate funding to begin the Highbanks Ravine Rehabilitation Project. This project will involve several streets around Newman from Monday through Friday. This project is a full reconstruction of streets and utilities along 3rd Avenue South (1 block), 4th Street South (2 blocks) and 1st Avenue South for 1 block to re-route the storm sewer around the Highbanks Ravine. The new storm-water pipe will go between Fr. Derek's rectory and Newman's garage and down to the river. At the end of each day the contractor will refill the excavation area with gravel prior to departing for the day.

Newman's parking lot will always be accessible, either from 1st Avenue or the alley, behind the parking lot, depending upon the work being done. When it is necessary to enter the lot from the alley, the contractor will build up a gravel ramp for access into the parking lot.

This work is scheduled to begin this spring and finish in the fall. We know that this will cause some inconvenience over the short term. However, it will provide us with a new street, new trees to replace any that the city removes, and the city will be constructing several handicap parking stalls in the green space, in front of our church.

We are especially concerned for those who use the handicap parking spaces or those who have a difficult time walking over uneven ground as the construction area will have gravel over it. If this is your case, we will offer a valet service, with Newman volunteers, to park your car after you drive up to the main entrance. They will then park your car for you and return it to you after mass.

When we receive additional information, we will update you.

Newman Nuts and Bolts Committee