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March 3rd, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent

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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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 (3/4)

Music Rehearsal 6:30pm

Tuesday (3/5)

Eucharistic Bread Baking 9:30am

Wednesday (3/6)

Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday (3/7)

Daily Mass 5:30pm

Saturday (3/9)

Community Meal 11:30am

Sunday (3/3):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Dear friends,

We are fast approaching the half way mark of our Lenten season. I want to invite you again to the many opportunities we have to strengthen our faith in the next weeks, in particular through participating in the Stations of the Cross and by attending one of the many Reconciliation Services offered throughout the city and surrounding parishes.

I also want to make all aware of the rising costs of our insurance on our buildings. Through the Diocese of St. Cloud, we have insurance through Catholic Mutual, which is based out of Omaha, Nebraska. This year we have yet again a significant increase, nearly 33% across the diocese. I want to share with you the numbers:

Property and Liability Insurance Increase by the parish:

Christ Church Newman Center	Holy Spirit	St. Antony's
2022 - \$19,794	2022 - \$23,054	2022 - \$34,864
2023 - \$23,593	2023 - \$29,638	2023 - \$45,497
2024 - \$32,684	2024 - \$40,369	2024 - \$56,330

A 65% increase over three years

A 75% increase over three years

A 61% increase over three years

Each year, this is paid by the generosity of you. If you would like to help defray the cost for this specifically, place a contribution in an envelope and indicate somewhere "Insurance Cost Increase" and for which parish you'd like to contribute to. It is your generosity that keeps our parishes alive and well!

Peace,

Fr. Derek

My dear parishioners,

We are thrilled to announce an extraordinary event coming up in our ACC on Holy Wednesday – a life drama for the Stations of the Cross! This is a unique opportunity for our community to come together and bring this sacred journey to life in a more profound and thought-provoking way than ever before.

We are calling for volunteers – characters who are eager to take part in this meaningful production. Whether you're young, married, unmarried, or somewhere in between, we welcome your participation. With the guidance and support of Fr. Derek, Fr. Scott, and our other dedicated priests, we are certain this will be a remarkable experience for all involved.

This rendition promises to be different, more elaborate, and deeply impactful compared to previous presentations. We encourage you to join us in this endeavor, as we strive to deepen our understanding and connection to the Stations of the Cross.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, Philip Shefveland of Christ Church Newman Center, or Fr. Derek if you are interested to volunteer as a character, in being part of this unforgettable journey.

Let us anticipate a wonderful response from our community as we come together to bring this sacred story to life. May God bless you abundantly.

Warm regards,

Fr. JohnPaul Igbokwe and Philip Shefveland

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

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 or 320-492-7063

Social Concerns Office for the diocese -- Lenten Resources

Their Lenten-season newsletter . . . with lots of ideas and information about how to connect the perspectives and activities of Lent with the social justice dimension of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching -- is available at: <https://mailchi.mp/ccstcloud.org/social-concerns-lenten-resources-2024>

Sacrament Dates for First Communion

Learning Stations: (3-6pm)

March 20 - Newman Center

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)

February Community Meal

The community meal is March 9th. Please sign up in either lobby to donate or to help.

Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church on March 23rd 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.

Opportunity to support the Pregnancy Resource Center

The PRC is now holding its annual Baby Bottle fundraising campaign in area churches. Funds gathered will support their programs. If interested, we invite you to take a bottle home (available in both entryways), fill it with spare change, cash, or checks, and return it here by Sunday, March 10th. For more information about the PRC, see: [https:// www.preghelp.com/](https://www.preghelp.com/)

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. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

ONLINE GIVING:

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



Daily Readings are found at usccb.org



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