

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

OPENING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES

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July 2nd, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses



10am & 8:00pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

[This Week's Happenings](#)

Saturday (7/8)

Community Meal 11:30am

Sunday (7/9):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

OR AREN'T YOU AWARE
THAT ALL OF US WHO
WERE BAPTIZED INTO
CHRIST JESUS WERE
BAPTIZED INTO HIS
DEATH?
- ROMANS 6:3

Envisioning a “Declaration of Interdependence”

“I have the right to do whatever I want,” the student said, “unless it affects others.”

It was a Christian morality class that I was teaching. “Can I ask,” I replied, “about what action – or inaction – has no effect on others?” Students offered a range of suggestions; virtually everything we came up with impacted others.

It's not “whether”, but “how”, what we do, or don't do, affects others. We are “interdependent” – connected to, and needing, one another; indeed, all of creation.

The Hebrew Scriptures – which Jesus knew and quoted – are a handbook of interdependence. In the beginning God knows “it is not good for human beings to be alone.” Exodus recounts the liberation of a people, not merely individuals. Texts referred to as the “Law”, notes John Newman, often reveal that “God envisions not only a family [in harmony with] neighboring families, but living in a devoted and compassionate society.” Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, says “the prophets are convinced that what is right and good for the people as a whole will be right for the individual.”

Jesus was shaped by this prophetic vision and such practices. His “greatest commandment” focused on our relationship with God and one another. The “Lord's Prayer” he taught refers to “our/we/us”, not “my/I/me”, and that reconciliation can yield God's Reign “on earth as it is in heaven.” The meals he engaged in celebrated community. Those whom he healed experienced restoration to community.

The early Church saw themselves as the Body of Christ; each member mattered. They gave witness to interdependence and stewardship. “All the believers were together. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad hearts.” (*Acts 2:44-46*)

Pope Francis has said, “As a human family, we have our common origin in God; we live in a common home, the garden-planet, and have a common destination in Christ. But when we forget this, we lose this harmony of interdependence and solidarity -- increasing inequality and marginalization; the social fabric is weakened and the environment deteriorates.” (*Papal audience 9/2/20*) While clear about the enormity of these challenges, he also emphasizes hope. “‘Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.’” (*S. Eileen White*)

In the US, we are often tempted to live only by “the philosophy of independence and self-sufficiency. No matter how much we may strive for individual self-reliance and independence, in reality we are . . . truly dependent on one another.” (*Herb Montgomery*)

“God cares for all nations,” notes S. Joan Chittister. “What we do . . . in the name of ‘Americanism’ will be weighed in the light of what's good for all creation, our own and those whose lives as a nation we touch.”

“Real patriotism”, she suggests, “welcomes, encourages, commits itself to the great national debates. Are we really putting enough money into education? Do [the lives of people of color] really matter? What exactly does an ethic of life require at all levels, at all times? Should we be putting over half the national budget into the military establishment?”

Asking, facing, wrestling with such questions ‘will determine the real direction of our country’, including our relations with the rest of the world, and the rest of creation.” (*S Joan Chittister*)

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Music Ministry Staff Change

I would like to announce that Stacy Ellens will become the Music Minister for Holy Spirit Parish as well as continue all her responsibilities in Music Ministry at Christ Church Newman Center.

Gail Drinkwine will focus on the Music Ministry for St. Anthony. The Parish of Holy Spirit and I would like to express our appreciation for all the hard work Gail has given to Holy Spirit in the last few years.

On behalf of all the members of our Tri-Parish cluster I would like to express our appreciation for both Gail and Stacy for their gifts in the very important role of leading us in song and worship.

Fr. Mark

A Prayer for July 4th

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong:

that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
--from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

An Opportunity to "be Eucharistic people"

In the past 12 months, the Catholic Charities food shelf distributed 1,737,730 pounds of food to 3,937 households .

August is the month annually that our parish provides volunteers. The food shelf is open on Mon and Fri, from 9 am - 3 pm; and on Wed, 11 am - 7 pm. Shifts are available for 2-3 hours. Volunteers receive onsite training in order to assist persons using the food shelf.

If you are interested in being a volunteer sometime during that month, please contact:

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Parish Prayers

†Anne Fields	Kelly Hoppe's mother-in-law	†Bette Bartos
Nancy Huber	Helen Trisko	†Rich Theisen
Penny Zook	Carol Agnes	†Mike Schmiesing, brother of Sharon
Waletzko's grandson Isaac	†Betty Strobel	†Carol Reiter
Kathy Williams	Cathy Wieme's mother, †	†Ed Schnettler
Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother Mark	†Carol Skoien	†Jim Pehler
Linda Urbik	†Katie Waletzko	†Denise Keller
Courtney Vorell's father	†Don Prom	†Jennifer Symalla
Paul Snyder	†Renee Miller	†Elaine Quella
Grace Bellicot	†Will Ellenbecker	†Bob Huber
Doug Nieters	†Stanley McElhone	†Dawn Newton
†Mil Voelker	†Bill Schroeder	†Robert Surma
Tom Keaveny	†Vern Cronin	†Geneva Cameron
Isla Johns	†Donald Lardy	†William Luketich
Aaron Volker	†Sallie Bellicot	†Michael Garrity
†Gene Hoelscher	†Deborah Rodriguez	Dave Williams
Millie Moran, sister of Jay Schroeder	†Valerie Meinz	Gary Killmer



Thank you Fr Joe for your five years of service at the Newman Center. We wish you the best of luck at your new assignment, the Centered on Christ Catholic Community.

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