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## December 31, 2023

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday in Advent*

### 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

#### Wednesday (1/3)

Confirmation 7pm

#### Sunday (1/7):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

### Dear brothers and sisters!

We continue in the celebration of Christ's birth. I pray your gatherings with families have been abundantly blessed! 2024 is now fast upon us. During my time in seminary I had the opportunity to visit Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. I brought in the new year there with Mary! I remember at midnight a Portuguese priest led us in the Te Deum. This is an ancient prayer in the church that is prayed on special occasions. Join me in bringing in the New Year with this prayer!

You are God, we praise you:

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory

The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,

You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

Bought with the price of your own blood,

And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

Govern and uphold them now and always

Day by day we bless you.

We praise your name forever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

Have mercy on us, Lord have Mercy

Lord, show us your Love and Mercy

for we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

and we shall never hope in vain.

I am joining students from the Newman Center on their trip to SEEK24 in St. Louis, Missouri. It is a gathering of college students from across the nation. There are many dynamic Catholic speakers. We leave December 31st and return January 5th . Pray for each of us!

Peace,  
Fr. 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  
 Chuck Ernst

Glenda and Ron Prom Family

†Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom  
 †Parisa

## Holiday Office Hours

MON, DEC 25	CLOSED
TUES, DEC 26	9AM-3PM
WED, DEC 27	9AM-3PM
THURS, DEC 28	9AM-1PM
FRI, DEC 29	CLOSED

MON, JAN 1	CLOSED
TUES, JAN 2	CLOSED

*Regular hours resume Jan. 3*

## Christmas Giving Tree- Donations Needed

Gloves-Mittens-Hats-Socks and Long Underwear are needed for our community. The donations will be shared with our Community Meal attendees and other area caring organizations. Donations will be accepted Dec 10th through . . .

## Youth Group

**ATTENTION YOUTH** from 8th through 12th grades!

Our Parish Cluster is collaborating with area ACC's to form a combined youth group on Sunday, January 7, 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 **Steubenville** 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 Spaces of the Churches.**

To say "yes" to the Prince of Peace, then, means saying "no" to war, to every war and to do so with courage, to the very mindset of war, an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. . . . Isaiah, who prophesied the Prince of Peace, looked forward to a day when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation", a day when men "will not learn war any more", but instead "beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks" (2:4). With God's help, let us make every effort to work for the coming of that day! (*Pope Francis, Christmas 2023*)

For his full message, see: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20231225-urbi-et-orbi-natale.html>

## Prayer and Spirituality Committee

We're working to get this committee off the ground again. The P&S committee is charged with faith development for all members of Newman. We'd like your help. Please contact Warren Christie if you'd like to be a part of a working group. Email: [<wbchristie56@gmail.com>](mailto:wbchristie56@gmail.com)

## 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.

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