

# CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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**May 28th, 2023**

*Pentecost Sunday*



## Sunday Masses

9:15am & 8:00pm

## Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

## This Week's Happenings

### Monday (5/29)

Office closed

### Tuesday (5/30)

Tri-Parish staff meeting

All offices closed

### Sunday (6/4):

Mass: 9:15am & 8pm

Food Shelf Sunday



## Expand my Capacity

We are stepping into an important phase on our "retreat," inviting the Holy Spirit to take over our lives.

This is my favorite time of the year not only because it's May and so much of nature is sprouting and blooming, but most especially it's a beautiful time of year in the Church as we listen to the post-resurrection accounts in the early Church and celebrate the Holy Spirit, the great Solemnity of Pentecost and come to the end of the Easter Season.

I asked that we collectively pray for all of our youth who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral next Sunday, June 4.

Let's ponder together how the Holy Spirit works in our own lives. The Holy Spirit is powerful yet very gentle and sensitive. The Holy Spirit doesn't force us to do anything. We can fight against the Holy Spirit and restrict but the Holy Spirit wants to empower us to do good and build up the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit never really changes but his effects are many and at times powerful. The Holy Spirit actions are different in different people. I want to join with you and thank God for all the many ways the Holy Spirit has been working in our Tri-parish cluster. I think of all the Parishioners, Staff, Council members, and all who help at Mass. I thank God for you and how you let the Holy Spirit work in and through you.

Last night I was watering my garden and like a water hose with a kink it doesn't work as it should. It becomes restrictive to the flow. I ponder the kinks in me. Is my sin, my ego, my pride, my wanting to control restricting the Holy Spirit from working? So, my prayer is "Lord forgive me, cleanse me and **expand my capacity** for your Holy Spirit that I may be your vessel to help build up the body of Christ." On this "Retreat" Let's pray this prayer for our youth and for ourselves:

Lord, grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, Lord grant me the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, Lord grant me the Spirit of Counsel that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, Lord grant me the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, Lord grant me the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, Lord grant me the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, Lord grant me the Spirit of Fear of the Lord that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and that I may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit come. **Expand my Capacity.**

Shalom,  
Fr. Mark Stang

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## Thank You

On Thursday, June 15 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit, please join the cluster in saying thank you to all the priests that have been of great help throughout the cluster over the last 8 months, Fr. Mark Stang, Fr. JohnPaul Igbokwe, Fr. Doug Liebsch, Fr. Vince Lieser, Fr. Bob Harren, and Fr. Lauren Virnig. A light supper will be provided.

## Farewell

A Cluster wide Farewell to Fr. Joe Herzing will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School on Sunday, June 25, from 1-4pm. All are invited to attend and give your best wishes to Fr. Joe as he moves forward, refreshments will be available.

## Peace and Social Justice Committee seeks your input

The PSJ committee sent an email with a survey, on Thursday to all parishioners, inviting input about social justice issues of concern on which we could focus in the coming months. We invite you to respond to the survey, which is anonymous, by Sunday, June 11th.

## Community Picnic hosted by Higher Works Collaborative -- June 3rd

Higher Works Collaborative (HWC), a local organization doing vital work in the St Cloud area, is hosting a picnic event, on Saturday, June 3rd, at Lake George, beginning at 3 pm.

This gathering, which includes food, fun, and games, is an opportunity for people to enjoy time with one another, and to share about their hopes for our life together as a community.

HWC seeks to advance the life and lifestyles of Black Americans and other Underrepresented Communities in the areas of Education, Transportation, Housing, Employment, Health & Wellness, and the Arts. For more information about their work, see: <https://www.hwcmn.org/>

Daily Readings  
are found at  
[usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



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## Parish Prayers

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

## Quilt Blessing

If you have any finished quilts to donate to Newman's prayer quilt ministry, please bring them in by the morning of June 4th, as we will bless them during the 9:15am Mass!

## Red Cross Blood Drive – June 6th

St. Anthony's Parish is hosting a blood drive on Tues, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am – 5 pm, in their Pastoral Center (2405 First Street N; St Cloud) For more information – and/or to set up an appointment – call the Church Office (320-251-5966) (You can also earn a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of your choice.)

## Pentecost, locked doors, and evangelization

The reference in this Sunday's reading to "locked doors" reminds me of the following quote from Pope Francis, about our call to evangelization: Kevin LaNave, Peace and Social Justice Coordinator

*In the Book of Revelation, Jesus says that he is standing at the threshold and calling. Evidently the text in Revelation refers to the fact that he stands outside the door and knocks to enter. . . . But at times I think that Jesus may be knocking from the inside, that we may let him out.* <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/letting-jesus-out/>

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