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March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent

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

Monday (3/18)

Music Rehearsal 6:30pm

Tuesday (3/19)

SCTCC Bible Study 8:30am

New Staff, Newman Lunch

Peer Minister Meeting 4pm

Bible Study 5:30pm

Community Focus Meeting 6:15pm

Nuts & Bolts Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday (3/20)

Learning Station 1st Communion 3pm

SEND 6:30pm

Peace and Justice Committee Meeting via zoom 7pm

Thursday (3/21)

Student Social

Saturday (3/23)

Chapel Cleaning 9:30am

Sunday (3/17):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Dear friends,

Holy Week is fast upon us! The next two bulletin articles I want to focus on what makes each day significant. Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, evoking reflection on His sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week.

Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum, the most sacred days of the Catholic faith. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. During this Mass, the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus taught his disciples that the Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood. Jesus' disciples were the first Catholic priests. So during the Last Supper, he taught them the importance of the Eucharist, and why priests celebrate Jesus' sacrifice during every Mass. Because of this, the Last Supper is also significant because it was the beginning of the priesthood.

Good Friday commemorates the day Jesus died and saved us from our sins. His death and Resurrection on Easter is the most important event, which is why it's called "good". On this day Catholics [fast and remember the suffering of Jesus](#) when he died on the cross. It's the only day of the year in which Catholic Mass is not celebrated. Instead, we have a Good Friday Service where we venerate the cross and pray for the world.

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 or 320-492-7063

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)

"Welcome to the family of God and to our faith community, newly baptized Easton Reed Kirchner!"

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.

We are also still 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.

Speaker at CSB/SJU re Islamophobia and Antisemitism - Wed. March 20th

The Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning, which serves the CSB/SJU community, and hosts events open to the public, is providing a presentation by Dr Rita George-Tvrtkovic, entitled, "The Twin Sins of Islamophobia & Antisemitism" on Wed, March 20th, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, in room Quad 264 at St John's University. The event is free.

For more info about the Jay Phillips Center, see: www.csbsju.edu/jpc

ONLINE GIVING:

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Highbanks Ravine Rehabilitation Project

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, starting late March or early April. 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 stormwater 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 re-fill 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