

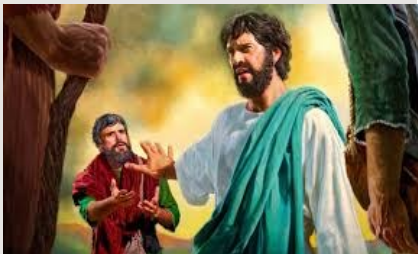
CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

OPENING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES

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Sept. 3rd, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Masses



10am & 8:00pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (9/5)

Newman Staff Meeting

Wednesday (9/6)

SCSU Mainstreet: 11-2pm

Parish Council Meeting in
Workroom: 7pm

Thursday (9/7)

College Students Survivor Night:
6:15pm

Saturday (9/9)

Community Meal: 11am

Sunday (9/10):

Mass: 10am & 8pm



Dear brothers and sisters,

As we continue in our Eucharistic Revival, I'd like to reflect on a small yet significant part of the Mass, the Offertory. After the bread and wine are brought forward, they are placed on the altar by the priest (or a deacon if there is one present). Then the priest, speaking either silently or aloud, says the prayers over the bread and wine. These are the prayers that begin, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life."

You may also recognize the prayer as the priest holds the chalice: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink." These prayers are ancient and have profound meaning. We place before him in our procession 'our' gifts, yet in these formulas we immediately admit that while they are 'work of human hands' they are still ultimately from God. For this reason, we bless God for his goodness and ask him to accept and transform the gifts into 'bread of life' and 'spiritual drink'".

As the priest is preparing the wine, notice that he places a small amount of water into the chalice with the wine. As he does this he says: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.' The Church maintains this very ancient custom of mixing water and wine as it uniquely symbolizes what we pray for. At the Mass, we offer our lives in union with Christ. In all our weakness, in all our smallness, we pray to be inseparably united to the divine. The small drops of water symbolize us. As the water becomes inseparably united to the wine, we pray we may become inseparably united to Jesus Christ.

It was ancient custom to take the wine mixed with water, which the chalice of Jesus in the Last Supper contained. The Church retained this gesture to symbolize the sanctification of the Christian which is accomplished through his union with Jesus Christ. The water becomes the symbol of ourselves: our lives, with our weaknesses. Have you stopped to think what happens to the drops of water mixed with the wine? They are absorbed by it and then become inseparable from it. So does Jesus absorb us. The drops of water are of negligible worth; they are not even enough to quench anyone's thirst. Yet they will end up being divine blood! And all that because they let themselves be mixed with the wine and be dissolved in it, thus manifesting self-denial, personal renunciation. At this moment, we grow in our desire to offer ourselves in total self-surrender, as the few drops of water in the chalice have reminded us. So, we will be able to become one with Jesus Christ after the Consecration.

Jesus, help my heart to unite more perfectly with yours. I feel at times so far from you, but you give of yourself so that I have this opportunity to be more closely united with you. Help me to be attentive in this moment and bring my heart joy from knowing you will soon be truly present on the altar, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist!

Peace, Fr. Derek

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
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*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

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NEWMAN CENTER ALL STUDENTS WELCOME
SURVIVOR NIGHT
 6:15 ON THE NEWMAN LAWN THURS. SEPT. 7TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN A WAIVER USE THIS QR CODE

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Help Welcome Back College Students

Gift Cards

Gift card donations of any denomination to local stores and restaurants are appreciated to be used as giveaways and prizes for events this semester. Target, Chipotle, and Caribou/Starbucks are particular favorites!

Faith Formation Registration is Now Open

Scan the qr code to register. If you have any questions talk to Philip Shefveland.



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Parish Prayers

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

The Eucharist and Catholic Social Thought: An Opportunity to Share

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.. It nourishes us for our journey of discipleship, participating with God's Spirit in the ongoing work of bringing about God's reign "on earth as it is in heaven".

"The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, others [including the rest of creation] and ourselves.

As the Body of Christ, the Eucharist sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world." (*"Body of Christ, Broken for the World"*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

The Peace and Social Justice Committee invites all parishioners to join in a conversation (small-group, then large-group) about their experiences of the Eucharist and its connections with our lives in the world . . . on Sunday, Sept 17th (either before or after the 10 am Mass). Coffee and rolls will be served.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Catholic Social Teaching states that "the economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected -- the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

Fall Men's Spirituality Group -- All Are Welcome

After the summer hiatus, our monthly meetings will begin on Sept 7th, 6:30 - 8 pm at Newman. This is a non-denominational meeting of men who strive to become closer to God. We discuss daily meditations from CAC.org (Fr Richard Rohr). Personal sharing of one's spiritual journey is confidential. No one is required to share, but listening is encouraged. We accept everyone wherever they are on their journey. Questions can be directed to Al Lawrence (493-8607).