

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

OPENING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES

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June 4th, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

For God
so loved
the world
that he gave
His one and
only Son

John 3:16

Sunday Masses

9:15am & 8:00pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

This Week's Happenings

Friday (6/9)

Ann Fields Funeral: 11am

Saturday (6/10)

Community Meal: 11:30-12:45

Sunday (6/11):

Mass: 9:15am & 8pm

Hello!

Fr. Mark asked if I would like to write my first bulletin article to tell you all a little more about myself. I am happy to do so! I am excited and looking forward to beginning my time with you in St. Cloud at Christ Church Newman Center, Holy Spirit, and St. Anthony. Some of you may remember me from four years ago when I spent a year with Fr. Tom Knoblach at Holy Spirit, St. Anthony, and St. John Cantius, but for others I may be completely new!

Just a brief synopsis on who I am. I grew up on a dairy farm near St. Rosa. My parents are still on the farm and my older brother and his wife are in the process of taking over the operation. They milk 120 Holsteins. I enjoy going back home on my day off and spending time with the cows. They always seem to listen to me. In addition to my brother, I have three sisters. I also have 12 nieces and nephews! You will soon find that they are often an inspiration for many of my homilies. I was ordained in 2017 by Bishop Kettler and my first assignment was out in Cambridge, Isanti, and Braham as an associate for one year followed by another year at St. Anthony, Holy Spirit, and St. John Cantius. In 2019 I became pastor for the four parishes that I now serve: St. Louis in Foreston, St. Mary's in Milaca, St. Kathryn's in Ogilvie, and St. Mary's in Mora. These last four years on the eastern edge of our diocese have been such a blessing to me. I am now saying goodbye to so many good people I have met and will miss them dearly.

As we know, though, the Holy Spirit often has plans for us we know nothing of. That certainly keeps life interesting! On June 28th, I will make my way on Highway 23 back to St. Cloud to be with all of you. I plan to live at the rectory at Christ Church Newman Center. I can't say I have ever lived on a river before! It looks like there is even room for me to plant a garden in the back yard.

Please pray for me as I transition from these parishes to yours. I truly am humbled to receive this assignment. I look forward to growing in faith with each of you. Know of my prayers for you as well. Thank you to all the priests that have helped in these last months, especially Fr. Mark Stang, Fr. Johnpaul Igbokwe, Fr. Doug Liebsch, Fr. Vince Lieser, Fr. Bob Harren, and Fr. Lauren Virnig. Also, many blessings to Fr. Joe Herzing as he will continue his ministry in the Centered on Christ ACC beginning June 28.

See you all on the 28th of June!

Peace,

Fr. Derek



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Open House Farewell for Fr. Joe Herzing

Please join us on Sunday, June 25th from 1-4pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for a going away open house in honor of Fr. Joe to thank him for his years of service to our parish cluster and school. The door to the school by the parking lot is handicapped accessible.

Help needed that day: we need two volunteers to help from 1-2:30 and two volunteers to help from 2:30-4. We also are in need of five pans of bars. If you are able to help please contact Jo Hennen at 320-250-0456 or sign up in the baptismal lobby.

Let's Say Thanks!

Please join our cluster parishes on **Thursday, June 15, from 4:30-6:00 PM, at Holy Spirit** in saying thanks to all the priests and cluster staff who assisted us during the past 8 months. A light meal and ice cream sundae bar will be served.

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 6th

St. Anthony's Parish is hosting a blood drive on Tues, June 6th, 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.)

Youth, Confirmation, and Social Justice

This Sunday, June 4th, youth from our ACC (including Newman Center) will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In my experience of accompanying young people in processes of learning about and responding to issues of social justice, I have been continually struck, even amazed, by . . . and grateful for . . . qualities of compassion and idealism manifest in so many of them.

And when they recognize those qualities in the life and teachings of Jesus . . . and evident throughout the history of the Church, and articulated in Catholic social teachings . . . their attentiveness and responsiveness to the movement of the Holy Spirit, within them and throughout the world, can become so much deeper and stronger.

Kevin LaNave, Peace and Social Justice Coordinator

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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	

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.

Juneteenth Celebration -- Fri, June 16th

This year's Juneteenth Celebration includes: Grill Master's Grill Off, 3 v 3 basketball tournament, Health Fair, Marketplace, a picnic area, Family wonderland, Art Zone
The main program will start at 3 pm, featuring a local Jazz Band, local talent, Spoken Word performances. The headliner band is the Funky Fresh Band, a live band that covers 80's, 90's, 2000s, Hip hop and R&B.

Being made in the image of the Triune God

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." *Pope Francis*

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2022-2023 - Year in Review from the Community Focus Group

The school year starting in August of 2022 was the beginning of the “normalization” of our Christ Church Newman ministries after the 2-year disruption with Covid virus shutdowns. SCSU and the Newman Center have seen a severe drop in the number of students attending classes and events on campus. Pre-Covid there was talk of capping enrollment at 16,000 students, today 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. This, of course, affects how many students we are seeing at all our Campus ministry events. Our Campus Minister, Philip and Peer ministers, have done a great job of inviting and maintaining student attendance at our parish activities. With your generous help, the Community Group hopes to continue the momentum begun in this 2022-23 school year into 2023/24. Below are the highlights of what our Parish, Christ Church Newman Center has been involved with in the name of “Community” building for both our Students and Permanent members. We would like to say **THANK YOU** to each of our parish members and others who have helped by donating food, money and supplies. We also **THANK YOU** who have volunteered so generously with your time, talent, ideas and prayers to help with all of these successful and joy filled events! They are:

+ Sunday Coffee House: Our average number of attendees is 15 per week who enjoyed donated homemade treats after the 8 pm Mass.

+ Coffee & Rolls: Twice per month after Sunday morning Mass, the average attendance was 35 people enjoying this Fellowship

+ College Student Meals: Once a month the food is donated by you and lovingly prepared in the Terrace offering many, many homemade meals.

+ Student Gift Bags: Given to College students in September as a Welcome, in December to give support during finals week, and in May to say farewell and give finals week support. With your donated treats we gave away over 200 bags, students were very grateful!

+ Campus Ministry Support: Our members help with calendar development, retreat staffing and food, service trip drivers, chaperones, and give support to whatever staff needs help with.

+ Welcome Grill-out: Back to school, we co-host a meal for our new and returning students!

+ Young Adult/College Student Theology on Draft: Community members help with meals and support.

+ Funeral Support: Assisting staff and the bereaved family we Host meals and anything else needed.

+ Substantial Eucharistic Bread-baking; Community was responsible for the return of this precious Newman tradition after Covid required we use the traditional white hosts. Our Community Focus group organizes bakers to fill this ministry.

+ Newman Kitchen: Community helps care for and replenish supplies and support guest users.

+ Quilt Ministry: Community is responsible for maintaining a nice supply of blessed quilts to give to parishioners to help celebrate or support lives in Joyful and difficult times.

+ Chapel Cleaning: Coordination and participation before Easter

+ Faith Formation Meals: Support Newman staff as needed

+ This year the Community Group hosted the following special events:

- * Feast Day of Saint John Henry Newman celebration party
- * Homecoming/Newman Alumni & permanent member gatherings
- * Hannah & Philip’s engagement,
- * Fr. John Paul’s graduation, Fr. Joe’s thank you & departure party,
- * Easter Vigil Celebration attended by 125!
- * Welcome basket and cards for new Bishop, Patrick
- * First Communion reception attended by 75!

What a blessing it is to have so many generous parishioners who are here to support our mission of Campus ministry, sharing our Catholic faith with so many young adults. What a gift it is to have so many students to teach us about sharing, nurturing all of the gifts we have received from God.

Please, if you are not involved, consider joining us in this special ministry. If you have been involved through time, talent and treasure and your prayers, we thank you over and over!

Blessings,

Newman Community Focus Group