

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

OPENING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES

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March 19th, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent



[This Week's Happenings](#)

Tuesday (3/21):

Tech College Bible Study 12:15-1pm
Peer Ministry Meeting 4:30-5:30pm
Student Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm
Music Rehearsal 7:30-9pm

Wednesday (3/23):

Faith Formation 5:30-9pm

Thursday (3/24):

Community Night:
Student Meal-Taco Night 5pm
Late Night Mass 8pm

Sunday (3/26):

Mass: 9:15am & 8pm

Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus

This weekend's Gospel is about Jesus healing a blind man, but also working with those, who spiritually, could not see Christ, the Son of God, in Jesus. I encourage us to keep praying for Fr. Joe, as he is more and more enlightened spiritually.

Many people been asking me how I am handling two full-time positions? The only way I can put this request that Bishop Kettler and now Bishop Patrick have for me in perspective, is to look at it as a retreat. From the very beginning of November, I had to see this as a retreat. I have and continue to encourage you to look at this time as a retreat as well. When I heard the news that Fr. Joe was not coming back, my heart sank, but I knew what needed to be done. So, when Bishop Patrick asked me to continue through July 1, I thought, I am not ordained a priest for Mark Stang, I am ordained for the Church, for the people of God. He must trust me. I do question God, "Who am I, a simple farm boy from St. Nicholas, to lead this many people, spiritually, through this time? God, you have the wrong person." However, I trust the Holy Spirit is working. I need to be a vessel. I see this time has moved from a retreat to a pilgrimage. I will give it my best to be present to you and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us on this journey through Lent, into the Easter Season, and beyond.

To be honest with you, I do get overwhelmed at times with trying to please everyone. When I take my eyes off of Jesus, I sink. Jesus always pulls me up and says, "O Mark, you of little faith." I am blessed to have Fr. John Paul as Sacramental Minister at Christ Church Newman Center, and the retired priests helping with Masses at St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit parishes.

In all three parishes, the Staff and Trustees are very good to work with. They are being extra diligent in looking at the future, seeing how best to make it as easy as possible for the Pastor. With that, I feel confident that we can hand this assignment over to the next Pastor in very good shape. I will certainly be praying for you and doing all that I can as we journey together on this pilgrimage. I know God knows what we are going through, and God is so close to us. In the hospital, I deal with trauma and tragedies and know God has called me to minister to the sick and suffering there.

As we journey on this pilgrimage, I thank those who have given already, and I am going to continue to ask you to acknowledge and come forth with your gifts. I do not see any changes happening until July. In fact, I see a sense of calm and I pray for healing in our future. I want to be sensitive to the feelings you are having now, thus, in next week's bulletin, I have asked a parishioner, who has a professional perspective, to speak to our emotions and feelings.

Let us not be blinded to the working of the Holy Spirit like those that Jesus confronted but let us keep our eyes on Jesus.

Shalom in Christ,

Fr. Mark Stang

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Psalms 23:1



All Called to Christ

Tuesday at Holy Spirit at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday at St. John Cantius at 8:00 a.m.
Thursday at St. Augustine at 8:00 a.m.
Friday at St. Anthony at 8:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Cathedral will have daily Masses
Monday through Friday at both 7:00 a.m.
and 12:05 p.m. and Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

*Lenten Daily Mass
Schedule*

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Accompanying Youth in the Work of Racial Justice

Join us in the Terrace, Sunday, March 26, following the 9:15 am liturgy, for a presentation and conversation with Dr. Michelle Lelwica, religion professor at Concordia College (Moorhead). She will share what she's learning from her work with incarcerated youth. Specifically, she will talk about what the youth she visits are teaching her about her own privileges, and sharing compassion, accountability, and healing. She'll discuss different theological narratives that have impacted Americans' understanding of justice. The conversation will have practical applications for faith communities' broader work for racial justice.

Join us in the Terrace for this conversation (and coffee and rolls)

JRLC's annual "Day on the Hill"

The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition is a state-wide advocacy group made up of the Catholic Bishops, along with Protestant, Jewish and Muslim leaders statewide.. Together, they determine advocacy needed to uphold our common values and enhance our state. Parishioners are invited to join the Bishops and other JRLC members for the annual Day on the Hill on Wed, March 29th. The event will be held virtually, 6:30-8:45pm.

The following day, participants can gather for virtual advocacy visits with their elected officials to share stories and information related to JRLC issues and proposed bills. Register online at <https://jrlc.org/2023-day-on-the-hill>. And email Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org if interested in being a part of advocacy visits on the 30th.

Fr Bryan Massingale -- Prophetic Voice for Racial Justice

This year's Koch Lecture at CSB/SJU takes place on Tues, April 4th, at 7:30 pm at the College of St Benedict's, and features Fr Bryan Massingale, "a leading African American scholar on racism and social justice. His lecture will focus on the current manifestation of Christian nationalism and envisioning and building a spirituality of resistance against racism."

For more info about his talk, and its location, see: <https://www.csbsju.edu/academics/lecture-series/koch-chair> ".

Donations for Easter Flowers

We are accepting donations to go toward purchasing Easter flowers. If you would like them in memory of a loved one please write that persons name and give it to the office.

Parish Prayers

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

Holy Triduum Schedule 2023

<p><i>Palm Sunday:</i></p> <p>St. Anthony: Saturday-4:30 p.m. Sunday-8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Holy Spirit: Saturday-4:00 p.m. Sunday -10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Newman Center: Sunday-9:15 a.m. Sunday-8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Easter Vigil:</i></p> <p>St. Anthony: 8:00 p.m. Newman Center: 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Note: Newman and Holy Spirit will be a combined Vigil Mass held at Newman Center.</p>
<p><i>Holy Thursday:</i></p> <p>Holy Spirit: 5:30 p.m. St. Anthony: 7:30 p.m. Newman Center: 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Easter Sunday:</i></p> <p>St. Anthony: 8:00 a.m. Newman Center: 9:15 a.m./8 p.m. Holy Spirit: 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p><i>Good Friday:</i></p> <p>Newman Center: 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony: 1:00 p.m. Holy Spirit: 3:00 p.m.</p>	

Daily Readings are found at uscgb.org



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