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March 16, 2025
2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday Masses
10am & 8:00pm

Confessions
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 (3/17)

7:00pm Music Rehearsal

Tuesday (3/18)

9:30am Bread Baking

5:30pm Bible Studies (Wil's Place)

6:15pm Community Focus Mtg.

6:30pm Nuts & Bolts Mtg.

Wednesday (3/19)

3-6pm 1st Sacraments Learning
Stations

7:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Peace & Social Justice Mtg.

Thursday (3/20)

10:00am Elders Mass @ Holy Spirit

6:00pm Student Social Event

Saturday (3/22)

9:00am Cribbage Tournament @
Holy Spirit

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is indeed in full swing. Ash Wednesday celebrations were beautifully done and attended. Stations of the Cross are intentional moments for us to reflect on Jesus' invitation for us to pick up our own cross and follow after the Lord. What cross in your life do you find particularly heavy this season? Is there the temptation to not carry it, or worse, curse it? We must remember that the cross that we carry is a hidden gift for us. A way for us to find deeper understanding to the meaning of life. Do not avoid the cross you've been given, but valiantly carry it as Christ has done before us. I am reminded of the beautiful poem by Joseph Henry Plunkett.

I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.
I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice—and carved by his power
Rocks are his written words.
All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.

We are invited to the cross of Christ and its grace in our lives everywhere we look. Jesus transformed the cross and our suffering into something very meaningful. With courage, let us continue to pick up our cross!

Peace!
Fr. Derek



Many people came to enjoy the fish fry held at St. Anthony's this last Friday evening.



The very first customer since March 2020!

All Ages Cribbage Tournament March 22nd at 9am

The young adult leadership team is inviting the whole community to a free cribbage tournament the morning of Saturday, March 22nd at Church of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Derek will be saying an 8:30am Mass, light breakfast and coffee will be offered at 9:00am, and the tournament will begin at 9:30am. Prize for the winner! No need to register, but if you'd like to help us know numbers, you can fill out the form by scanning the QR code. Bring a cribbage board if you have one! For more information, contact



Philip Shefveland, Director of Discipleship & Evangelization for the ACC, pshefveland@scsucatholic.org.

Help Wanted - Full Time Cluster Maintenance Supervisor

The responsibility of the Maintenance Supervisor position is overseeing maintenance and operation of the churches of Christ Church Newman Center, Church of St. Anthony, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School (SEAS) and surrounding grounds. This position is instrumental in the daily and weekly use of the facilities and in projecting future needs. This person helps the parish to take pride in the appearance, safety, and maintenance of the total properties, and within reason, will need to be available for unforeseen tasks.

SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Wil Illies Memorial Lecture - Sat, April 5th at 6:30 PM

Gerard Thomas Straub is this year's speaker at the annual Father Wil Illies "Heart Speaks to Heart" Memorial Lecture. Straub's multimedia presentation, "A Pilgrimage from Hollywood to Haiti: Searching for God through Poverty, Prayer, and Action" will feature selected clips from his films from impoverished areas around the world. Straub, who seeks the Face of God in the eyes of those experiencing poverty, will help us reflect on our own journey in making God's love real in our own ways.

SAVE THE DATE Environmental Justice speaker -- An Indigenous Perspective (Wed, April 2nd)

Join us for a conversation with Sarah Augustine, Executive Director of The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. Sarah is a Tewa Pueblo author, scholar, mother, and teacher. Her books include *The Land Is Not Empty* and *So We and Our Children May Live*. Sarah will speak on Wednesday April 2, at 7 PM, at Love First United Methodist Church in Sartell. Her talk is titled, "Embodying Solidarity with Indigenous People by Becoming Kin."

Youth Group Calendar for March:

March 16th: Activity Night (Survivor)

March 23rd: Men's & Women's Sessions

Castaway 2025 - March 28-30

High schoolers are invited to the 2025 Diocesan Castaway Retreat in Detroit Lakes, March 28th-30th!

This three day retreat includes incredible talks, music, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Neary, and a ton of fun! It continues to be one of the most affordable overnight retreats available at \$200. This retreat is made possible for our area through Illuminate Youth Ministries, 3 ACC collaboration making vibrant youth ministry possible in St. Cloud.

Contact Kelli Kleinschnitz at kelli@holysaintsmn.org, for more information on how to sign up for this impactful weekend!

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: March 19, 7:00pm

SEND: April 2, 5:45pm Root Session 5

1st Sacraments: 1st Communion Learning Stations 3/19 3-6pm

Parish Prayers

†Bob Trisko
†Frank Roehl
†Mary Helen Montgomery
†Mary Morton
† Millie Moran Sister of Jay Schroeder
† Sam Skoien
• Jill Schultz

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