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December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday in Advent

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

Tuesday (12/19)

Faith in Housing Meeting in Terrace
8:30am

Newman Staff Meeting 10:30am

Music Rehearsal at Neman Center
6:30pm

Community Focus Meeting 6:30

Wednesday (12/20)

Learning Stations, 1st Rec. 3pm

SEND 6:30pm

Peace and Social Justice Meeting via
Zoom 7pm

Thursday (12/21)

ACC Staff Christmas Party @ Holy
Spirit 2-5pm

Daily Mass 5:30

Young Adult Christmas Event 6pm

Nuts & Bolts Meeting 6:30pm

Sunday (12/24):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Dear brothers and sisters,

While we enter the Third Sunday of Advent today, we really only have one more week until Christmas! Our preparations for the commemoration of the Birth of Christ intensify in our liturgical celebrations. In the collect at Mass, the prayer at the beginning of Mass, we hear:

“O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”

In this prayer, we are asking to persevere in our waiting, and when the time of Christ’s birth has come, to rejoice! Recently after my school Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton I visited a classroom and asked the students what they are most excited for about Christmas. While many said presents and Santa Claus, one student mentioned that he is excited for the peace that this time of year brings. I thought that was very profound! This child clearly understands the importance of Christ coming into our world and in our lives.

Christmas can also be a challenging time for many. It can be a reminder of brokenness in the home and disconnect of family relationships. While these are a part of many of our lives, we cannot forget that Jesus came precisely for this reason, to enter into our brokenness and give us hope of his healing and restoration of what needs restoring.

May God bless your preparations for the coming of the Messiah!

Peace,
Fr. Derek

Parish Prayers

†Logan Krueger-Wasilowski
†Anne Fields
† Michael Garrity
† Jacob Olson
†Carrie Ahrens
†Michael Dale
Serenity Sabin
†Shawn Preisler
Helen Trisko
†Don Teff, brother of Bonnie Stachowski
Chuck Ernst
Glenda and Ron Prom Family
†Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom

Advent "Reflection-and-Sharing" Opportunities

We'll have a couple of opportunities on Sun, Dec 17th -- before [9 am] and after [11 am] Mass in the Terrace. One option draws from Pope Francis' meditations on the Eucharist; the other, from the writings of Fr Richard Rohr on Advent and Incarnation.

Whether or not you were able to be with us on Sun, Dec 3rd, you're still welcome to participate in either of these options.

There will also be coffee and rolls.



Middle School Lock In Jan.27-28th

Talk to Philip or look in the lobbies for more information

Christmas Flowers

If you'd like to make a donation for fresh poinsettias to decorate the chapel with during the Christmas season, please label your donation as "Christmas Flowers", drop in the collection basket or turn into the front office, and it will be earmarked for the cause. Thanks for your consideration!

Financial donations to Homeless Helping Homeless (Lincoln Center)

Parishioner donations will be "matched" with funds from our "Fund for the Common Good" (formerly known as the "Fund for the Needy"). For every \$2 contributed by a parishioner, we will match it with \$1 from the Fund (up to \$1000). To contribute financially, you can put it in an envelope for the Sunday collection or send it to (or drop it off at) the main office.

Remember your parishes with your year end contributions. Please be sure that we receive those donations by December 31, 2023 for it to count for this year's tax returns. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parishes.

Diocesan Festival of Families

A new Diocesan event designed specifically for families! On February 11, at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids, the day will include a free carnival, parent sessions, a children's session, teen session, Mass with Bishop Neary, and much more!

Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>

Youth Group Kick-off Event

All youth from 7th through 12th grades are invited to our Kick-off Event for the New Area ACC's combined youth group on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Saint Cloud. Please come and help us make our youth group a vibrant catholic community of friends in faith! We will have fun, games, food, meeting new friends, and adoration! We look forward to meeting all the Catholic youth in our community.

We will also be attending Steubenville this summer and would like to bring as many youth as possible. The dates are July 12-15. Sign-up sheets are available at your parishes. We will be doing fundraising to help with costs. More information to come!

Christmas Giving Tree-Donations Needed

Gloves-Mittens-Hats-Socks and Long Underwear are needed for our community. The donations will be shared with our Community Meal attendees and other area caring organizations. Donations will be accepted Dec 10th through . . .

Prayer and Spirituality Committee

We're working to get this committee off the ground again. The P&S committee is charged with faith development for all members of Newman. We'd like your help. Please contact Warren Christie if you'd like to be a part of a working group. Email: wbchristie56@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING:

Please scan this QR code to donate to the many needs of our parish. Thank you!



Bulletin Submissions

If you have a submission for the bulletin, please send it via email to bulletin@spiritandsaints.org. All submissions need to be received by 10 am on Wednesdays. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

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