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## December 1, 2024

### 1st Sunday in Advent

**Sunday Masses**  
10am & 8:00pm

**Confessions**  
Sunday, 7:30pm

#### Pastor:

Father Derek Wiechmann  
fatherderek17@gmail.com

#### Sacramental Minister:

Father JohnPaul Igbokwe  
igbokwejohnpaul7@gmail.com

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

#### This Week's Happenings

##### Tuesday (12/3)

9:30am Bread Baking  
5:30pm Bible Study Wil's Place  
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

##### Wednesday (12/4)

5:45pm SEND/Root

##### Thursday (12/5)

10:00am ACC Elder's Mass at Holy Spirit

6:00pm Student Social Event

##### Sunday (12/8)

11:00am Advent Prayer Group  
12:30pm Advent Concert Holy Spirit

Dear brothers and sisters,

**The Nuts-and-Bolts** focus group is welcoming new members. We review the parish financials and advise the pastor and parish council on financial and personnel matters. We also oversee the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings and grounds. We consider what if any new projects our parish needs and can afford. If you have experience in finance or personnel matters, you would be a good fit for our group. We are also very appreciative of members who have experience in the trades joining our group. Even if you don't have experience in these areas, you are welcome to join us. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Newman, our next meeting is Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for a meeting or 2, you might actually like it!

For more information contact: Russ Portele, 320-267-0125. [Russ.Portele@cbburnet.com](mailto:Russ.Portele@cbburnet.com)

Will you check the box for the **Community Focus Group** on the Parish RENEWAL form and to help us fulfill our mission to Christ Church Newman? Our mission is to help strengthen membership, support our college students, and coordinate and execute special parish events. Your XX on the Community line tells us you will help our parish host a one-time party or repeat social events that include our student members and our permanent members. For example: Coffee and Rolls, Student meals, Triple play meals, Concerts, Chapel cleaning, and so much more! Please pray, ponder and say YES by marking an XX on your RENEWAL form and then coming to our monthly meeting or calling, texting or email to:

Pam Weber, 320-252-1974, [weberpj@charter.net](mailto:weberpj@charter.net)

Do you have an interest in the how and why of our Faith life here at Newman? Do you have thoughts, ideas or a sense of curiosity about prayer and spirituality in our faith community? If so, we would love to have you join us on the **Prayer and Spirituality Committee!** Please pray about it, and then mark your RENEWAL form to give us a try! The Prayer and Spirituality Committee provides leadership for the development of quality faith and spiritual growth programs for all members of the Christ Church Newman Center community. We meet once a month and would enjoy having your ideas and input.

Contact Warren Christie 320-493-5404, [wchristie56@gmail.com](mailto:wchristie56@gmail.com)

Yearning to find ways that we, as a parish, and each of us, as individuals, can build the common good -- in the St Cloud area; the wider diocese; our state, and country, and beyond? Consider joining the ministry of our **Peace and Social Justice Committee.** We provide opportunities for Newman members and campus communities to learn about and act upon local, national, and global concerns relating to peace and justice (e.g. homelessness, immigration, racism), rooted in the Gospel and Catholic social justice teaching. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month via Zoom, and at times in-person for task force or issue work. Interested, or wanting further info?

Contact Kevin LaNave at [klanave@scsucatholic.org](mailto:klanave@scsucatholic.org), or (320) 640-7627

*Sounds of the Season*  
an Advent  
**CONCERT**

December 8, 2024  
12:30pm

Church of the Holy Spirit  
2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud

*Featuring members of the Newman Center and Holy Spirit music ministry*

*Enjoy Holy Spirit's breakfast beforehand, served from 8am - 12pm*

**TEC - Together Encounter Christ**

You are invited to join Warren and Becky Christie at a TEC (Together Encounter Christ) retreat January 18-20, 2025. TEC is based on the Pascal Mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. Other retreat dates include:

Dec 28-30, 2024 Feb 15-17, 2025 March 7-9, 2025

Register at [CMTEC.org](http://CMTEC.org)

If you have questions, contact Warren at 320-493-5404

**Advent Faith-Sharing opportunities**

The Prayer and Spirituality Committee is offering parishioners several avenues for faith-sharing during Advent Sundays following the 10 am Mass -- Dec 8th, and Dec 15th, Tuesdays 10-11 am (facilitated by Warren Christie, at a local coffee shop) - Dec 3rd, Dec 10th, and Dec 17th Wednesdays, 9 - 10 am, 12 - 1 pm, and 4-5 pm (facilitated by Kevin LaNave) -- Dec 4th, Dec 11th, and Dec 18th (these times include both in-person and a Zoom option)

We'll be using excerpts from a book entitled "The Advent of Christ: Scripture Reflections to Prepare for Christmas", by Edward Sri (Franciscan Media).

To sign up and/or wanting more information? Contact Warren Christie (320-493-5404; [wbchristie56@gmail.com](mailto:wchristie56@gmail.com)) or Kevin LaNave (320 640-7627; [klanave@scsucatholic.org](mailto:klanave@scsucatholic.org))

**ETERNAL REST**

Michael Sullivan, long time member of Christ Church Newman Center, died peacefully at St. Cloud Hospital on November 12, 2024. His funeral will be on December 6 at 2:00 pm at St. John's Abbey Church in Colledgeville. The visitation will be at 1:00 pm preceding the funeral.

**Giving 2024**

Any 2024 contributions have to be received to the office by December 31, 2024.

**Renewal 2025**

Renew Today! Scan the QR code and fill out the form. You can also call the Newman office to complete or request a paper copy. Form available on website as well. [scsucatholic.org](http://scsucatholic.org)



**Youth Group Calendar for November:**

**December 1st:** Adoration

**December 8th:** Topic Night

**ACC Faith Formation Reminders**

**Confirmation:** December 11, 7:00pm

**K-9 SEEK/SEND:** December 4, 5:45pm meal 6:15pm class

**First Sacraments:** December 11 Learning Stations 3-6pm

**Parish Prayers**

- †Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom
- †Parisa
- †Julie Gabrielson
- †India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
- †Bob Trisko
- †Frank Roehl
- Nkeiru
- Innocent, Chinwe, and their family
- †Mary Helen Montgomery
- Aaron Dockendorf
- †Mary Morton
- Abbie's Grandfather
- Barb Pladson

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