

# CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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**November 27, 2022**

*1st Sunday in Advent*



## Sunday Masses

9:15 am & 8:00 pm

## Confessions

Sunday, 7:30 pm

## This Week's Happenings

### **Tuesday (11/29):**

Music Rehearsal: 7pm

College Student Bible Study: 6pm

### **Wednesday (11/30)**

Faith Formation: 7-10th grade

### **Thursday (12/1)**

College Student Community Night

Mass: 8pm

### **Sunday (12/4):**

Mass: 9:15am & 8pm

Coffeehouse: 9pm



On behalf of all of us at Holy Spirit, St. Anthony and Newman Center, I want to extend a warm welcome to Rick and Delaine. As we begin this new Church year and the season of Advent let us journey together seeking a deeper relationship with Christ our light. Fr. Mark Stang

Hello St. Cloud ACC!

My name is Rick Bzdok and I'm the new Youth & Family Minister for the ACC. I was baptized at Holy Spirit in 1994, received my first communion at St. John Cantius 2002, and was confirmed at St. Anthony in 2010. My extended family is all across the diocese and archdiocese and I have an uncle who is a priest in this diocese, Fr. Jim Statz.

I have spent the last nine years serving in Catholic ministry away from our diocese and I can proudly say I am coming back to my roots. I served two years with NET Ministries which is a traveling Catholic lay retreat ministry. I then spent seven years in Indiana, five of those serving as the Music & Liturgy Coordinator. In 2020 I assumed the responsibilities of the religious education and faith formation program on top of my liturgical duties until our recent move.

What brought me back to St. Cloud? I recently got married this past September to my amazing wife Delaine, (it's like Elaine, but with a D) and I knew through prayer and patient discernment with my wife that we both wanted to start our family here near my parents and siblings. The opportunity to continue to serve Christ and his church as the ACC Youth & Family Minister was the confirmation that I needed in order to make the move back because I desire to serve Christ and his people. Praise God I am able to do this full time!

I know each of these parishes quite well and I look forward to meeting all of you soon. Know that my wife and I pray daily, and will start to pray for the intentions of your families and the growth of all our youth in their faith journey. I will be working with Wednesday religious education activities and hopefully grow into more areas of ministry as I learn the parishes needs. Please keep me and my wife in your prayers as we begin to get settled in our new home and in our new responsibilities. God Bless you all and I can't wait to pray with you at the holy sacrifice of The Mass!

Rick Bzdok



## Parish Office

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## Mark Your Calendar:

### Advent Reconciliation:

Dec. 6—Newman Center at 6pm

Dec. 18—Holy Spirit at 1pm

Dec. 19—St. Anthony at 6:30pm



### Immaculate Conception Masses:

Dec. 7—Newman Center at 5pm

Dec. 8—St. Anthony at 7:15am

Holy Spirit at 4:30pm



### Christmas Masses:

Dec. 24—Holy Spirit at 4pm

St. Anthony at 4:30pm

Newman Center at 5:30pm

Dec. 25—St. Anthony at 8am

Newman Center at 9:15am

Holy Spirit at 10:30am



## Christmas Giving Opportunities

### Student Christmas Gift Bags

Please donate candy canes, hot coco or Christmas candy for the student gift bags by December 8th.

### 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 Nov.16th– Dec.7th.

### Any extra Coborn's turkeys can be donated to Newman

### No Room in the Inn: Housing and Homelessness in Central MN

Tuesday, November 29th ~ 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall (219 2nd Street North, Sartell)

The weather is now colder and people are sleeping outside or in cars. You are invited to a panel discussion that will include representatives from District 742, Stearns County Health and Human Services and the Lincoln Center that serves as a shelter for those experiencing homelessness. Together may we find some ways to offer assistance. Sponsored by the St. Francis Social Justice Concerns

## Help Wanted: Interim Administrative Assistant—Part time 10-20 hrs/week

The person in this role coordinates and facilitates several areas of church operations until such time as a Pastoral Associate is hired. Job responsibilities: Coordinate and facilitate the Sunday Volunteer Ministry Schedule with support as needed from staff and Coordinate and facilitate effective implementation of event and room set-ups and clean up. For a full job description please contact the office.

## Authentic Hope, the Common Good, and the Beloved Community

"Hope" is the theme of this First Sunday of Advent.

As Fr Ron Rolheiser wrote in *Advent Hope*, " Hope is not simple optimism . . . nor is it wishful thinking, a fantasy-daydream." Authentic hope is rooted in a vision of life which Jesus referred to as 'the Reign of God'. "To hope is to trust that an all-loving, all-powerful God is still present and pulsing in this world, regardless of whether or not the news looks good or bad on a given day."

Such hope enables us to recognize that we are all children of God, part of a single, interconnected family. Such hope invites and empowers us to seek the 'common good', the well-being of all, rather than the interests of a few . . . trusting that the "beloved community" (a phrase first coined by Josiah Royce, a founder of the Fellowship of Reconciliation) will continue to emerge, here and now. *Peace and Social Justice Committee*

**Place of Hope** is having their "Kid's Hope Shop" December 13-15 from 1-7PM. They need unwrapped gifts for all ages, including mom and dad's, presents plus gift bags. Items needed: wrapping paper, gift bags, tape, scissors, bows, all age gifts, mom and dad gifts could include wallets, gloves, perfume, lotion set, etc.

## Parish Prayers

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

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Daily Readings are found at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

## Parish Staff

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Parish Administrator, Fr. Mark Stang

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Peace & Social Justice Coordinator, Kevin LaNave: [klanave@scsucatholic.org](mailto:klanave@scsucatholic.org)

## Opportunities to Serve this Christmas and Beyond:

Homeless helping Homeless is an organization on the Eastside of St. Cloud where homeless people are helping each other. Their needs are sweet cereal, milk, any canned meal that can be heated in a microwave such as: romaine noodles, stew, spaghetti o's, etc., toilet paper, Pine-Sol floor cleaner, men's long johns and boxers, women's long johns and panties, both men and women's socks. You can drop off your donations at Lincoln Center 630 Lincoln Ave SE. For more information call 320 342-2232. Send a donation to PO Box 475 St. Cloud, 56302

Catholic Charities Emergency Services consists of the Food Shelf, the Basic Everyday Essential Program, Emergency Financial Assistance, and Toys for Tots. Donations may be sent or delivered to Catholic Charities Emergency Services, 157 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud. For more information about these services, call (320) 229-4560. Some needs within these programs include:

Toys for Tots needs new unwrapped toys for children 6 months to 14 years of age. Stuffed animals, stocking stuffers, books, school supplies or cash are appreciated. Toys should be brought to various "Toys for Tots" boxes or delivered to Catholic Charities Mondays 10-3, Wednesdays 10-6 or Friday 10-3.

Basic Everyday Essential replaced the Clothing Program. They need pots, pans, dishes, sheets, blankets, or anything a person needs for everyday living.

Volunteers are needed to help with programs provided by Catholic Charities, call (320) 229-4560 to volunteer.

Food Shelf distributes food to low-income families in the St. Cloud area. All types of food are needed all year long.

Newman "Mitten Tree" the community focus committee is sponsoring our annual warm clothing drive called the "Mitten Tree". Beginning Sunday, November 27th and continuing through the month of December we will have the. Opportunity to take a paper mitten off the Christmas tree and bring back a clothing item to put in its place. We will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens, socks, long underwear and gloves for both children and adults (we especially need men's size large). Items will be given out at the Community meal in both December and January.

St. Cloud Diocesan Mission Office has an Advent Sale during the month of December. Stop by the office at 11 8 th Ave. S. St. Cloud Monday-Thursday between 8-4 or go on-line to [stcloudmissionoffice.com](http://stcloudmissionoffice.com) and see coffee, quilts, spices, chocolates, ornaments and many more items made either locally or is a fair-trade item. All profits are used to help missionaries in other countries, and local St. Cloud charities.

Common Hope promotes hope and opportunities in Guatemala, partnering with children, families, and communities who want to participate in a process of development to improve their lives through education, health care, and housing. You can help by sponsoring a child or sharing a financial gift. For more information or make a donation contact: Common Hope 1410 Energy Park Drive Suite 4, St. Paul MN 55108 or call 651-917-0917, email [info@commonhope.org](mailto:info@commonhope.org). To see their website and gift catalog go to [commonhope.org](http://commonhope.org)

United Way of Central Minnesota compiled a list of wants and needs from Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties. We have a copy of the list in the Newman lobby. You can also call 211 or 1-800-543-7709 for the United Way Community Help Line to find holiday programs throughout the state of MN. Some opportunities in the St. Cloud area include adopting a family, clothing needs, gifts, Christmas meal servers, New Year's Day meals & more.

The Salvation Army has several programs throughout the year. To volunteer or get more information, call Laura at 320-257-7437. Some programs include:

Preparing Meals for New Year Eve lunch.

Toy Shop volunteers are needed to help at the Salvation Army. December 12 & 13 from 9:00-3:00 for the set up. December 14 from 9:00-7:00 for the distribution of toys. December 15 for clean-up

Bell Ringers are needed at various locations throughout the St. Cloud area through December 24 from 10:00 AM-7:00PM Call Laura at 320-257-7437 or go on-line [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com)



# Open House

The Mission Office will be  
hosting a month-long  
Advent and Christmas  
Open House  
December 1st to 22nd.

*10% off*

ALL Fair Trade crafts, food, coffee,  
chocolates, quilts and more.  
Please consider shopping  
small business and Fair Trade for  
all your gifts this Christmas.

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