

# CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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**Sept. 17th, 2023**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday Masses**

10am & 8:00pm

**Thursday Daily Mass**

5:30 pm

**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 (9/18)**

SCTCC Bible Study: 8:30am

**Tuesday (9/19)**

Peer Ministry Meeting: 4pm

Student Bible Study: 5:30pm

Music Rehearsal: 6:30pm

Nuts & Bolts Meeting 6:30pm

**Wednesday (9/20)**

Faith Formation K-6 Parent Orientation 6:30-7:30pm in the Terrace

Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting via Zoom 7-9pm

**Thursday (9/21)**

Daily Mass: 5:30pm

SCSU vs. SCTCC Kickball 6:15-8:00pm

**Sunday (9/24):**

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Peace & Social Justice Speaker & Coffee and Rolls after 10 am Mass

**The Synod on Synodality**

In the fall of 2020, Pope Francis announced a process entitled a “Synod on Synodality.” “Synodality” literally means to “walk together”; and Pope Francis often speaks of “the art of encounter”.

This “synodal process” has focused on the capacity of all persons, because of their baptism, to contribute to the Church’s “discern[ment] of God’s will and listening to the Holy Spirit. . . . The goal . . . is to find the best ways for every baptized person to fulfill the Church’s mission of proclaiming God’s love and salvation in Jesus Christ to the world.”

The practice of “synodality” dates back to the early Church, illustrated in the “Council of Jerusalem”. That gathering (Acts 15:1-31) was in response to questions about the integration of Gentiles into the Christian community.

For members of Christ Church Newman Center – and all parishes in our diocese – the initial experience with the formal process of this “synod” was via listening sessions at a parish and diocesan level (Oct. 2021 - June 2022). These sessions yielded a “Diocesan Synthesis.”

Next, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops drew upon documents submitted by dioceses around the country, composing a “National Synthesis.” Then came a “Continental Synthesis,” which included Canada.

Beginning on Oct 4, there will be a global gathering at the Vatican, comprised of bishops, members of religious orders, and lay persons, to engage in prayerful dialogue about the issues and questions emerging throughout the world.

**Synodality: a continual way of being “Church”**

It will be valuable to understand, follow, and pray about the news from this gathering and to understand that this gathering is simply one moment in the continual process of synodality and the continuous way of being Church.

But, as Bishop Patrick Neary has pointed out, “the synodal process . . . isn’t a new program but a way of being Church . . . inspired by Vatican II. It basically means to encounter the Lord in one another, to listen to others, and to discern with them how we must change in order to live life more abundantly. This is the model of being Church that we hope to follow at all levels of the diocese.”

Our parish’s history is filled with occasions of “synodality”, including via the Town Hall meeting in Nov. 2021.

It’s vital for each of us to be able to continue to participate in synodal processes within our parishes – and we are offering such an opportunity on Sunday, Sept 24, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Please join us on the Terrace for a conversation about sources of nourishment that you experience in our parish community, and opportunities for continued growth that you see and that you seek. Coffee and rolls will be provided.

—Kevin LaNave (Peace and Social Justice Coordinator)

Peace,  
Father Derek Wiechmann

(See back of bulletin for links to several documents referenced in this article)



### Parish Prayers

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

### Synod on Synodality Links

#### Newman Town Hall meeting:

[www.scsucatholic.org/files/ugd/d51d49\\_0403994089b74ee585143591cdcf1b5f.pdf](http://www.scsucatholic.org/files/ugd/d51d49_0403994089b74ee585143591cdcf1b5f.pdf)

#### Diocesan Synthesis:

[stcdio.org/synod-2021-2024/](http://stcdio.org/synod-2021-2024/)

#### National Synthesis:

[www.usccb.org/resources/US%20National%20Synthesis%202021-2023%20Synod.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/US%20National%20Synthesis%202021-2023%20Synod.pdf)

#### Continental Synthesis:

[www.usccb.org/resources/North%20American%20Final%20Document%20-%20English.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/North%20American%20Final%20Document%20-%20English.pdf)

### Walking Together: Pilgrimage Against Racism for University Students

University students are invited to join a six mile pilgrimage praying for racial justice and reconciliation in our local community by walking together from St. Paul into Minneapolis. We will traverse Lake Street, stop for a reflection at George Floyd Square, and conclude with prayer and a meal at [St. Leonard of Port-Maurice](#), a parish established in 1941 to serve the African American Catholics of Minneapolis. Thanks to the University of St. Thomas, St. John's University, St. Catherine University, and the Newman Center at St. Cloud State University for partnering with us in bringing groups of students to participate in the pilgrimage.

#### Schedule:

9:30 AM - Opening Prayer Service & Introductions at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

10:00 AM - Begin walking

12:00 PM - Arrive at George Floyd Square (approx.)

12:45 PM - Arrive at St. Leonard of Port Maurice for closing prayer and lunch (approx.)

1:30 PM - Bus(es) take pilgrims back to UST

**Talk to Philip for information about how to sign up!**

COLLEGE STUDENT

# KICKBALL

THURS  
SEPT  
21  
6:30PM

SCSU  
vs.  
SCTCC

WHITNEY PARK

SCSUCATHOLIC

### Faith Formation Registration is Now Open

Scan the qr code to register. If you have any questions talk to Philip Shefveld.



### Help Welcome Back College Students Gift Cards Needed

Gift card donations of any denomination to local stores and restaurants are appreciated to be used as giveaways and prizes for events this semester. Target, Chipotle, and Caribou/Starbucks are particular favorites!

### ONLINE GIVING:

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



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