

CHRIST CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER

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March 5th, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent



Sunday Masses

9:15 am & 8:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30 pm

This Week's Happenings

Sunday (3/12):

Mass: 9:15am & 8pm

“All the communities of the earth shall find a blessing in you.” This is the verse we hear at the end this weekend’s first reading. (Gn 12:4)

In this second Sunday of lent, we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus.

I think of Fr. Joe and join you in praying in his time of transfiguration, but I must be honest with you, this is also a time of transfiguration in my personal life. As I mentioned before, I try to look at this assignment for me as a spiritual retreat. I can say I am different than I was last October. I have grown spiritually, as I strive to keep my eyes on Jesus and let my whole being be a vessel of the Holy Spirit.

My prayer is that you also may join with me in this time of “retreat.” We reflect, especially now, during this beautiful season of Lent that the Church calls us to enter a time of letting God transfigure us to become more like Christ.

In the past four months, I’ve noticed and heard from others that there has been an increase in parishioners stepping forward and taking ownership in their parish by their giving and volunteering. This is beautiful and shows growth in a positive way. I see an openness as we work with our brothers and sisters in other parishes knowing that we are all one body in Christ.

Lent is all about entering more deeply into a life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To die to our ego, our control, and our pride. This action softens our hearts so God can mold us to become an instrument of the Holy Spirit.

We keep our eyes on the Paschal mystery of Christ. His death and resurrection to new life. Let us trust and let go of our agenda and especially our fear, and move towards embracing God’s desire to transform us and bring us into our own Pascal mystery and ultimately new life. This new life can happen each day. We don’t have to wait. We can claim that new life each day, the new life that God wants to give. Then even more:

“All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.” (Gn 12:4)

We continue to pray for Fr. Joe’s well-being. If there are any official updates from our Bishop, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Fr. Mark Stang
Canonical Administrator

Lenten Daily Masses in the ACC

Cathedral: Monday-Friday at 7am and 12:05pm

St. Augustine: Thursdays at 8am

Holy Spirit: Tuesdays at 8am

St. Anthony: Fridays at 8am

St. John Cantius: Wednesdays at 8am



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Bishop's Annual Appeal: This is Announcement Weekend for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

With Dignity and Housing for All: Learning and Action

Emergency shelter. Transitional housing. Housing with supportive services. Workforce housing. Affordable housing. The issues of housing and homelessness are complex and involve many factors.

The Peace and Social Justice committee is offering a series of "presentations-and- conversations" on various issues of homelessness and housing in the St Cloud area.

The series will begin on Sun, March 5th, following the 9:15 am liturgy, with an overview of these issues, presented by Matt Glaesman, City Planner/Administrator for the City of St Cloud.

The series continues on Sun, March 19th, following the 9:15 am liturgy, with a look at ways in which youth and adult transitional housing programs address these issues, presented by Suzie Rice, program supervisor of such programs for Catholic Charities.

Join us in the Terrace for these conversations (and coffee and rolls).

Coffee and Rolls & Coffeehouse Sign Ups

There are sign up opportunities posted for Sunday Coffee and Rolls and Student Coffee House. Please check your heart and your schedule and see if you can help with this important ministry! Send an email to the office or add your name and contact info to the forms in both gathering spaces.

MN Coalition for the Homeless' Annual "Day on the Hill" (Wed, March 8th)

The Coalition believes that "everyone deserves a safe, dignified, affordable place to call home, and that homelessness is preventable". This "Day" is an opportunity to advocate for legislation focused on that vision.

For more information about the "Day", see: <https://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org/getinvolved/donth/> For further background info about the issues, the broader work of the Coalition, and practical ways of participating in and supporting their work, see: mnhomelesscoalition.org

Opportunity to support the Pregnancy Resource Center

The PRC is now holding its annual Baby Bottle fundraising campaign in area churches. Funds gathered will support their programs. If interested, we invite you to take a bottle home (available in both entryways), fill it with spare change, cash, or checks, and return it here by Sunday, March 19th.

For more information about the PRC, see: <https://www.preghelp.com/>

Parish Prayers

†Anne Fields	Kelly Hoppe's mother-in-law	†Bette Bartos
Nancy Huber		† 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
Courtney Vorell's father	†Katie Waletzko	† Jennifer Symalla
Paul Snyder	†Don Prom	† Elaine Quella
Grace Bellicot	†Renee Miller	† Bob Huber
Doug Nieters	†Will Ellenbecker	† Dawn Newton
†Mil Voelker	† Stanley McElhone	† Robert Surma
Tom Keaveny	† Bill Schroeder	† Geneva Cameron
Isla Johns	† Vern Cronin	† William Luketich
Aaron Volker	† Donald Lardy	† Michael Garrity
†Gene Hoelscher	† Sallie Bellicot	
Millie Moran, sister of Jay Schroeder	† Deborah Rodriguez	
	† Valerie Meinz	

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