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March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses

10am & 8:00pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

Pastor:

Father Derek Wiechmann

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Sacramental Minister:

Father JohnPaul Igbokwe

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

This Week's Happenings

Monday (3/3)

7:00pm Music Rehearsal

Tuesday (3/4)

1:00pm Mission Trip Meeting

5:30pm Bible Studies (Wil's Place)

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday (3/5)

5:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass

6:30pm Soup & Bread Meal

6:45pm Speaker

Saturday (3/8)

11:30am Community Meal

A BLESSED NEWMAN MINISTRY: QUILTS!

Not too long ago, towards the end of 2024, I was a patient at the St. Cloud Hospital for nine days. There I learned about the frailty of the human body and experienced kindness from the nurses and those who sent me flowers, cards, and visited me. For several years I have been part of a small group of Newman members who create prayer quilts and now, quite unexpectedly I was a recipient of a prayer quilt made by a good friend who is a member of this quilt group. I was comforted not only by its warmth but by the thought that it had been blessed by our community and filled with prayers.

Saint Mother Teresa has been quoted as saying "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love," so as I continue to improve, I am returning to action, making small quilts to be given to our parishioners.

Recipients may include:

- members who are seriously ill,
- babies baptized at Newman Center,
- people mourning the loss of a family member, (often given at a funeral at Newman)
- staff members who are reassigned or depart,
- members who have been diagnosed with cancer or another illness,
- long time members who move away or who move to an assisted care facility
- members who may be comforted by a quilt.

If you or a family member would be comforted by a prayer quilt, please contact a staff member. The quilt can be presented privately.

Our congregation will be blessing quilts this spring. If you are a talented quilter consider helping in this ministry. Quilts are small, generally less than 42 inches wide. Each quilt comes with a label that says: "Created for you by the Newman Community with love and prayers".

We prefer to use cotton fabric, not fleece, and quilts are machine quilted, not tied. If you have unused cotton fabric at home, consider donating it. And of course, if you only dream of making quilts but don't sew, monetary donations are welcome to offset the price of batting, thread, and fabric. Thanks to the talented quilt makers; we always look forward to seeing these creations.

If you have questions contact Barb Pladson 320-293-6102 or Theresa Bisek 320-267-1622. Stacy Ellens is the staff contact person: sellens@scsucatholic.org.

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Barb Pladson

Footsteps of Saint Paul Land & Cruise Pilgrimage in Greece

Led by Fr. Kevin Anderson

Dates: September 23 - October 7, 2025

For Information **Contact Maureen at JeriCo Christian Journeys**

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"Walking with Moms in Need" initiative

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

Our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need." As part of this initiative, our parish will undertake a yearlong process to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in our local community. More information to come in April.

Community Meal

This coming Saturday, March 8th is our next community meal. Please see the signup at either entrance if you would like to contribute. Food can be delivered to the terrace between 10:00 and 11:00am on Saturday.

Castaway 2025 - March 28-30

High schoolers are invited to the 2025 Diocesan Castaway Retreat in Detroit Lakes, March 28th-30th!

This three day retreat includes incredible talks, music, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Neary, and a ton of fun! It continues to be one of the most affordable overnight retreats available at \$200. This retreat is made possible for our area through Illuminate Youth Ministries, 3 ACC collaboration making vibrant youth ministry possible in St. Cloud.

Contact Kelli Kleinschnitz at kelli@holysaintsmn.org, for more information on how to sign up for this impactful weekend!

Parish Prayers

†Bob Trisko
†Frank Roehl
†Mary Helen Montgomery
†Mary Morton
•For Sam Warner discernment
† Millie Moran Sister of Jay Schroeder
† Sam Skoien
• Jill Schultz

Temporary Overnight Sheltering (TOS) -- a partnership with Lincoln Center

While the temperatures have risen some, the risks to the health and life of people experiencing homelessness in our area are still dangerous. Faith-in-Housing, a coalition of local faith communities (including Newman) and other community organizations is working with Homeless Helping Homeless/ Lincoln Center to provide overnight shelter for those whom HHH/LC cannot because of limited space.. Place of Hope and Salvation Army also house people, but there is still need for more space.

Our parish will be providing overnight shelter in our Terrace from Sat, March 1st, through Sat, March 8th. HHH/LC screens those who will be our guests, provides them with evening and morning meals, transportation to and from our location, and provides paid trained staff for supervision. Our parishioners serve as "hosts" to welcome them, and "cleaners" for the space the following morning.

Slicers and Dicers needed! Help is needed to prepare, set up and serve our traditional Lenten Family meal held after the Ash Wed. Mass on 3/5. Start you Lent out strong! More information is posted with the sign-up sheets in the gathering spaces.

Youth Group Calendar for March:

March 2nd: Adoration

March 9th: Topic Night

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: March 19, 7:00pm

SEND: March 12, 5:45pm Root Session 4

1st Sacraments: 1st Communion Learning Stations 3/19 or 3/26

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All Called to Christ Area Catholic Community

Cathedral of Saint Mary

Christ Church Newman Center

Holy Spirit

Saint Anthony of Padua

Saint Augustine

Saint John Cantius

Meet Our ACC Planning Team

Bishop Patrick has asked each Area Catholic Community to form a planning team comprised of parishioners and staff from each parish to work with the entire community as we enter the next phase of the diocesan planning process: All Things New.

Stay tuned for regular updates as we enter the planning phase!



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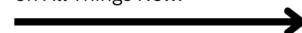


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Acting **as** a Community of Authentic Hope
in
Challenging Times
Wednesday, March 5th



Please Join us For

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
5:30 pm

A Meal of Soup & Bread
6:30 pm

A Presentation & Conversation
6:45 pm



*Mike Rios-Keating of Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of Mpls/St Paul*

Hope is the belief that things can – and will – be radically other than how they are now. Hope is the calm confidence that the Beloved Community and the welcome table are visions worthy of trust, and worth giving one's life for their realization.” — Fr Bryan Massingale

Mike will explore the process of discerning and engaging in hope-full actions, that might be needed today to reclaim our commitment to the radical love of Jesus.

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