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September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses
10am & 8:00pm

Confessions
Sunday, 7:30pm

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Sacramental Minister:

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

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (9/10)

Finance Meeting 1pm
Community Focus Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday (9/11)

Mainstreet 11am—2pm
Prayer Ministry 11am
Catechist Training 6pm

Thursday (9/12)

Theology on Draft Kick-off 6pm

Saturday (9/14)

Community Meal 11:30am

Sunday (9/15)

Gift Bag Sunday

The air is changing, and soon the leaves will be too. Fall is here, and with it another school year. This is my fourth year serving as the campus ministry director at our Newman Center for SCSU and SCTCC, and it's wonderful to see students on our campuses again. Many of you in our parishes have children off to college, either here in town or further away, and I encourage you to help them find the Newman Center or campus ministry at their school - engaging in a faith community is tied to so many positive outcomes for young people, most important of all is their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Additionally, over the last year I have been asked by the pastors of our ACC, Fr. Derek and Fr. Scott, to move into a new role as the Director of Discipleship & Evangelization for our Area Catholic Community. In this role, I oversee our faith formation team and assist in visioning our next steps as we come together as an ACC; while continuing our work with college students and young adults.

I'm excited that our faith formation team is expanding this year, and we have two new staff to strengthen our ministry. Andrew Tolman, from Luxemburg, has been hired as our Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry, and will be most present at our Sunday night youth group and on Wednesday nights. Melanie Solland, from St. Anthony's and a Tech College/Newman graduate, will be our Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation, leading classes for 6th-9th grade.

Both of them will have offices at the Newman Center, close to where they will be leading programming. Learn a little bit more about them below!

Andrew Tolman

Hello, my name is Andy Tolman, I will be helping out with Faith Formation this year as the Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry. I was born and raised in Luxemburg, Minnesota where faith was the foundation of my childhood through relationships and community. I am very excited to be able to help in the building and the continuation of this beautiful community here throughout the ACC. For the duration of my time teaching classes I hope not only to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, but to also create lasting relationships and bonds for not only me but our youth as well.

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Melanie Solland

Hello everyone! My name is Melanie Solland. I have lived in the St. Cloud area my whole life and spent most of my childhood at St. Anthony's parish! I am excited to branch off to meet people from the other parishes in the area! I am going to be a part of the faith formation program team this year. My specialties will be focused on the ACC middle school program called SEND. I can not wait to start this new adventure with my teammates as well as the parents and families that I am going to meet along the way.

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Andy and Melanie will work alongside Hannah Shefveland, our First Sacraments Coordinator, and Laura Koski and Melissa Toenjes, our Confirmation Coordinators. Contact information for our whole faith formation team can be found on the ACC website: allcalledtochrist.com

Registration for faith formation is open! Classes start late September/early October. Please pray for our returning college and grade school students, teachers, staff, and families as we begin another school year!

Peace,

Philip Shefveland
Director of Discipleship & Evangelization
All Called to Christ Area Catholic Community
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Parish Prayers

† Jacob Olson
† Michael Dale
† Shawn Preisler
† 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

Faith Formation Registration NOW OPEN for 2024/25 School Year

Registration is open to families for our faith formation programs for the 2024/25 school year! We are so excited about this new year, and hope you will join us for faith enriching opportunities for the whole family. Scan the QR code to register on your phone, or look at your parish website over the coming weeks.

Key Dates - All hosted at the Newman Center unless noted:

Confirmation Orientation - Wednesday, September 25th, 7pm

K-9th (Family Faith Formation/SEND) First Session—
First Session Wednesday, October 2nd. 6:15pm
(Optional Meal served at 5:45pm)

First Sacraments Parent Meeting—Wednesday, October 9th, 6:00pm

More details to come!

Due to limited space, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (hosted at the Mary Center) is opening registration to returning families first. Open enrollment for new CGS families will begin the weekend of August 24th/25th.

For more information, please contact Philip Shefveland, Director of Discipleship and Evangelization. Call or text 320-281-9518, email pshefveland@scsucatholic.org.



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Youth Group Calendar for September:

September 8th: Topic Night

September 15th: Activity Night

September 22nd: Men's & Women's Sessions

Our Faith and Our Political Life – Seeking The Common Good

In a synodal conversation last fall, a parishioner shared the following:

"I want to learn about the Catholic faith perspective on social justice issues - and to have it prompt discussion of those perspectives with others. I believe the Catholic Church has a lot of valuable things to say -- and I also want respect and room for my own capacity to discern what is right/just."

Over the next two months, the Peace and Social Justice Committee will be providing opportunities for such exploration and discussion, beginning with a session on "Jesus and Politics" on Sun, Sept 15th, following the 10 am Mass, in the Terrace.

"Jesus' 'Great Commandment' - to 'love God and love our neighbor'— [clearly indicates that] Christianity is both spiritual and political, because 'politics' is just another word for how we treat our neighbors. . . . Jesus should challenge our politics. . . . Jesus should challenge our certainties. If our Christianity is not unsettling us, then we're doing it wrong." (James Talarico)

Join us next Sunday for a vital conversation (and coffee and rolls).

Gift Bag donations! The new school year is starting and we want to send our students of all ages into it with our blessing and as usual.....treats from the parish! Will you help? Items are needed to include in a small gift bag suitable for grade schoolers and college students alike. We can sort a bit when we build the bags to be age appropriate. Items needed are things like; stickers, pens, snacks (No nuts please) Post-its, juice boxes, magnets, chip clips.. ..think like a big or little kid and you will do fine!

If you choose to help please leave them in the cart marked "Gift Bags" near the office no later than September 9th! And Bless YOU for your donation!

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