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September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses
10am & 8:00pm

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

Tuesday (9/17)

Bible Study 5:30pm Wil's Place

Wednesday (9/18)

Peace & Social Justice (Zoom) 7pm

Thursday (9/19)

Student vs. Young Adult Kickball @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 6-8pm

Sunday (9/22)

Conversation, Coffee, & Rolls 11am

Dear friends in Christ,

Pope Francis has recently visited the Asia Pacific region, for 12 days, his longest travels of his pontificate. He visited Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, and Timor-Leste. Most of these are predominantly Muslim, but Timor-Leste is 98% Catholic. While he visited this country – he said, “There are two things that touched my heart as I passed through the streets. ... The youth of this country and the smile. You are a population who knows how to smile! Keep it up! Do not forget that!” During his visit, he engaged in meeting with many dignitaries, interreligious dialogue, and had Mass with thousands of people. Over 70,000 people joined him on the last night. Let us continue to pray for this part of the world and for Pope Francis. May we share the joy that he experienced as he visited the faithful.

Also, a reminder that next week on September 21 and 22, Very Rev. Pradeep Puthenveetil, O.S.S.T. (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives) will be in our parish for a mission appeal. He will be at the 4pm Holy Spirit Mass, and the 8am St. Anthony and 10am Christ Church Newman Center Masses. Fr. Pradeep is the Vice-Provincial of St. Michael of the Saints Vice-Province India. He is currently stationed in their Vice Provincial Office, Bangalore, India. At each Mass, Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance for the daily care of the residents at St. Simon de Rojas Mercy Home, Thrissur, India. This home provides comfort and care to the homeless. They provide at Simon de Rojas Mercy Home adequate health services, a social life for interconnectedness, counseling, prayer, rest, and relaxation. The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively serve those residents at St. Simon de Rojas Mercy Home. Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God’s mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to our parish.

Peace!
Fr. Derek

Exploring Political Issues with a Catholic Faith lens

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis notes that Jesus' call to "love" invites and empowers us to engage in the political life of our society; caring for one another's well-being and the rest of creation involves attending to how laws, policies, and other systems impact the common good.

The Catholic Church has a rich wisdom of principles and teachings, rooted in the Gospel, with which to analyze what's happening in our community, society and world . . . and how we can respond..

The Church respects each person's capacity to form their own conscience about political issues, and to make decisions by it

Forming our conscience is strengthened through open, caring dialogue with one another.

Over the next two months, our Peace and Social Justice Committee will offer several opportunities to engage in such dialogue, as well as providing resources about Catholic Social Teaching.

On Sun, Sept 22nd, after the 10 am Mass, in the Terrace, we'll focus on key principles of Catholic Social Teaching -- what they are, and perspectives they offer. Join us for conversation (and coffee and rolls).

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 15th: Activity Night

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

September 29th: Adoration

Children's Liturgy

We are hoping to re-start Children's Liturgy of the Word once a month during Sunday morning Mass for ages 3-10! But to do so, we need volunteer leaders and helpers to commit to one session every 4-6 months (the more volunteers, the less frequent the commitment). If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Philip, Stacy, or Kateri Mancini.

"POP" BACK INTO THE CULTURE OF LIFE:

Prayer, Outreach & Presence will be offered during **40 Days for Life** Sept 25 to Nov 3, 2024. Please come join us at the **St Cloud Vigil Mon-Fri 7am-7pm**. There is a great need for more people to join us as we pray peacefully every hour at the planned parenthood abortion facility in East St Cloud. May God bless & keep our unborn babies, their Mom's & Dad's and the whole family in His loving care. When our families can be supported with protection of their 'baby in womb' as well as throughout their lives in a loving home, we will have returned to a CULTURE OF LIFE. FOR THIS WE **PRAY**, do **OUTREACH** & are **PRESENT** **MAY LIFE WILL BE CHOSEN!**

If you haven't signed up yet to pray and march, please do so at:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>



Join the
100TH ANNIVERSARY
choir!

REHEARSALS
SUN, 9/29
TUES, 10/1
TUES, 10/8

Mass
Sun, Oct. 13

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