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**December 8, 2024**

**2nd Sunday in  
Advent**

**Sunday Masses**  
10am & 8:00pm

**Confessions**  
Sunday, 7:30pm

**Pastor:**

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

This Week's Happenings

**Monday (12/9)**

Immaculate Conception Mass  
8:00am St. Anthony's  
8:15am SEAS  
6:00pm Holy Spirit  
8:00pm Newman Center

**Tuesday (12/10)**

6:30pm Music Rehearsal

**Wednesday (12/11)**

3:00-6:00pm 1st Sacraments  
Learning Stations  
7:00pm Confirmation

**Thursday (12/12)**

6:00pm Theology on Draft

**Saturday (12/14)**

11:30am Community Meal

**Sunday (12/15)**

11:00am Advent Prayer Group

Dear friends,

This season of Advent is filled with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope Francis wrote in his book, "The Name of God is Mercy," the following: "God forgives not with a decree but with a caress. Jesus too goes beyond the law and forgives by caressing the wounds of our sins." This is what this sacrament is for us, an encounter with Jesus who loves us deeply and desires our wholeness. Here is a list of the upcoming Advent Penance Services.

ST. PAUL Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6:30 pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6:30 pm

ST. MICHAEL Sunday, Dec.15 - 1:00 pm

ST. ANTHONY Monday, Dec. 16 - 6:30 pm

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL Tuesday, Dec. 17 - 6:30 pm

HOLY SPIRIT Thursday, Dec. 19 - 6:30 pm

ST. PETER Saturday, Dec. 21 - 1:00 pm

On a different note, but also very important, this year the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday. When this happens, it is transferred to Monday. So, this beautiful solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. In the past, when a solemnity falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. Recently Rome has communicated to the United State's Conference of Catholic Bishops that this cannot be done. This means that this year, even though it is transferred to a Monday, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Here is the Mass schedule within our All Called to Christ Area Catholic Community.

7:00 am St. Mary's Cathedral

8:00 am St. Anthony

8:15 am St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Student Mass)

12:05 pm St. Mary's Cathedral

6:00 pm Holy Spirit

6:00 pm St. Augustine

8:00pm Christ Church Newman Center (Candlelit Mass)

Peace!

Fr. Derek

*Sounds of the Season*  
an Advent  
**CONCERT**

December 8, 2024 12:30pm | Church of the Holy Spirit  
2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud

*Featuring members of the Newman Center and Holy Spirit music ministry*

*Enjoy Holy Spirit's breakfast beforehand, served from 8am - 12pm*

**Christmas Giving Tree-Donations Needed**

There are colorful mittens on the tree with suggested needs for our community. Take a mitten and bring back with the specific need. e.g. Gloves-Mittens-Hats-Socks-Long Underwear

Donations can be placed in the box by the Christmas tree in our lobby. Donations will be accepted through Jan 10th, and will be shared with our Community Meal attendees and other area caring organizations.

**Advent faith-sharing opportunities**

The Prayer and Spirituality Committee is offering several avenues for faith-sharing in Advent. We're using excerpts from "The Spirit of Advent", by Edward Sri (no purchase necessary)

Sundays following the 10 am Mass (with coffee and rolls) - Dec. 8th, and Dec 15th (sign-up not necessary)

Tuesdays 10-11 am (at a coffee shop) Dec 10th & 17th  
Contact Warren Christie: 320-493-5404;  
[wbchristie56@gmail.com](mailto:wbchristie56@gmail.com)

Wednesdays, 9-10 am, 12-1 pm, and 4-5 pm (in-person and Zoom options) Dec 11th and 18th Contact Kevin LaNave: 320 640-7627; [klanave@scsucatholic.org](mailto:klanave@scsucatholic.org)

**Parish Prayers**

- †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
- Abbie's Grandfather
- Barb Pladson

**Help Needed for Christmas**

Please come help decorate for Christmas. We will be meeting Monday December 23rd at 9 a.m.

We are also looking for donations for Christmas flowers to remember your loved ones. Use your flower envelopes or mark your own envelope by labeling flowers.

Thank you for your donation!

**"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 January.

**Giving 2024**

Any 2024 contributions have to be received to the office by December 31, 2024.

**Youth Group Calendar for November:**

**December 8th:** Topic Night

**December 15th:** Men's & Women's Sessions

**ACC Faith Formation Reminders**

**Confirmation:** December 11, 7:00pm

**K-9 ROOT/SEND:** January 8, 5:45pm meal 6:15pm class

**First Sacraments:** December 11 Learning Stations 3-6pm

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