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December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus. Mary & Joseph

Sunday Masses

10am & 8:00pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

Pastor:

Father Derek Wiechmann fatherderek17@gmail.com

Sacramental Minister:

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This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (12/31)

Office Closed

Wednesday (1/1)

Office Closed SEEK 2025 January 1st-5th 10:00am Mass Mary Mother of God

Sunday (1/5)

Food Shelf Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters.

We continue in this joyful season of Christmas, this Sunday marking the Holy Family of Jesus. Mary, and Joseph. I pray you have been able to spend time with family and friends. On Christmas Day some of my family came to the rectory and we have the large family gathering this Sunday. Always a joy, many kids running around!

Keep the students from Christ Church Newman Center and young adults from the area in prayer as we head to SEEK25. This year it is held in Utah. Our group is made up of about 30 people. The week is made up of speakers, prayer, and outreach programs. We leave December 31st and return January 5th.

Also hold in prayer Fr. John Paul as he embarks back to Nigeria for the month of January. His Bishop has asked him and all priests abroad to return home. Safe travels, Fr. John Paul! During the month of January while he is away, Fr. Bob Harren, Fr. Tom Olson, and Fr. Tom Friedl will be helping us out.

Lastly, a blessed New Year to each of you! Please join me in praying:

Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.

January 1 st is the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. Here are the Mass times between our Area Catholic Community:

Tuesday, December 31st

Holy Spirit @ 6pm

Wednesday, January 1st

St. John Cantius @ 8am St. Mary's Cathedral @ 8:30am St. Anthony @ 9am Christ Church Newman Center @ 10am

Peace, Fr. Derek

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, a 3 ACC collaboration making vibrant youth ministry possible in St. Cloud.

Contact Kelli Kleinschnitz at <u>kelli@holysaintsacc.org</u>, for more information on how to sign up for this impactful weekend!

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

In winter, the risks to the health and life of people experiencing homelessness in the St Cloud area are so very 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 and there is still need of more space.

Our parish will be providing overnight shelter in our Terrace from Sun, Dec 22nd, through Sat, Jan 4th. HHH/LC screens those who will be our guests, provides them with evening and morning meals, transportation to and from our location, and paid trained staff for supervision.

Parishioners interested in knowing more about this partnership, and/or about how to be supportive of it, should contact Kevin LaNave (klanave@scsucatholic.org).

We are grateful for this opportunity to live the Gospel call.

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

Parish Prayers

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.

What? You haven't done your Renew yet? Remember, as soon as you can, please take a few minutes and complete the form. It may not seem important, but it helps our pastoral staff and lay leadership to provide spiritual and community programming for our Newman family.

Please go to scsucatholic.org and click on the Renewal 2025 icon. You can also scan the QR Code or call the Newman office. It doesn't take long to complete the Renew form.

TEC - Together Encounter Christ

You are invited to join Warren and Becky Christie at a TEC (Together Encounter Christ) retreat January 18-20, 2025.

TEC is based on the Pascal Mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension.

Other retreat dates include: Feb 15-17, 2025 March 7-9, 2025 Register at CMTEC.org

If you have questions, contact Warren at 320-493-5404

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: January 15, 7:00pm

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

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