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December 22, 2024
4th Sunday in
Advent

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 (12/24)

Office Closed

4:00pm Holy Spirit Christmas Eve
Mass

4:30pm St Anthony's Christmas Eve
Mass

5:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday (12/25)

Office Closed

8:00am St. Anthony's Christmas
Mass

9:30am Holy Spirit Christmas Mass

10:00am CHRISTMAS MASS

Saturday (12/28)

3:00pm Private Event (Terrace)

Dear parishioners of Christ Church Newman Center, Holy Spirit, and St. Anthony,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, The rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9: 1-5

As we come upon this final Sunday of Advent, with Christmas being just a few days from now, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas! This last month I've enjoyed asking students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton what special traditions they have preparing for Christmas. The most common response I heard was that they enjoy getting together with family on Christmas. Of course opening presents on Christmas morning was right up there in popularity! It struck me how important family is to the children. Jesus Christ was born into a family. He entered into this world of darkness and sin and renewed and redeemed each one of us. He makes the family holy. Do you see your own family as holy? Being a part of a family myself, I know that there are days that it is hard to see family as holy! We can experience so much brokenness and pain within our families. This does not keep Jesus away, no, it draws him closer! This Christmas, let us invite Jesus into our family life. With its joys and its sorrows, may Jesus be a part of our everyday life.

Peace and blessings to each of you!

Father Derek

Merry Christmas

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 kelli@holysaintsacc.org, 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

- †Parisa
- †Julie Gabrielson
- †India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
- †Bob Trisko
- †Frank Roehl
- †Mary Helen Montgomery
 - Aaron Dockendorf
 - †Mary Morton
 - Abbie's Grandfather
 - Barb Pladson
- For Sam Warner discernment

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.

Help Needed for Christmas

Please come help decorate for Christmas. We will be meeting tomorrow Monday December 23rd at 12:30 p.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.

Youth Group Calendar for December:

December 29th: Christmas & New Year's Party

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: December 18, 7:00pm

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

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