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November 10, 2024

32nd 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

Monday (11/11)

Veterans Day
6:30pm Prayer & Spirituality
Meeting (Terrace)
7:00pm OCIA Meeting

Tuesday (11/12)

9:00am Faith in Housing
Subcommittee
9:30am Bread Baking
5:30pm Bible Study Wil's Place

Wednesday (11/13)

11:00am Prayer Ministry
5:45pm SEEK/SEND #4

Thursday (11/14)

6:00pm Theology on Draft

Saturday (11/16)

9:00am 1st Sacraments Activity
Day @ St. Anthony's

MY VISIT TO NIGERIA

I arrived in Nigeria on the 16th of August 2024. I met with my family members, my parents, siblings and some members of my extended family. They were all happy to see me. I also spent time with my friends and well-wishers. I visited my Archbishop, the Emeritus Archbishop and the Auxiliary Bishop. They also welcomed me and were pleased to see me.

Generally, the economy in Nigeria is extremely poor and going down at a very high rate. As you may have seen in the news, there is a high rate of inflation which is really affecting the masses. Nigeria has always suffered from a poor economy and bad leadership. However, I noticed that things have become worse, much worse than it was about three years ago when I left the country.

The people are going through severe hardship and suffering has increased. Most average families who could live a bit comfortably before now are barely surviving the situation. Although I was pleased to be home, it was not a great sight to behold, seeing the situation of the country. I invite you to continue to pray for Nigeria.

To mark the celebration of my 10 years priestly anniversary, I visited a major orphanage in the city I stayed in. I bought food items and cash support and spent some time with them. They were very happy to see me and grateful for the gifts. I also held the main event of my 10th anniversary at a chaplaincy.

I invited my parents, priest friends, seminarians, especially my students who passed through me during their novitiate, other friends and well-wishers. The celebration started with the Holy Mass in thanksgiving to God. Afterwards, we had lots to eat and drink and I gave out lots of gift items and cash support to aid all who came around for that celebration. It was indeed a joyful day.

In summary, my stay in Nigeria was fruitful because I saw family members and friends that I had not seen for a long time. More significant is the fact that I was able to help several people who were in need during my stay. For this I give thanks to God, and I also thank you my beloved friends because this was possible through your generous donations. May God continue to bless you all, Amen.

My family, friends, well-wishers and Archdiocese have asked me to send their loads of thanks to you all.

Thank you, Bishop Patrick Neary.

Thank you, Fr Derek.

Thank you, Fr Scott.

Thank you, beloved parishioners of St Anthony, Holy Spirit, Newman Center, St. Mary's Cathedral, St Augustine and St. John Cantius for your generous support. May God continue to bless you all and may our Lady Mother of Perpetual help intercede for you in your difficult moments. Amen. I wish you all a blessed and grace-filled new month of November.

Many blessings and thanks,
Fr. John Paul Igbokwe

Please support our college students experiencing food insecurity

Both SCSU and SCTCC have developed "food pantries" for students experiencing food insecurity, which can be defined as "either they didn't have enough money for food due to other financial needs, or they simply didn't have enough nutritious food they could get, or they weren't able to have enough meals in a day for various reasons".

Both schools' research indicates that over 30% of their students are having such experiences.

To learn what and how donate to either or both of them, see:

<https://sctcc.edu/cyclones-cupboard>

<https://www.stcloudstate.edu/huskiesfoodpantry/>

Footsteps of Saint Paul Land & Cruise Pilgrimage in Greece

Led by Fr. Kevin Anderson

Dates: September 23 - October 7, 2025

For Information **Contact Maureen at JeriCo Christian Journeys**

Phone: 1-877-453-7426

Email: maureen@jericochristianjourneys.com

Website: www.jericochristianjourneys.com

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Please scan this QR code to donate to the many needs of our parish.

Thank you!



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

Renewal 2025

Renew Today! Scan the QR code and fill out the form. You can also call the Newman office to complete or request a paper copy.



Grief & the Holidays: How can we prepare?

The holidays can be an especially difficult time of grief. Please join us for a presentation on Sunday, November 17, 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 Co Rd 137, St. Cloud.

We'll discuss adjusting expectations and coping with emotions, handling traditions, and navigating social and family gatherings.

No cost; please call 320/774-1907 for more information.

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Youth Group Calendar for November:

November 10th: Activity Night

November 17th: Faith and Mental Health Talk by Addy Diaz

November 24th: No Youth Group, Happy Thanksgiving

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: November 20, 7:00 p.m.

K-9 SEEK/SEND: November 13, 5:45 p.m.

First Sacraments: Nov. 16, Activity Day St. Anthony's

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