

PRAYER REQUESTS

Anne Fields—Nancy Huber—Renee Miller—Waletzko's grandson, Isaac—Kathy Williams—Penny Zook—Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother, Mark—Sharon Schmiesing's brother, Mike—Jeff—Courtney Vorell's father, Paul Snyder—Betsy Reese's friend, Sallie & her child Grace Bellicot—†Katie Waletzko—†Don Prom—Amy Laumeyer & Katie Hagen's father, †Al Hoffarth—Vickie & Kevin Strobel's son-in-law, †Brett Wise, Lisa Mueller, Dawn Munnell, Bill Schroeder

Weekly Readings

Sunday: IS 35:1-6A, 10 / JAS 5:7-10
MT 11:2-11

Monday: NM 24:2-7, 15-17A / MT 21:23-27

Tuesday: GN 49:2, 8-10 / MT 1:1-17

Wednesday: JER 23:5-8 / MT 1:18-25

Thursday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A / LK 1:5-25

Friday: IS 7:10-14 / LK 1:26-38

Saturday: SG 2:8-14 / ZEP 3:14-18A
LK 1:39-45

Next Sunday: IS 7:10-14 / ROM 1:1-7
MT 1:18-24

Join Newman Center!

Do you enjoy being part of this wonderful community?

Students: Sign up for events in the lobbies!

Community Members:

- Fill out your information on the sign up sheets in the lobby
- Visit our website
- Or contact the office

Contact the Parish Office for information about:

- Sacrament of Baptism
- Sacrament of Marriage
- Reconciliation
- Funeral Arrangements
- Mass and Prayer Requests
- Pastoral Ministry to the Sick & Homebound
- Ministry to those in Need
- Vocations to the Priesthood
- Learning about the Catholic Church or returning after time away

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DECEMBER 15, 2019

3rd Sunday

OF ADVENT



Masses

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:15 am, 8:00 pm

Tuesday 12 pm in the Prayer Room

Wednesday 12 pm in Atwood Center's

Columbine Room

Thursday 8:00 pm in the Chapel

Friday 12 pm in the Prayer Room

Confessions

Sunday 7:30 pm & Friday 12:30 pm

This Week

Sunday, December 15

For Those In Need

9:00 am †Don Prom & †Al Hoffarth

Nativity Play performance during
Coffee & Rolls

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 pm Nativity Play

7:30 pm Seasonal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

6:30 pm Discipleship at Beaver Island

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 27

6:00-8:00 pm Staff Open House in Wil's Place

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass

Carols begin at 4:30 pm

Christmas Day

9:30 am Mass

New Year's Day

9:30 am Mass

Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday

Advent is a season of preparation. On the Advent wreath, the three purple (or blue) candles mark the preparation Christians undergo while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth. The rose (or white) candle reminds us of what arrives with the birth of the Lord...joy! At the Newman Center there is some tradition to use blue and white instead of purple and rose in order to distinguish the Advent season from Lent.

For many, Christmas begins right after Halloween and then kicks into overdrive on the day after Thanksgiving. While this is often the way Christmas is celebrated, it is very easy for the season to get disconnected from the Child. That's why it's traditional to refrain from putting the Christ Child into a Catholic church's Nativity Scene until the appointed moment.

In the midst of this season the Church gives us Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. Where priests may wear pink vestments and the pink (or white) candle on the wreath is lit. Christians long for the source of joy not simply to be happy. During a Mass in May at Casa Santa Maria in Rome, Pope Francis talked about the difference between happiness and joy:

"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It's another thing, something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues: it is more profound. It is a gift."

"To be 'happy at all moments, at all cost,' can at the end turn into superficiality and shallowness. This leaves us without Christian wisdom, which makes us dumb, naïve, right? All is joy ... no. Joy is something else; it is a gift from the Lord."

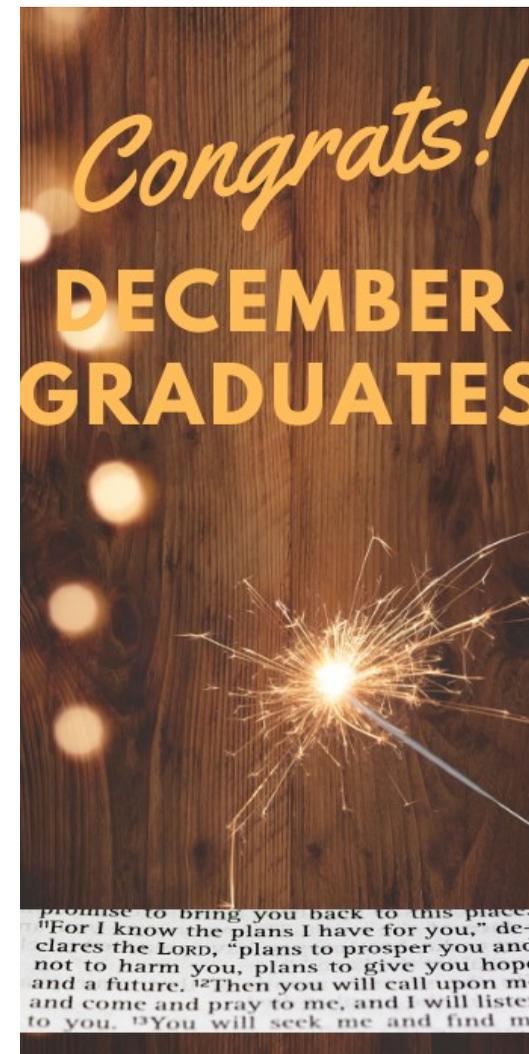
If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish or break or fade. Gaudete – said "Gow-DAY-tay" – Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but He is very near. It takes its name from the first word of the Introit, "Gaudete in Domino Semper," which is Latin for the introduction of Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

To continue with Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Let us rejoice, for the Lord is near!

Part of our joy this weekend is the celebration of the Nativity play. It is always great to see our young people tell us the story of the Nativity. The play is Sunday after 9 am mass and Tuesday night at 7. All are welcome!

Blessings,
Fr. Joe



MEMBER NEWS

Christmas Flower and Decoration Memorials

If you would like to make a donation towards the flower and decoration fund, you may drop it in the collection as "Flower/Decoration Fund" or mail/bring it to the Newman office. If your donation is in memory of a loved one, please include their name(s)

Christmas Seasonal Choir

Our last practice dates will be **Dec 17** at 7:30 pm

Renewal 2020

A big thank you to all who have renewed over the past few weeks! If you have not yet, there is still time! For any questions, call the Newman Office.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
12 NOON IN PRAYER ROOM
THURS, DEC 26 & FRI, DEC 27
DECEMBER 31ST
5 PM VIGIL
JANUARY 1ST AT 9:30 AM
12 NOON IN PRAYER ROOM
THURS, JAN 2 & FRI, JAN 3
NO MASS TUES, JAN 7 & WED, JAN 8
8 PM - THUR, JAN 9
12 NOON - FRI, JAN 10

OPEN TO ALL

Discipleship

Join us **Dec 19** at 6:30 at Beaver Island Brewing Company for our last Discipleship of the month!

Deck the halls with...

Join us for decorating the Church on Monday, December 23rd at 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Staff Holiday Open House

You're invited to join the Newman staff in Wil's Place from **6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, December 27th** for lots of fun holiday festivities. Appetizers and beverages will be served. Prepare yourself for Art and Barb Grachek's famous Tom & Jerry's!

Save the Date ~Jan 20-27, 2020

Church of the Week will take place at the Newman Center be on the lookout for a sign up soon!