

DECEMBER 17, 2023



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Newman Catholic Community

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God. (1 John 4:7)



Gaudete Sunday: REJOICE!

In my God is the joy of my soul . . .

Isaiah 61:10

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 11:00 am

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Adoration

Monday: 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 pm

More Information

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After Hours

After hours door code: hope* (4673*)

Our Mission

To invite the EIU community into transforming relationships with Christ and one another, empowering all to create a lasting impact in the world.

Daily Mass Scriptures

Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

Muchas Gracias

A HUGE shout out to *Doris Nordin* and *Diego Romero* for taking the lead on putting together an amazing Posada last week. Mary and Joseph (with the help of the angel and shepherd) found a place to welcome the child Jesus. There was good food, fellowship, song, and a lively time with the breaking of the pinatas!



Thank You!

The poinsettias that will soon grace our space during the Christmas season are lovingly donated in memory of:



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Retreats	\$570.00	\$4,780.00
Total	\$6,730.37	\$146,616.20
Haiti	\$0.00	\$6,479.75
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Mass Intentions Week of December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 17th
11:00 am: John McElligott

NO 5:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 19th
5:00 pm: Benefactors celebrating December birthdays and anniversaries

Thursday, December 21st
5:00 pm: No Mass

Sunday, December 24th
11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
NO 5 pm Mass

Newman Notes

- **O Holy Night!** The Mass schedule for **Christmas Eve:** Sunday, Dec. 24th: 5 pm & 10 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.



Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25th: 8:30 am at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Please note there are NO Christmas Eve/Day Masses offered here. Please plan accordingly.

- There will be **Adoration** on Monday, December 18th and Wednesday, December 20th at St. Philip Neri Chapel from 8-9 pm. Come sit in the quiet with our Lord as we prepare for His coming. There will be NO Sacrament of Reconciliation offered.



- The **Mass schedule for break** is as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 5 pm
 Sunday Dec. 24th at 11 am
 (4th Sunday of Advent)
 Sunday, Dec. 31st at 11 am



- Sunday, January 7th there is an **Epiphany Party** at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. The pastoral council at St. Charles asked



that the 11 am Mass (usually at Newman) be moved to St. Charles, because the party begins at Noon in the parish hall. So, there will be **NO** Mass here on

Sunday, January 7th. It will be at St. Charles. Please plan accordingly. Make plans to attend the 11 am Mass and stay for the party. *Sign up for the party is in the Gathering Space.*

- Reminder: **No** 5 pm Sunday evening Masses at Newman. They will resume on Sunday, January 14th. There will be a Sunday supper immediately following this Mass.



Finally, The office will be open this week, Dec. 18-22. Office hours are 8 am - 4:00 pm. We will be closed Dec. 25-26th.



A View from My Window

If you work more than four years in a university setting you experience the leave-taking of people. At the beginning it is mostly students and you are happy for them, because they did not come here to become a perpetual student. However, you begin to notice other happenings.

A few of the coaches, staff, and faculty you have come to know retire, or take a new position at another university. Folks, whom you thought would stay in town, return to where they were raised or move to be closer to their grandkids. And even though you want to see the ranks of alumni grow, you begin to wish there was a reason for everyone to stay in town and sink roots here.

And yet, as our friend and namesake, St. John Henry Newman said:

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

Just yesterday we celebrated the funeral Mass of Henry Woody Kramer at St. Charles. (Yes, the bulletin deadline moved to Saturday evening this week.) Woody and his wife Mary Alice were two of the first people I met upon coming to town in 1986. Woody was *the reason*, in concert with the Holy Spirit, we were able to get the property here at 500 Roosevelt Avenue. I always assumed they would live in Charleston all their lives. Their love for our community ran deep. And yet, their health and life circumstances changed, and they made an important decision to move.

As I reflect on Woody's life, I realize the path we walk is moving in the same direction: *towards heaven*. We get to share this path for awhile with loads of people and a few of them we actually walk with for a longer moment, which is still just a breath. And what a blessing indeed it is.

It is Gaudete Sunday. A time to rejoice for indeed the Lord is near. Nearer for some of us, like Woody, than others, like ourselves who are still making the way. I rejoice in knowing the Lord longs for each of us, so much so that the Word became flesh. Let us indeed Rejoice!

SEEK 2024: January 1-5

27 students are attending the SEEK Conference in St. Louis. They will hear speakers, attend sessions, go to daily Mass, and grow in fellowship. Please keep them in your prayers. If you feel called to support them financially, you can make a donation using "seek24" in the memo line. We appreciate your generosity :).

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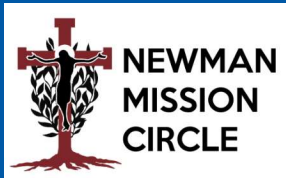
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