

2026 Lenten Stations, Soup, & Speaker

BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Wednesdays

Parish Center, 14241 Fruit Farm Road, Collegeville MN

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross; 5:30 pm Serving;

6:00-7:00 pm Speaker

Come for all or part!

Sponsored by St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist BCC Social Justice Committee



Feb 25 From “doing for” to “walking with” –the Preferential Option for the Poor, Kevin LaNave
Long time Social Justice Educator, SCTC and Christ Church Newman Center

When encountering the suffering of another person or community, it’s understandable and vital to strive to do things for them that are helpful. But the Incarnation, the life of Jesus, and the Catholic Social Teaching concept of the “preferential option for the poor” invite us to be - and to walk - with those whom we’ve encountered.



March 4 Terebinth Refuge and Anti-Sex Trafficking, Aliyah Ewing, Terebinth Refuge
Resident/Speaker Advocate

Sexual exploitation/Trafficking is one of the largest and most profitable criminal industries in the world. There are an estimated 40 million people being trafficked today, yet some people still have not heard of trafficking. During this talk, we will have a conversation about the most common ways to be exploited in the US and MN, as well as Terebinth Refuge's role in anti-trafficking.



March 11 How Nonviolent People Power Works, Dr. Kelly Kraemer, Professor of Peace Studies,
CSBSJU

History offers countless stories of successful unarmed people’s movements. Recent examples include the Bulldozer Revolution (Serbia, 2000), the Orange Revolution (Ukraine, 2005), and the Burkina Faso Uprising (2014). The ongoing Twin Cities resistance to “Operation Metro Surge” illustrates many of the basic principles of nonviolent mass action and how “people power” operates. This talk will use elements of the Minneapolis resistance to explore how and why nonviolence works as a political strategy and often succeeds against well-armed and violent opponents.



March 18 TBA, Anita Fischer MA BCC | Chaplain, Spiritual Care, Centracare-St. Cloud Hospital

Anita is as a Board-Certified Chaplain at CentraCare – St. Cloud Hospital, where she provides spiritual and emotional care to patients, families, and staff during times of crisis, transition, and healing. Her vocation is rooted in compassion, presence, and advocacy for human dignity, helping people find strength and meaning in life’s most challenging moments.



March 25 What are the different paths to citizenship? Ann Cofell, Retired Mid-Minnesota Legal
Aid Attorney

"Why don't they just come here the legal way?" is a question often heard these days. There are many ways that people can have legal status, but not all lead to citizenship. This presentation and discussion will work to build understanding of the paths, barriers, and protections in the citizenship process.