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NEWMAN NEWS



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MASS TIMES —

SUNDAY: 9 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 5 p.m.

SATURDAY: 5 p.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday & Saturday: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday:

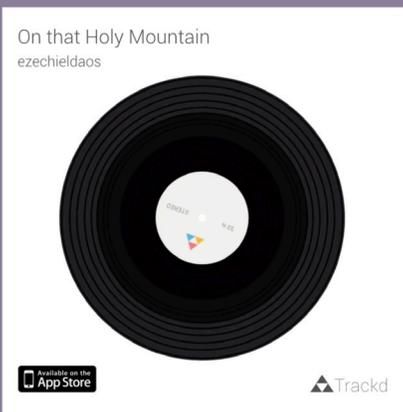
8 a.m.-Noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



 **@ezechiel daos**
went to Mass this morning
@comonewman and this song
really touched me!

3rd Sunday of Advent

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again:

rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



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REJOICE! JOY IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO US



ALLISON STUESSE
Resident Campus Minister

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" St. Paul exhorts the Philippians. Something about the tone in this verse reminds me of a parent saying, "Do I have to say it to you *again*?" as they try to teach their child some particular lesson he/she is just not getting. In this case, the lesson is joy, and it is what we are asked to practice this upcoming week of Advent.

The Third Sunday of Advent is distinguished by the rose-colored candle that symbolizes joy. Purple, the color of the other three candles, is liturgically a somber color representing repentance and humility. Rose is meant to convey a lightening of that solemn tone (literally a lighter shade of purple). We are moving closer to Christmas and have reason to start getting more excited. Therefore, the Church affectionately nicknames today as "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete is the command form of the Latin verb "gaudere," therefore translating "rejoice!" or "have joy!"

I don't know about you, but I have a hard time with a command to have joy. How can I have joy when I am frustrated and burnt out? How can I rejoice in the Lord when I don't feel like coming to prayer? Yet we find all throughout our readings today these imperatives: exalt, be glad, sing joyfully. St. Paul even says we must rejoice *always*. To try to be joyful always can feel fake. True joy seems unattainable most of the time because, quite frankly, in our sin and weakness we cannot rejoice in the Lord. However, that's where we are missing half of the reality of joy.

Read to the end of the first reading from Zephaniah. Now re-read the verse that says, "The Lord, your God is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness." That's right, the God of the universe rejoices over *you*. He is in your midst, with you, near you, in you, at all times having joy because of you. This is the first and more important, often missed, step in practicing joy: to experience the Lord rejoicing over you.

In fact, we cannot have one without the other: God rejoicing over us and we rejoicing in God. The two go hand-in-hand to practice authentic joy. However, I think so often we focus on ourselves having joy in God that we forget He already delights in us. And He always will, whether we feel good or not, and even if we sin and turn away from Him. That is why joy is always available to us.

I like to think of the image of Mary pregnant with Jesus. I bet there were days when she felt sick and tired or had difficulty feeling joy that Jesus was within her. Yet she could not deny He was always with her (literally, physically inside of her), and in this was her joy. It is pregnant Mary who gives us one of the greatest songs of rejoicing of all time: the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

As strange as it sounds, during Advent we are all like Mary pregnant with Jesus. He resides in us and rejoices in us and because of that we can sing our own Magnificat. And really, while Advent is waiting and preparing for Christmas, it is also meant to be the micro version of waiting and preparing on earth for our final meeting with Jesus in Heaven. Although we cannot see Him, we can have joy in the assurance He is within us, always rejoicing over us.

This Advent season, let us rejoice in the Lord for no other reason than that He first rejoices in us.

Allison Stuesse

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE:

5PM (CHILDREN'S MASS)

7PM

MIDNIGHT

(MUSIC PRELUDE AT 11:30PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10AM



There will be four Masses to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. On Christmas Eve — Monday, December 24 — we'll have a Family/Children's Mass at 5 p.m. with a Children's Choir; a 7 p.m. Mass; and a Midnight Mass with a music prelude beginning at 11:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, there will be one Mass at 10 a.m. The parish office will be closed both Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25.

HOLY HOUR/ADORATION SCHEDULE

There will be no daily Holy Hour/Adoration during the winter break. Morning Holy Hour (8:30-9:30 a.m.) will resume on Tuesday, January 22, as will the afternoon Adorations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Reconciliation on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. will continue to be offered.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

December 23 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80

Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-4



December 25 | Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18



LIBRARY HOURS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 16: 10 a.m. to Noon

For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:
www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
 7 p.m. Newman Needleworks/Romero

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal (5 p.m. Saturday)/Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal (9 a.m.)/Sacristy
 7 p.m. Music Rehearsal (11 a.m.)/Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. Al Anon/Merton

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

1 p.m. Korean Legion of Mary/Conference

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

3:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
 10 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
 Noon Korean Community Time/Aquinas
 1 p.m. Christmas Children's Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
 3 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel

Information for the bulletin is due by noon on the Friday before the weekend it is published. Dates may change with upcoming holidays. Please submit to Theresa Nguyen at theresa@comonewman.org.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Parish registration required; contact the office to register for a catechetical session during the early months of pregnancy.

MARRIAGE

Register and worship with us for at least three months, then contact Deacon Frank (frank.ruggiero@comonewman.org) at least six months in advance of planned wedding.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are available to bring Holy Communion to the home. Please call the office if a parishioner is in a nursing home.



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE

If you need low gluten communion hosts, please call the parish office.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Newman! If you frequently attend Mass with us, please consider registering here so we can better serve you. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space under the TV, in the parish office, or online on our website (www.comonewman.org). Thank you for being part of our faith community!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 17	Noon	+ Russell Dean Miller
Tuesday, Dec. 18	Noon	Dinh & + Hanh Nguyen
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Noon	+ Marie Hentges
Thursday, Dec. 20	Noon	+ Mark Roberts
Friday, Dec. 21	Noon	+ Ignatius Seo & family
Saturday, Dec. 22	5 p.m.	+ Lou & Lorene Barry
Sunday, Dec. 23	9 a.m.	+ Deceased members of the Marcus Neppl Family
Sunday, Dec. 23	11 a.m.	+ Cathy Prince
Sunday, Dec. 23	5 p.m.	+ Ignatius Seo & family

PARISH FINANCES

December 8/9

Offertory	\$42,987.36
Month to Date	\$64,759.68
Budget for Month	\$197,500.00
Variance	— \$132,740.32

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Associate Pastor |

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All registrations/RSVPs are found on the website under Parish Sign Ups:

www.comonewman.org/parish/parish-sign-ups

PARISH SURVEY: COMPLETE BY MONDAY

As we anticipate the new year as well as our Bishop's call to engage in the practice of stewardship, we are conducting a parish-wide survey for resident parishioners designed to identify present and future needs in a number of areas. Your participation will greatly assist us in determining what is best for the parish. The scope of this survey is designed for the resident parishioner experience - the Campus Ministry experience is evaluated in a different venue. Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey on our website or pick up a paper copy in the Gathering Space. All forms must be completed by Monday, December 17. Thank you for your valuable input!

YEAR-END GIVING

To be credited as a 2018 financial contribution, your donation must be received by St. Thomas More Newman Center by Monday, December 31, 2018. Anything received after 12/31/18, regardless of the date on the check, must legally be listed as a 2019 contribution.

Annual contribution statements will again be sent by email. Our system sends these to the email address of the person listed as "Head of Household." You can check/edit the email address your statement will be sent to by logging into your Breeze account at comonewman.breezechms.com. If you haven't set one up, visit <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/login/create>. Here you will be able to view your giving history as well as make sure your contact information is up to date. Statements will be printed and placed in the Gathering Space for those who don't have an email registered with us.

If you have questions on how to give through your IRA, annuity, or other non-cash assets, please contact JoAnn Shull at joann@comonewman.org or by calling the office. These gifts often take longer to process so please begin these options now if you're interested in giving in this tax year.

ANYTHING FOR THE NEWMAN ARCHIVES?

While you're getting out your Christmas decorations in the next few weeks, think about the Newman Archives if you come across a box of church-related "stuff." It could be minutes of committees you were a part of, old photograph albums, or souvenirs from church activities. You can drop off the items in the box marked "Archives" outside the office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION ON BREAK

Fr. Reginald's class, A Walk Through the Catechism, is taking a holiday break. The discussion will resume on Thursday, January 24 and focus on morality and spirituality during the spring semester. Stay tuned to learn what other adult faith formation opportunities there will be for Spring 2019!

A NOTE ON SR. KAREN

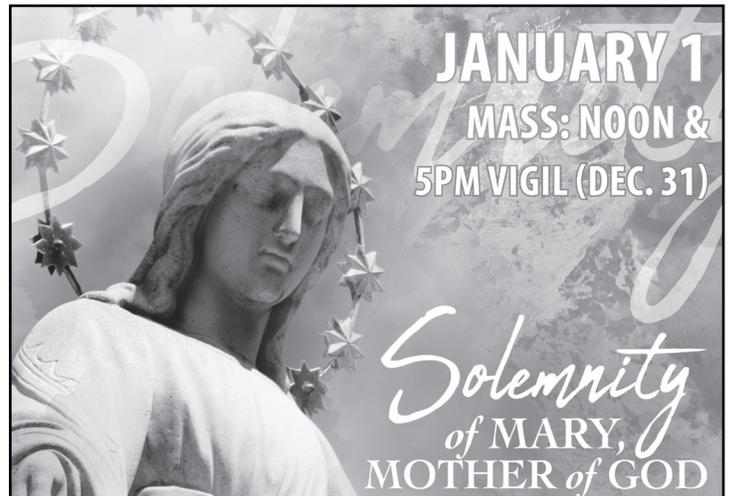
Sr. Karen had shoulder surgery two weeks ago and is recovering well in Springfield, Illinois. She will return to Columbia after the New Year. She thanks you for your prayers! Any cards or notes of well wishes can be sent to:

1237 W. Monroe St.
Springfield, IL 62708

PHOTOGRAPHY QUESTIONS

Thank you to all who took part in this year's photo directory! It will be a few months before the photo directories are published. If you have any questions about your order from Life Touch, call 1.888.313.1746 or email lcdcs@lifetouch.com. Or, you can contact Theresa at theresa@comonewman.org with any concerns.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. It will be celebrated on Monday, December 31 at 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass) or Tuesday, January 1 at Noon. The parish office will be closed on January 1.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Jubilee Farm, a sponsored ministry of the Springfield, Illinois, Dominican Sisters, is an Ecology and Spirituality Center celebrating the gifts of creation and teaching responsible stewardship. Sr. Sharon Therese, its founding director, will give our Lenten Day of Reflection on March 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Newman. Her presentation is "Hearing Creation's Cry for Conversion: A Lenten Reflection." Save the date for this prayerful event!

NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION

During November and December, Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting items for Room at the Inn, a winter shelter operated by members of the Columbia community. Room at the Inn guest needs include warm gloves and hats, crew length socks, over-the-counter medications, and travel-size toiletries. Donations may be placed in the large silver bin in the Turner Street entrance. Go to www.roomattheinncomo.org for information about volunteering and a complete list of suggested donations. Thank you to all who donated items for St. Francis House and Z. Lois Bryant House during October!



AROUND TOWN



OLLIS: YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we ask you to prayerfully consider a year end donation to Funding a Faithful Future. If you already have made a pledge and can pay ahead, that would help us be eligible to apply for some additional funds through foundations. If you have never given, consider a one time donation at year end. Thank you for prayerfully considering your participation in this commitment to Catholic education in Columbia. Contributions may be mailed to:

Funding a Faithful Future

903 Bernadette Dr.
Columbia, MO 65203

TOLTON NHS TRIVIA NIGHT

The Fr. Tolton High School National Honors Society invites you to their Trivia Night benefitting the St. Vincent DePaul Society. The trivia night is on February 1 at 6 p.m. at Fr. Tolton High School. It costs \$25 per person or \$160 per table of 8. Appetizers and babysitting will be provided. There will be a dessert silent auction. RSVP at hsnow@toltonstudent.org.

RAINBOW HOUSE DONATIONS

Rainbow House is a nonprofit, children's emergency shelter and advocacy center serving abused and neglected children, as well as families in crisis. They are in need of donations like quilts, blankets, and volunteer time to prepare meals and spend time with children. Call Rainbow House at 573.474.6000 if interested.

BILLIKEN TEACHER CORPS

The Billiken Teacher Corps is a two-year service-learning program at St. Louis University that trains future Catholic school educators. Participants live, work, study, pray, and attend weekly Mass and retreats together, all while teaching in an urban Catholic school in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Throughout the program, BTC members work toward a Master of Teaching Arts degree — with full tuition remission! Applications submitted before January 20 are given priority consideration. Learn more at www.billikenteachercorps.org.

HOUSE PARENTS/RELIEF PARENTS NEEDED

St. Nicholas Academy (SNA), a Federated Agency of Catholic Charities, is a year-round boarding school in Jefferson City that partners with families of lower income to provide quality education for boys. SNA is seeking a Catholic, married couple to be full time, live-in house parents, as well as a Catholic, married couple to be part-time relief parents. The main responsibility of house parents is to provide a stable, loving and supportive home environment. Each spouse receives a salary and a compensation package that includes a rent-free apartment, meals, and utilities. House parents are eligible for all of St. Nicholas benefit programs. The role of relief parents is the care of the students when full-time house parents are away. Relief parents reside in the student home when they are on duty. They receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Contact Sr. Susan Renner, 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org.

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the blessing of family life; that as a community we may safeguard this basic cell of society in public policy, and as a Church we may support those struggling to provide a home filled with faith, hope, and love.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty Father,
You have created us for a definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know
your path for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."
Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts
fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.
May our young people respond
to Your call with courage and zeal.
Stir among our men a desire
and the strength to be good and holy priests.
Bless us with consecrated religious
and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.
We commend our prayer for vocations to You,
through the intercession of
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS RESUME JANUARY 27

Life Nights will be on winter break from our December 9 Christmas Party until our Spring Kick-Off on January 27. We pray that everyone has a safe and merry Christmas! We'll miss you all, and see you in 2019!

CONFIRMATION: SESSION ON JANUARY 13

Confirmation students will meet on January 13 for only one hour. There will be Q&A sessions with priests at Newman for both parents and students that day at 2:30 p.m. The students will meet in the MPR, and the parents will meet in the Disciples Room. Come ready to get your burning questions answered!

SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date for the annual trivia night that CoMo Life Teen organizes! This year, trivia night will be on February 2. Keep an eye out for registration and more details coming soon.

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[.com/comolifeteen](http://www.comolifeteen.com)

CEP & EDGE

NO MASS MINISTRIES FOR KIDS UNTIL 2019



We will not have Children's Liturgy and the Nursery will be closed both Sunday, December 23 & 30. But we will be back in 2019!

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: What can you do for your family to celebrate this week?

For Parents: Continue praying with your advent wreath, do something fun to prepare for Christmas, and share your JOY!

Puzzle

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

All registrations/RSVPs for campus ministry are found on the website under Event Sign Ups: www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup

8PM MASS RESUMES JANUARY 20

Student Mass will resume on January 20 (the Sunday before the spring semester begins). Have a fun and safe winter break!

FINALS FOOD — THANK YOU!

To all of the individuals and groups who provided food, monetary and other support to Campus Ministry throughout the semester: Thank you! We could not do all that we do for our students without your support.

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES

The Dioceses Jefferson City is seeking mature, responsible, faith-filled young adults of college age to serve as missionaries in our 2019 Totus Tuus summer program. Totus Tuus is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Twelve positions are available. To learn more about the Totus Tuus, visit www.oymdiojeffcity.com/totus-tuus.

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PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, believe in the possibility for Hope, Help and Healing.

Please contact

- Victim assistance coordinator: Nancy Hoey at 573-694-3199
- Missouri Attorney General's office: <https://ago.mo.gov/other-resources/clergy-abuse-resources>
- The Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline: 1-800-392-3738
- The Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 1-800-392-0210
- Your local civil authorities

For information from the State of Missouri regarding reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, please visit <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/can.htm>



Diocese of Jefferson City

