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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:

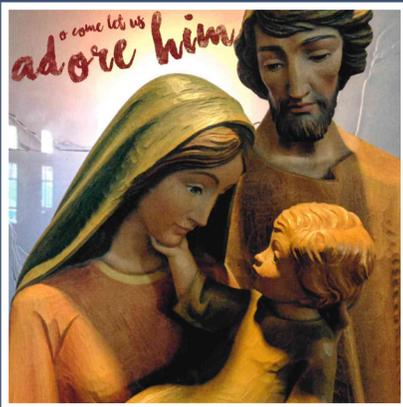
8 a.m.-Noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)



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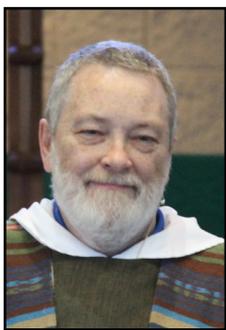
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THE MODEL OF THE HOLY FAMILY



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

I am a family man. I'm a member of the Litzau/Feely clan, together with my siblings. I'm the father of Elizabeth and Jacob and a grandparent to four grandchildren. I'm a member of the Dominican family, priests, brothers, sisters and nuns. I'm a member of the Catholic family, baptized as an infant, raised in Catholic education. I'm a member of the family here at St. Thomas More, albeit, sort of a dutch uncle.

In celebrating the feast of the Holy Family, we could enumerate the family connections inherent in that little family, but we're not going to; one should understand, at this point, the number of ways in which families are entangled. So this feast is expansive in its celebration.

"The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. [It's] main purpose ... is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the 'domestic church' ... or the 'church in miniature.' ... Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit." (Michael Wellens)

The Church has not been unengaged in the tumultuous discussion around the nature of family; it has been committed and in the forefront of those conversations. On April 8, 2016, Pope Francis issued an apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"). The 264-page document is available on the Holy See's website (w2.vatican.va).

Fr. James Martin, OSJ wrote about the exhortation in the April 8, 2016 issue of *America*: "The apostolic exhortation is mainly a document that reflects on family life and encourages families. But it is also the pope's reminder that the church should avoid simply judging people and imposing rules on them without considering their struggles. Using insights from the Synod of Bishops on the Family and from bishops' conferences from around the world, Pope Francis affirms church teaching on family life and marriage, but strongly emphasizes the role of personal conscience and pastoral discernment. He urges the church to appreciate the context of people's lives when helping them make good decisions. The goal is to help families — in fact, everyone — experience God's love and know that they are welcome members of the church."

Fr. Martin offers 10 insights that we, as we read the document, might discover. I'm simply going to list them, without the additional commentary by Fr. Martin. I invite you to prayerfully, thoughtfully discern for yourselves the underlying thoughts of our Pope Francis.

1. The church needs to understand families and individuals in all their complexity.
2. The role of conscience is paramount in moral decision making.
3. Divorced and remarried Catholics need to be more fully integrated into the church.
4. All members of the family need to be encouraged to live good Christian lives.
5. We should no longer talk about people "living in sin."
6. What might work in one place may not work in another.
7. Traditional teachings on marriage are affirmed, but the church should not burden people with unrealistic expectations.
8. Children must be educated in sex and sexuality.
9. Gay men and women should be respected.
10. All are welcome.

There is never a bad time to celebrate the strength and joy of our families. It is never a bad time to pray for the challenges that all families face in our world today. It is never a bad time to re-focus our hearts to bring them back into a family life that is centered in the Gospel. Take it from a family man.

Fr. Rich, O.P.

ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

The portrait on the cover of the bulletin this week is "Holy Family Cross" by Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS. The photo was donated in memory of Michael Carr and hangs in the Lima Room on the second floor.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY



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, and Reconciliation will not be offered at 4 p.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



January 6 | The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS WEEK**

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:30 p.m. Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass/Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 — OFFICE CLOSED

Noon Mary, Mother of God Mass/Chapel

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

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, JANUARY 3

5:30 p.m. Al Anon/Merton

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

1 p.m. Korean Legion of Mary/Conference

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

3:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel

9 & 11 a.m. Children's Liturgy/Lima, Merton, Day & Romero

9 & 11 a.m. Nursery Open/De Porres

10 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel

Noon Korean Community Time/Aquinas

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.

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. 31	Noon	+ Karl Artinger
Monday, Dec. 31	5 p.m.	Dinh & + Hanh Nguyen
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Noon	+ Teresa Hams
Wednesday, Jan. 2	Noon	Norbert & + Leonard Schumann
Thursday, Jan. 3	Noon	+ Charles Henry Sharp
Friday, Jan. 4	Noon	Helen & + Hank Radcliffe
Saturday, Jan. 5	5 p.m.	+ Elfrieda Waltz
Sunday, Jan. 6	9 a.m.	+ Sarina Mustacchia
Sunday, Jan. 6	11 a.m.	+ Richard Heimbürger
Sunday, Jan. 6	5 p.m.	All Parishioners

PARISH FINANCES

December 15/16

Offertory	\$24,400.50
Month to Date	\$89,160.18
Budget for Month	\$197,500.00
Variance	— \$108,339.82

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All registrations/RSVPs are found on the website under Parish Sign Ups:
www.comonewman.org/parish/parish-sign-ups

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.

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.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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 any issues or questions with Breeze, contact theresa@comonewman.org.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic — or know someone who is? Join Lisa Rose, RCIA Coordinator, in the Disciples Room at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 13 for an informal, information session. Contact lisa.rose@comonewman.org with questions.

WAYS TO SERVE AT THE MASS

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Mass Coordinators or Sound Board Operators at all of our weekend Masses. The training schedule is flexible as it is one-on-one with a mentor. If you have questions or are interested in either of these important ministries, please email Trent Rash, Assistant Director of Music & Liturgy, at trent@comonewman.org.

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!



WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

As we share gift-giving at Christmas, let us remember one of the most precious gifts we can give: the gift of blood, which is truly the "Gift of Life." Please mark your calendars for Newman's winter blood drive on Sunday, January 27.

NEWMAN WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Give the
Gift of Life

Sunday
Jan. 27

MPR | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NEWMAN NIGHT AT LOAVES AND FISHES

On the second Wednesday of each month, Newman cooks and serves dinner at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen here in Columbia. The next Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes is Wednesday, January 9. Volunteers are needed to cook the food, serve dinner, or bring desserts! Please sign up to volunteer on the parish website. Loaves and Fishes is located at 702 Wilkes Blvd. (at the Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church).

TITHING REPORT

November 2018

As a "tithing parish," the Newman Center contributes 5 percent of the offertory each month to nonprofit organizations. You can read more about the organizations we tithe to at: www.comonewman.org/parish/tithing/

\$268.11	Adult Day Connection
\$321.73	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$268.11	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$160.86	Day Dreams Foundation
\$107.24	First Chance for Children
\$268.11	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$214.48	Habitat for Humanity
\$214.48	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$268.11	Love, INC.
\$107.24	Spectrum Health Care
\$321.73	St. Francis House
\$214.48	True North
\$268.11	Voluntary Action Center
\$214.48	Welcome Home



JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the gift of peace within families, our community, and the world; that violence shall cease and the destruction of human life from conception until natural death will be no more.

AROUND TOWN

2019-20 TOLTON CATHOLIC ADMISSIONS DEADLINE



The deadline for Eighth Graders to apply for the 2019-2020 school year is December 31! To apply to Tolton Catholic, complete the online application form (available at www.toltoncatholic.org) and pay a non-refundable \$65 application fee. Next, submit the student's most recent grade card and any recent standardized test scores to the school office. Contact Laura Sasser at lsaser@toltoncatholic.org with questions.

JOB OPENING AT TOLTON CATHOLIC

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School currently has an opening for a full-time Math teaching position. Applicants should complete the teacher application packet on the Diocese of Jefferson City website and contact Principal Gwen Roche at 573-445-7700 or groche@toltoncatholic.org.

LOURDES' FAREWELL TO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Lady of Lourdes Contemporary Group invites you to join us for our third annual "Farewell to Christmas" concert! We will sing favorites like "Gesu Bambino," "O Holy Night," and "For Unto Us A Child is Born" as well as a new choir favorite written just this fall. There will be carol sing-alongs for those who can't imagine *not* singing, and we'll have a reception following! Admission is free (kids welcome), but a free-will offering will be taken up to benefit Angelus TV, the media ministry of Fr. Ernest Kouacou in West Africa. The concert is on Sunday, January 6 at 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes.



OLLIS POT OF GOLD AUCTION

The Pot of Gold committee is organizing for the March 16, 2019 event. More volunteers are always needed! Help is especially needed in the area of acquisitions for the live and silent auctions. If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact Elaine Hassemmer at ehassemmer@ollisk8.org. The timeline of the acquisitions work is January-March 2019.

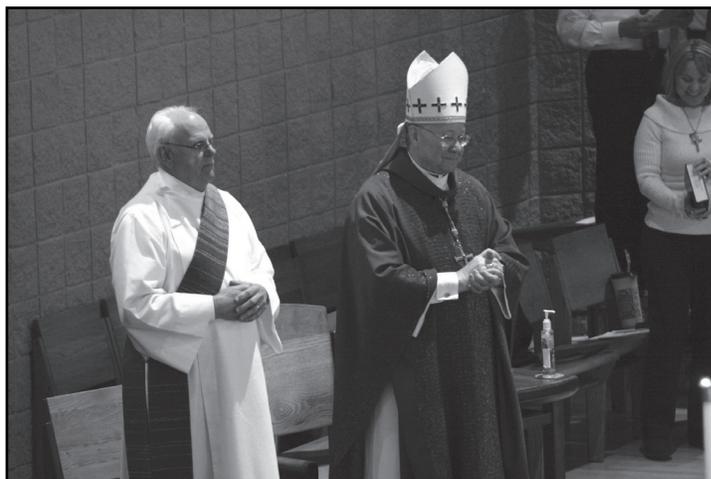
VIRTUS TRAINING

The Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children class on Sunday, January 13 at the Alphonse J. Schwartze Catholic Center in Jefferson City. The Catholic Center is located behind the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The class will be held in Room 306 and will begin at 1 p.m. Participants must register in advance at www.virtus.org. Please arrive early so that the class may begin on time. Due to the nature of the subject, children are discouraged from attending.

IN THE DIOCESE

Thursday, December 20, 2018 marked Bishop Emeritus Gaydos' 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Congratulations, Bishop Emeritus Gaydos! Thank you for your years of service and leadership in this diocese.

The following are photos of Bishop Emeritus Gaydos celebrating the 50th Anniversary Mass of Newman in 2013.



COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS ON BREAK

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from CoMo Life Teen! We're praying for you through this joyous season! Life Teen will resume on January 27 with our Spring Kickoff Party.

CONFIRMATION: SESSION ON JANUARY 13

The next class will be January 13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the MPR. This class is only an hour long. We will also be having a parent session at the same time, also at Newman. Bring your questions about the faith — we'll have priests joining us for a Q&A!

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Register online now at the parish website for the CoMo Life Teen Trivia Night! On February 2, join us for trivia, prizes and raffles! It's \$120 for a team of 8. The doors will open at 6 p.m. at the Newman Center MPR. BYOB (21+) and BYOF (food). Teens, if you need service hours and would like to work this event, please contact Renee at renee.molner@comonewman.org.

CEP & EDGE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES NEXT WEEK



We will have Children's Liturgy at the morning Masses January 6 & 13, but the nursery will depend on volunteer support. Please contact emily.shull@comonewman.org if you can help!

GET A JUMP START ON FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

We have First Communion at-home resources for families who completed First Reconciliation this fall. There are more lessons in this book than the last, so if you'd like to get started over break, please grab one bag per child from the bin by the main office.

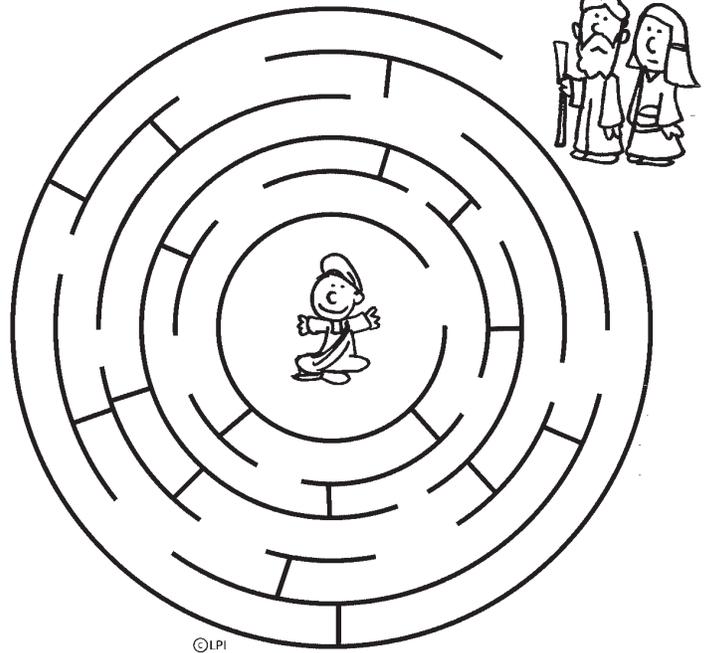
KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Jesus had a family just like you and me. Do something for your family to show that you love them!

For Parents: God wanted his son brought up in a family not so different from ours. Today, celebrate your family and take time to visit someone who doesn't have much family.

Puzzle

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



COFFEE WITH JESUS

<p>RFB </p> <p>Presents</p> <p>COFFEE WITH JESUS</p> <p>Just Being There</p> 	 <p>< sigh ></p> <p>Thanks for just being there, Jesus.</p>		 <p>Umm... I didn't mean...</p>	 <p>Shhhhh...</p> <p>Just be here, Ann.</p>
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