

# 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.

### ADORATION/HOLY HOUR:

Weekday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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Monday-Friday:

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## *2nd Sunday of Advent*

*“Prepare* the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.  
Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill  
shall be made low.”

Luke 3:4-5



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## COME OUT TO MEET HIM



**FR. AUBUCHON**

*Associate Pastor*

*Diocesan Vocations Director*

**M**y Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Advent is a time of encountering Jesus in three ways: in the past in history, in the present through His Church and Sacraments, and in the future when He comes again in all of His glory. It is also about us coming out to meet Him as well; Advent is a duel encounter — Jesus coming to us and we to Him.

As we continue in this holy Season of Advent, celebrating today the Second Sunday and thinking about how God has worked in our personal history to make us who we are, I would like to continue sharing with you about my life as I tell you how I came to discern my calling to the Holy Priesthood.

The pivotal year for the beginning of my discernment to a possible vocation to the priesthood was my junior year of high school. Three very important things happened to me that had a huge impact on the beginning of my vocational discernment. The first of those gifts from God was being introduced to Eucharistic Adoration and to powerfully experiencing the Holy Mass in a new way than ever before. I began attending a weeknight Adoration followed by Holy Mass every Tuesday evening at this little parish in the small town of Berger, Missouri. I had been introduced to Eucharistic Adoration growing up at St. George Catholic Grade School in Hermann. However, it wasn't until I started attending this Tuesday evening Adoration when that time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament came alive for me in my heart. I also began to experience the Mass in a new and more impactful way than ever before. The pastor there, Fr. Deken, celebrated the Holy Mass and presided over Exposition and Benediction so reverently and with such love for our Faith that I was deeply moved by his example. I began to go every Tuesday to spend this time with Jesus in Adoration and to receive Him in His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. I was also drawn back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time as it was offered by Fr. Deken during Adoration. I was hesitant at first to return to this Sacrament because I had been away for some years and had several sins that needed to be confessed. During that time in Adoration, Jesus gave me the courage to return to that Sacrament. Fr. Deken was a tremendous instrument of God's Divine Mercy for me in that Sacrament. I haven't stopped receiving at least monthly since.

The second very important gift that I received was spending three days in University Hospital's ICU with my family gathered in the presence of my dying grandmother. When my pastor at the time, Fr. Bill Debo, came to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, he brought great comfort as a priest of Jesus Christ to me and my family. I also saw important reconciliation happening between some of my family members who hadn't been getting along or really even speaking to each other for years. I experienced such a loving presence of Jesus in those three days and of His Church through her Sacraments that I was moved to consider if Jesus might be asking me to discern a call to the priesthood. I was so moved interiorly that I felt Jesus ask me in my heart three times in those days in the hospital,

with my grandmother dying and surrounded by my family, if I would be willing to be an instrument of His mercy and love to those families who are experiencing grief and loss like I was experiencing. In those three questions in my heart from our Blessed Lord, I was inspired to say "yes" all three times. I have been so blessed to have already experienced in four years of ordination the gift of being with many families in this kind of situation of grieving and suffering, being Jesus' presence of love with them.

The third significant gift of my junior year of high school was receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Gaydos, the same hands who would later Ordain me to the Holy Priesthood on June 7, 2014. In Bishop Gaydos' homily at my Confirmation Mass, he spoke about vocations and the importance of asking Jesus what it was that He was calling us to do with our lives in following Him in this life so as to receive the gift of the Eternal Life through our vocation one day, which is the ultimate goal of a vocation. When the Bishop was preaching about vocations in his homily, particularly the priesthood, I felt as though he was speaking directly to me and that there was no one else in the church with me; it was a deeply revealing moment of our Blessed Lord speaking right to my heart. This was an awesome, joyful, and overwhelming experience all at the same time. I look back at that memory and cannot help but give thanks to God as well as smile because now Jesus has asked me through Bishop McKnight to be the Vocation Director for our Diocese of Jefferson City.

Finally, the last and in some ways the most important piece of my initial discernment to the Holy Priesthood was my experiences within the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was in this Sacrament on a few occasions during high school, after I had come back to Confession, that I experienced our Blessed Lord ask me in my heart if I would be willing to be His instrument of mercy for others in Confession as His priest, as I had received from Him at the hands of His priests. This, along with the questions in my heart during that time with my grandmother dying, were the pivotal moments that I could not escape and are ultimately what brought me to the threshold of the seminary to begin my discernment process. It is my absolute privilege and gift to be that priestly instrument of God's Divine Mercy in the Confessional on numerous occasions. Blessed be God forever!

May we, therefore, each take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy Season of Advent as one of the best ways to prepare for His coming to us and we to Him, as we joyfully anticipate the gift of Christmas received in our midst.

*Fr. Aubuchon*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**December 16 | Third Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18



**LIBRARY HOURS THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Monday, Thursday : 10 a.m. to Noon

Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:  
[www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library](http://www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library)**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**6 p.m. Newman Night at the Food Bank  
7 p.m. Advent Penance Service/Chapel  
9:30 p.m. Power Hour/Chapel**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**4:30 p.m. Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes  
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.)/Merton**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**5:30 p.m. Al Anon/Merton  
7 p.m. A Walk through the Catechism/Disciples**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

1 p.m. Korean Legion of Mary/Conference

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**3:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Korean Mass/Chapel**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**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  
1 p.m. Christmas Children's Choir Rehearsal/Chapel  
3 p.m. Music Rehearsal/ChapelInformation 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.comonewman.org)). Thank you for being part of our faith community!**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, Dec. 10	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, Dec. 11	Noon	+ Harold & +Theresa Hall
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Noon	Dinh & +Hanh Nguyen
Thursday, Dec. 13	Noon	+ Fr. Edwin Cole
Friday, Dec. 14	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Saturday, Dec. 15	5 p.m.	+ Joan Rima & Joe Sikora
Sunday, Dec. 16	9 a.m.	+ Wanda Winter
Sunday, Dec. 16	11 a.m.	+ Nell & +George Hage
Sunday, Dec. 16	5 p.m.	+ Catherine Hagenhoff

**PARISH FINANCES**

December 1/2

Offertory	\$21,772.32
Month to Date	\$21,772.32
Budget for Month	\$197,500.00
Variance	— \$175,727.68

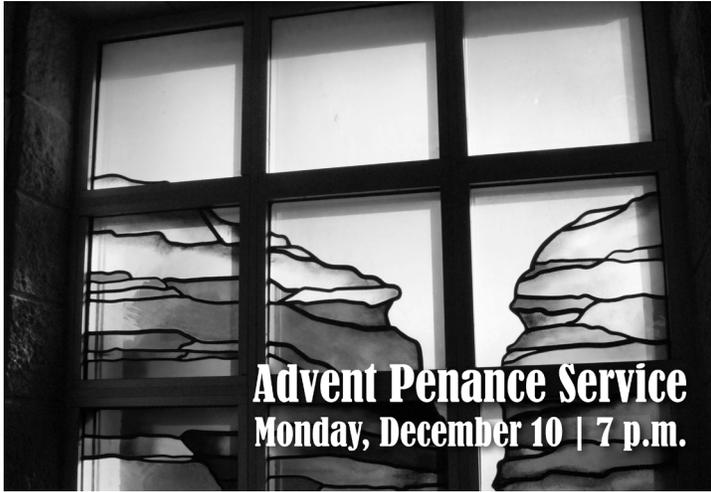
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## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



**Advent Penance Service**  
Monday, December 10 | 7 p.m.

Together with Sacred Heart, the Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 10. Priests will be available to hear confessions beginning at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The Nursery will be open for children who have not yet made their First Reconciliation.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN POTLUCK

All are invited to a tasty potluck lunch and gift exchange at this month's gathering of International Women. We will meet on Monday, December 10 at 11 a.m. at the Thornbrook Clubhouse, 4300 Thornbrook Terrace. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped "gift." For your gift, bring an item that you find in your house, in good condition, that you no longer need but that someone else might enjoy having. Alternatively, you may buy an inexpensive gift. This will be a fun gift exchange! Please call or e-mail Eunsook, 514-4953 or kimhahm@hotmail.com, if you will attend so she knows how many people to expect. Look forward to seeing you there!

## 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.

## JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children in second grade or older are invited to sing or play an instrument in the choir for our Family Christmas Eve Mass! Any children who play instruments must have been playing for at least one year. Rehearsals are the first four Sundays in December from 1-2 p.m. in the Chapel. Parents should RSVP to Kelley at [kelly.burns@comonewman.org](mailto:kelly.burns@comonewman.org) if their kids are interested.

## PARISH SURVEY

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. Thank you for your valuable input! Please complete and return no later than Sunday, December 16.

## 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 Recollection on March 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Her two presentations are jointly titled "Hearing Creation's Cry as Conversion." Save the date for this prayerful event!

## NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

### GIVING TREE — PLEASE RETURN GIFTS

Through the Giving Tree, many children will be able to celebrate Christmas with a gift to unwrap on Christmas morning. If you have not returned your unwrapped gift, please do so in the Gathering Space (with tag attached) by Sunday, December 9. If you have any questions, contact Christine Hogue at [hogue91@aim.com](mailto:hogue91@aim.com).



### 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](http://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!

## CENTRAL PANTRY DONATION

In October and November, 515 pounds of food was taken to the Central Pantry. Thank you to all who donated!

## NEWMAN NIGHT AT THE FOOD BANK

Our usual night is the second Monday of each month. The next Newman Night at the Food Bank is Monday, December 10 from 6-8 p.m. The Food Bank depends on volunteer groups, such as ours, to repackage food for the recipients. Thanks to all who came in November, especially considering the bad weather that evening. Perhaps your volunteer hours can make a Christmas contribution to those less fortunate in our community! If you've never volunteered at the Food Bank, give it a try this month. Bring friends or family members, if you'd like. All are welcome. The Food Bank requires that volunteers be at least 9 years old, wear closed-toed shoes, and arrive by 6 p.m. If you have questions, please call Gloria Young at 573-673-3070. The Food Bank's address is 2101 Vandiver Drive. Please sign up to volunteer on the website.

## 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, December 12. Volunteers are needed to cook the food, serve dinner, or bring desserts! Sign up to volunteer on the parish website under "Parish Sign Ups." Loaves and Fishes is located at 702 Wilkes Blvd. (at the Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church).

## 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

## 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!

## 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.

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

*From October 23, 2018*

*Parish Council meets every fourth Tuesday of the month.*

*Commission reports —*

- Campus Ministry: Awakenings went well. Campus Ministry won second place in their division for Homecoming activities.
- Faith Formation: All programs are going well; First Reconciliation was in early November.
- Fellowship: Coffee Sundays are going well.
- Social Justice: There is no resident parishioner in NVC leadership. Representatives from El Salvador visited Newman November 8-11.
- Worship: Working to create online training for ministry volunteers. Candlelight Masses were held this past weekend.

*Other reports —*

- Knights of Columbus: Raised \$500 at the Fisher House Brunch. Homecoming tailgate was best ever with over \$1100 raised in sales. Two dozen children's coats were donated to CPS in early October. The council held a brunch for vocations on November 4 and luncheon on Veterans Day.

### MEET THE COUNCIL



#### **Jim Koller, Faith Formation Liaison**

Jim is a retired University of Missouri Professor Emeritus in Psychology, specializing in Mental Health. He is a long-time member and supporter of the Newman Center. Jim previously served as a member of the Parish Council and as the University Faculty Liaison for the Catholic Student Association. He continues to actively participate in a variety of capacities including Mass Lector, Communion Minister, RCIA Team, and student mentor. Of special interest is his involvement in the exemplary adult education seminars conducted by the Dominicans on staff. Jim says: "We all assume one goal of education is to secure a viable college degree which culminates in gainful employment. While this goal is important, a corollary goal is as important, if not more so: spiritual growth in our faith and understanding of our Triune God through study, discussion, and prayer. We are truly blessed here at Newman to have first line access to the Newman ministerial staff — not only for adult community members, but also our entire student population. I strongly support the efforts of Campus Ministry and the Newman staff as we collaborate our community efforts for the spiritual and personal growth of our students."

## CEP & EDGE

### NURSERY OPEN FOR ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Nursery will be open during the Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 9. Any kids are welcome, including older kids who haven't made First Reconciliation.

### THANK YOU TO FAMILY ADVENT EVENT HELPERS

We so appreciate our artists, decorators, storytellers, helpers, and you the families who made Friday's event a success!

### CHILDREN MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND



Final Sunday CEP & EDGE are today, and Wednesday is already done until after the New Year. We will have Children's Liturgy and the Nursery will be open on Sunday, December 16.

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** What can you do for others to prepare your heart for Christmas?

**For Parents:** This week we hear the familiar words of John the Baptist. How will your family prepare your hearts, not just your home, for Christmas?



## Puzzle

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

BAPTIZED	JOHN	CROOKED
FORGIVEN	DESERT	SMOOTH
ISAIAH	STRAIGHT	ROUGH

C	I	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N
R	O	U	G	H	L	O	Y	U	L
O	N	B	D	I	F	T	S	M	V
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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](http://www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup)

### FUEL UP FOR FINALS

Campus Ministry will have snacks available upstairs for you as you study starting on Friday, December 7. The classrooms upstairs, the student lounge, and library study area are open for you to use. Please remember to clean up before you leave — it's a busy time at Newman and we need your help making sure the building is clean and ready to use!

### HOLY HOUR/ADORATION TIMES

There will not be Tuesday/Thursday Adoration (4-5 p.m.) during finals week. Daily Holy Hour (8:30-9:30 a.m.) and Power Hour (Monday 9:30-10:30 p.m.) will take place during finals.

### EMMAUS: AN INSTITUTE FOR DEEPER FAITH

The Dioceses Jefferson City is now hiring Totus Tuus Missionaries for the 2019 season. Twelve positions are available for faith-filled college students to execute their summer program. To learn more about the Totus Tuus, visit [www.oymdiojeffcity.com/totus-tuus](http://www.oymdiojeffcity.com/totus-tuus).

### 8PM MASS RESUMES JANUARY 20

This is the last 8 p.m. student Mass of the semester. Student Mass will resume on January 20 (the Sunday before the spring semester begins). Have a fun and safe winter break!

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PLEDGE TO HEAL

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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>



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