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NEWMAN NEWS

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MASS TIMES —

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

5 p.m. | 8 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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Today, we are especially thankful for our Newman community and all who make this community what is it. From Fr. Rich, Fr. Mike, Fr. Joachim, Sr. Karen, Fr. Aubuchon, and the entire Newman staff, we are grateful for you and we wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving.



*Brothers and sisters:
You know the time; it
is the hour now for you
to awake from sleep.*

Romans 13

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LIFE TO DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND LIFE



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

The march of the seasons is immutable. They follow, year after year, each with their own characteristics: heat and humidity, muggy nights and days, the relief of cooler days and evenings, snow and ice, frigid winds and days of freezing temperatures. The hint of green poking through the snow on the north sides of our homes. Rivulets of water soften the earth, nurturing plants and flowers to begin the cycle again. So it goes, season upon season, bringing us from life to death, resurrection, and life.

So it is with the seasons of the Church. Beginning with our preparation for the promised coming of the Messiah, the readings remind us how long we had waited. His coming, a singular event in human history, is attended by miracles and angelic announcements. Then we settle in for the journey through his ministry. We travel with him as he invites us to leave all and follow Him. We move to the inevitable preparation for the fulfillment of His mission: the agony and death on the altar of the cross. Then we are offered a sight of victory, a singular moment in human history: the moment of His resurrection. We follow the joy of the disciples as He continues to teach and minister to them. He does so right to the moment that he returns to the Father. Left behind we return to the experience of his teaching and ministry, deepening our understanding of our call to follow Him. So it goes, season upon season, bringing us from life to death, resurrection, and life.

Here we stand, beginning the Church year, preparing, yet again, for this long awaited moment. Here we stand, yet again, faced with the choice of how to enter into this moment. I would suggest that before we can move forward, we should look back and ask ourselves how we have experienced our faith in the past year. Yet again, we look back over a year that brought more sadness and anger both in our Church and in our country. Yet again, we are challenged to choose a path through the chaos that is somehow rooted in the hope that God's love will prevail. Our faith tells us that Christ's words will lead us to grace, will lead us to a peace beyond telling.

For the next weeks, as Advent unfolds, we are called to take this season as an opportunity to, yet again, ready our hearts and our minds to take in this little infant. We get to choose how to go about that preparation. This season is certainly made more poignant with the pending change, but it is nonetheless a season of opportunity, a season to be entered into with the intention of successfully experiencing it. We should be changed by this season, encouraged, and supported by the potential that is found in every birth, but most especially in this birth, of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father. Sent by the Father to redeem us, to lift us up, and show us that love wins the day.

It is my belief that God's plan is unfolding, that our part in it requires prayerfully discernment. There is no one path to that discovery; we pray, we are still. The voice of God comes to us in those quiet moments. So it goes, season upon season, bringing us from life to death, resurrection, and life.

As this season begins, I wish you peace, joy, patience, and the will to prepare.

Fr. Rich, O.P.

MASS ACCOMMODATIONS

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St. Thomas More **NEWMAN CENTER**
A Catholic Community of Faith

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Mass Accommodations

Welcome to St. Thomas More Newman Center. We're happy to have you join us for our Masses! We offer the following accommodations for individuals with special needs.

Hearing Assistance Devices

Hearing aids are available to individuals who need assistance. Ask one of our greeters when you come in, and they can help you get one.

As a large parish, we are aware that our community has diverse needs. In an effort to make everyone feel at home here, our staff has participated in an Autism Friendly Business training from the Thompson Center to raise awareness of the various needs that individuals may have when attending Mass here at Newman. As a result, we are offering some new accommodations for individuals with special needs.

We have a new page on our website (www.comonewman.org/mass-accommodations; Find under "About Us") detailing the accommodations we offer at Mass. Posted there are our social stories for Mass and Children's Liturgy. These are stories that explain what children can expect to happen when they attend Mass here with pictures to help familiarize them with the building. Families can print these stories out at home to look over with their children prior to attending.

We also have new resources to offer individuals with sensory disorders during Mass. We have noise reduction headphones available in multiple sizes and some sensory-friendly distraction items that can be borrowed when a child is becoming overwhelmed and needing to focus on something else. Our greeters know where to find these items in the greeters' closet. A laminated, bound copy of the social story for Mass will also be located in this bag of resources. Families of children with special needs are encouraged to contact the office during the week or speak with a greeter or staff member at Mass to learn where to find our new resources.

Additionally, we'd like to remind you of the other accommodations we offer at Mass. Low gluten hosts are available at all our Masses — contact the parish office or see a priest for more information. We also offer hearing assistance devices, which are available at the soundboard booth in the back of the chapel — ask a greeter if you need one. Our greeters can also move chairs on the edges of our rows to make more room for wheelchairs. Please let one of them know if you need a chair moved. Finally, the blue chairs in the back are for individuals with mobility issues or those who need a softer seat. Please leave those free for the members of our community who need them.

Please let us know if there are other things we can do to make attending Mass a comfortable experience for you and your family.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

December 8 | Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72

Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12



**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:

www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

10 a.m.	Women's Spirituality/1922 W Broadway
6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
7 p.m.	RCIA/MPR
7:15 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
9:30 p.m.	Power Hour/Chapel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 242/Lima
7 p.m.	Newman Needleworks/Romero

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:15 p.m.	CEP Classes/Second Floor Classrooms
6:30 p.m.	EDGE Bible Study/Disciples
6:30 p.m.	Student Pastoral Council/Conference
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (5pm Sat)/Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (9am)/Chapel
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (11am)/Chapel
7:45 p.m.	Mizzou CSA Exec Meeting/Conference
9 p.m.	Ephesians 3/MPR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

7 p.m.	Advent Penance Service/Chapel
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

6 p.m.	Young Adults Holiday Potluck/Disciples
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8 a.m.	Christmas Resale/MPR
3:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 a.m.	Christmas Resale/MPR
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	Family Advent Event/MPR
2 p.m.	Christmas Children's Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
2:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class/MPR
3 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
6 p.m.	EDGE/MPR
6:30 p.m.	RCIA Inquiry Session/Disciples
6:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
6:45 p.m.	Life Night/Sacred Heart Education Building

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 2	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Noon	Tree & Randy Schmitz
Wednesday, Dec. 4	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Thursday, Dec. 5	Noon	+ Bob & + Emma Tribble
Friday, Dec. 6	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham
Saturday, Dec. 7	5 p.m.	Dinh & + Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, Dec. 8	9 a.m.	+ Timothy Owen O'Day
Sunday, Dec. 8	11 a.m.	+ Ron Frederick
Sunday, Dec. 8	5 p.m.	+ David Jonassen
Sunday, Dec. 8	8 p.m.	Campus Ministry benefactors

PARISH FINANCES**November 16/17**

Offertory	\$14,139.34
Month-to-Date	\$67,244.32
Budget for month	\$110,000.00
Variance	— \$42,755.68

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA	\$2,300.00
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www.comonewman.org/parish/parish-sign-ups

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children in second grade or older are invited to sing or play an instrument in our Children's Choir for the Family Christmas Eve Mass (5 p.m. on December 24)! Any child who plays an instrument must have been playing for at least one year. Rehearsals are the first four Sundays in December from 2-3 p.m. in the Chapel. Parents should RSVP to Kelley at kelley.burns@comonewman.org if their kids are interested.



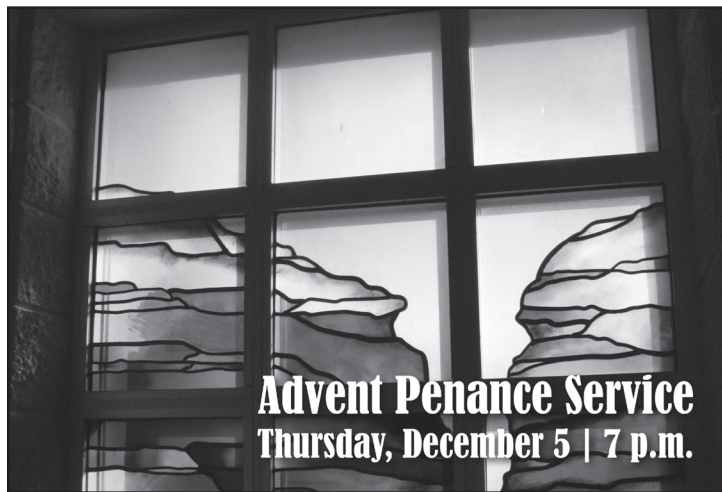
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADVENT SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Advent Wreaths, Candles, and Calendars in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend. There are an assortment of real and electric candles and wreaths available. All proceeds benefit the council's charitable activities.

PROVIDE FOOD FOR LOAVES & FISHES: #GIVINGTUESDAY

This year on #GivingTuesday, which falls on December 3, Campus Ministry will be raising funds for students to attend the FOCUS SLS conference in Phoenix as well as the food for Newman's monthly meals at the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen. Give online at comonewman.org/givingtuesday or through Venmo (@comonewman, comment #GT). All gifts made on December 3 will be matched!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



YOUNG ADULTS: HOLIDAY POTLUCK

All young adults (young professionals and graduate and professional students in their 20's and 30's) are invited to a holiday potluck on Friday, December 6 at 6 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Bring a friend and a dish to share! Contact theresa@comonewman.org with questions.



CHRISTMAS RESALE

The Christmas Resale is a time to donate holiday decorations and shop gently used seasonal decor for garage sale prices! Contact JoAnn at joann@comonewman.org if interested in volunteering.

- **Donation Information:** We will receive donations on Thursday and Friday, December 5-6. *No early donations will be accepted due to lack of storage space.* Please bring in your donations to the MPR (second floor) starting Thursday, December 5. Carts will be available to use.
- **Sale times:** Shop on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

KEMPER LIBRARY REMODELING BOOK SALE

The Kemper Library will be having a book sale in the upstairs hall outside the MPR beginning on Saturday December 7 at 8 a.m. and continuing the entire weekend, including before and after all Masses. All books will be \$1.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

The December meeting for the Women's Spirituality group at Sr. Karen's house (1922 W. Broadway on the lower level) is rescheduled to December 8/9 instead of the first weekend. The readings for our final discussion on "Growing in Maturity in Prayer" were sent out earlier in the week. Feel free to come even if you were unable to make previous sessions. The same discussion is offered on Sunday (December 8) from 3-4:30 p.m. as the following Monday (December 9) from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Sr. Karen at srkaren@comonewman.org with questions.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION —NO OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. This year, it is NOT a holy day of obligation. Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be at Noon and 7 p.m. on December 9.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

A dedicated group of Eucharistic Ministers is ready to visit parishioners who are homebound or in long term care centers, even if the need is temporary. Ministers can also visit a parishioner who might be homebound as a caregiver for a loved one. Please contact Sr. Karen at srkaren@comonewman.org to arrange this.

2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

2020 Calendars from Catholic Extension are available for pick up in the Gathering Space. Calendars are free, courtesy of Central Missouri Auto Body.

NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

PERSONAL ITEMS COLLECTION

Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting items for Room at the Inn during November and December. Requested items include warm gloves & hats, crew length socks, over-the-counter medications, and travel-size toiletries. Please see the NVC bulletin boards for a complete list of requested items and contact information if you wish to volunteer. Donations may be placed in the large silver bin in the Turner Street entrance. Thank you for your generosity!



GIVING TREE — RETURN GIFTS BY DECEMBER 8

Through the Giving Tree, many children will be able to celebrate Christmas with a gift to unwrap on Christmas morning. Please take a tag off of the tree and return your unwrapped gift next to the tree in the Gathering Space (with tag attached) by Sunday, December 8. If you have any questions, contact Christine Hogue at hogue91@aim.com or 573-999-6406.

NEWMAN NIGHT AT THE FOOD BANK

The next Newman Night at the Food Bank is Monday, December 9 from 6-8 p.m. Our usual night is the second Monday of each month. The Food Bank depends on volunteer groups, such as ours, to repackage food for their recipients. A November snowstorm cancelled our volunteer night. Hopefully the weather will be better in December! Please come if you can, and bring a friend!

The Food Bank is now requiring all volunteers to set up a profile. Please visit *Parish Sign Ups* for a link and instructions on how to register. Or, you can find a paper form in the Gathering Space. Register by 4 p.m. on Friday, December 6. Thanks to those who have registered already. The Food Bank requires that volunteers wear closed toed shoes and to arrive by 6 p.m. If you have questions, please call Gloria Young at 573-673-3070. The Food Bank is located at 2101 Vandiver Drive.

NEWMAN NIGHT AT LOAVES & FISHES

Every second Wednesday of the month, Newman cooks and serves dinner at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Columbia. The next Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes is December 11. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve dinner, or bake desserts. Please RSVP on *Parish Sign Ups*. Loaves and Fishes is located at 702 Wilkes Blvd. (at the Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church).

COMO LIFE TEEN

UPCOMING LIFE NIGHT: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us at Life Night next week on December 8 for our Christmas party! Just a reminder, our Christmas party is the last Life Night of the semester. Life Nights will start back up on January 19. We meet for Life Nights on Sundays from 6:45-8:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Education building. Join us for dinner, friends, and games!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION



Confirmation class is on December 8 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the MPR. We will have a teaching Mass for the students, which will fulfill their Sunday obligation. Please arrive ready for Mass and ready to ask questions!



WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick.

For our beloved dead. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention: As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.

Call the Parish Office to request prayers or to have the Eucharist brought to the homebound. Names will be listed for two weeks.

A STEWARD'S WAY

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? JOAN BUTCHER



Q: When were you parishioner at Newman?
A: 1981-2018

Q: Why did you decide to make Newman your faith home?

A: I enjoyed the warm welcoming atmosphere, Fr. Mike Quinn, and the combination of students

and parishioners — there's an energy!

Q: Where are you now?

A: I moved back to St. Louis to be near my family. I joined St. Catherine Laboure, a Vincentian parish, where there are many opportunities to serve the poor. I've joined a Small Community of Faith group there as well.

Q: In what ways were you a steward at Newman?

A: While I was at Newman, I was a hospital Eucharistic Minister and took advantage of several of the programs.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Newman?

A: The people and many opportunities to grow in faith. I miss Sr. Karen's Women's Spirituality group, International Women's group, and noon Mass.



CEP & EDGE

FAMILY ADVENT EVENT: DECEMBER 8

On Sunday, December 8 after 11 a.m. Mass, families are invited to join us to see the Advent materials used in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. The Christmas pageant will not be held this year due to conflicts. We'll seek feedback about what to do next year.

FINAL CEP & EDGE OF FALL SEMESTER

We will have Wednesday CEP this week, December 4, and Sunday CEP and EDGE next Sunday, December 8. We will then take a break until January 5 and 8.

DECEMBER KIDS MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

We are off this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. Children's Liturgy and the Nursery will be offered December 8 and 15, but we will not have kids ministries at Masses December 22 or 29.

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Advent is a season that prepares our hearts for Christmas. What will your family do to get ready?

For Parents: The reading from Isaiah describes a profound peace and an outpouring of faith — the world to be on pilgrimage toward God. In this holy season, we have the opportunity to provide a time of peace, prayer, and hope for our family. Make an Advent plan together.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

NOAH	MARRIED	TAKEN
EATING	FLOOD	LEFT
DRINKING	TOGETHER	READY

S T B F L O O D E O
 N O A H N Y U R M G
 U G R D O D T K A N
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CHRISTUS VIVIT

Christus Vivit

Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some"

[Christus Vivit, Ch 5:177]

An Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father Francis to Young People and the People of God

Visit zenit.org/articles/christus-vivit-full-text to read the full passages or the Apostolic Exhortation.

TOTUS TUUS — JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Youth Ministry with the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking faith-filled college students to serve in our summer youth ministry programs. Paid and volunteer positions are available with time commitments ranging from one week to 10 weeks in length. They need counselors for adventure camps, mentors for Christian Service Retreat, and missionaries for the Totus Tuus program. If you love Christ and want to share your faith with teens and kids this summer, please contact John DeLaporte, Director of Youth Ministry and Religious Ed, at 573-635-9127 ext.233 or jdelaporte@diojeffcity.org. Visit www.diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry to learn more about their summer offerings.

VOCATIONS VISIT

An upcoming opportunity for one-on-one spiritual direction and conversations with religious: Fr. Fallon will be visiting on Monday, December 2. Sign-up for an appointment (between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.) by contacting him directly at BrianFallon@archstl.org. For more information, contact Yvonne at yvonne@comonewman.org.

#FUELUPFORFINALS: FINALS FOOD

Campus Ministry will have snacks available upstairs for you as you study starting on Friday, December 6. 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!

