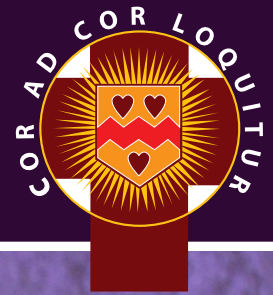


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MASS TIMES —

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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With Bishop McKnight, this month we pray for all our deceased family and friends and for all the souls in purgatory: that the Lord may have mercy on them, and may they see the face of God and live.

Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom."

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be
with me in Paradise."

Luke 23

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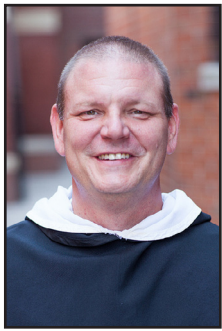
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IT IS NEVER TOO LATE



FR. MIKE
Associate Pastor

One of the things I like the best about being a part of our shared Catholic tradition is the way we think of "time" and how, if we let it, it can affect the way we live and interact with those around us. Here is what I mean...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! (Although I am a week early.)

No, I'm not talking about the calendar year. January the first is nice and all, but our Catholic way of remembering Jesus' life, the liturgical year that is, looks at time differently, and I am thankful it does. Have you noticed over the past few weeks how some of the most difficult and challenging parts of our faith have been visiting us in all of the readings at Mass? And, if you think about it, it really makes a lot of good sense.

We start our liturgical year, which begins next Sunday, with Advent and remember the how's and reasons for Christ's coming. Then we move into "ordinary time" for a few weeks. And no, "ordinary" does not mean simple or boring. It's basically a simplification of the Latin word *ordianlis*, which means logically sequenced. In other words, we start with Jesus' earliest and simplest teachings and move on to the really challenging stuff. Of course, we take a break from the ordinal for the most important seasons of our faith, Lent and Easter, and then pick up where we left off.

We are now at the end of ordinal liturgical time. We have been following Jesus' life and what we have been seeing is Him teaching His followers, us that is, the most difficult and challenging things He wanted us to learn. Think back over the past six or seven weeks of the readings at Mass, and you'll see what I mean. It is some very challenging and difficult stuff.

Thankfully we get the chance on this last Sunday of the old year to put things into perspective. I think it was what Jesus was aiming at from the start. Through all of the things He did and taught and endured for us, He was trying to get His followers — us as individuals that is — to understand the simple thing St. Dismas learned hanging next to Him on his cross. And that is: if we are honest with ourselves and about ourselves and admit we need His help and forgiveness, **it will be there for us when we need it the most, and it is never too late for us to truly accept it!**

As with all things of faith, "simple" does not always mean "easy." It takes work. It is very difficult at times. But it is well worth it! And Jesus has given us lots of help for this journey. We have family, friends, our St. Thomas More community, and millions of others sisters and brothers in Christ to help and pray for us along the way!

One of the gifts God has given me personally along these lines (and I am sure all of my Dominican Brothers who have served here at the Newman Center will agree) is the opportunity to share my journey of life and faith with all of you here. The news that we Dominicans will not be ministering here in the coming years is truthfully difficult to process. However, today's readings reminded me that it is important to remember all of the good lessons and things we have taught each other during our time together. I believe that more often than we think, God can get us to grow in faith and love even when things seem very difficult. Ask St. Dismas if you doubt this simple truth.

What will you pray for in Thanks Giving on Thursday? Will you remember to add the lesson Jesus so pointedly taught on the Cross and the one Church reminds of us this weekend? Namely, even when things may seem to be at their worst, great and very holy things can occur. I hope so!

Fr. Mike, O.P.

NVC PERSONAL ITEMS COLLECTION



Please help us keep people in our community warm this winter! For November and December, Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting personal items for the Room at the Inn.

Since 2008, Room at the Inn has worked with members of the Columbia community to provide for those who have no place to go during the cold winter months. The program will reopen on December 8 to offer a safe and warm place to sleep.

Newman is collecting warm gloves and hats, crew length socks, over-the-counter medicine, and travel-size toiletries. There are several other requested items from Room at the Inn that can be found on the NVC bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Donated items can be placed in the large steel bin in the Turner Street entrance.

Visit www.roomattheinncomo.org or @ColumbiaRATI on Facebook for more information about the shelter and how to get involved. Thank you to all who have donated to the monthly personal item collections this year!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

December 1 | First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44



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

**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6 p.m. Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 242/Lima

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

3:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Korean Mass/Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
 10 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
 2 p.m. Christmas Children's Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
 3 p.m. Women's Spirituality/1922 W Broadway
 3 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
 6 p.m. EDGE/MPR
 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.

**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, Nov. 25	Noon	Yvonne Chamberlain
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Noon	† Jim Koller
Wednesday, Nov. 27	Noon	† Eric Cooper
Thursday, Nov. 28	Noon	† Arsenio Directo
Friday, Nov. 29	Noon	Jim Handel
Saturday, Nov. 30	5 p.m.	Dinh & † Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, Dec. 1	9 a.m.	† Eric Cooper
Sunday, Dec. 1	11 a.m.	† Ron Frederick
Sunday, Dec. 1	5 p.m.	Veronica Ann Hail
Sunday, Dec. 1	8 p.m.	All Parishioners

PARISH FINANCES

The November 16/17 parish finance report will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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

THANKSGIVING MASS (NOVEMBER 28) AT 10 A.M.

Daily Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28) will be at 10 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed November 28-29.

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.

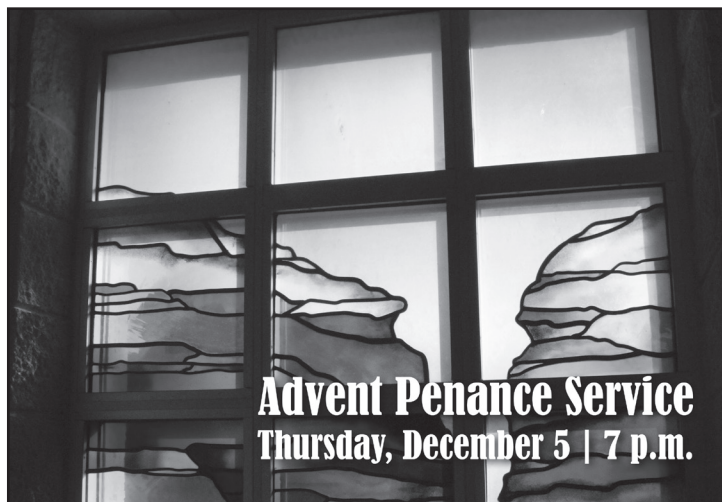
WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

All women are invited to join Sr. Karen for Women's Spirituality, a monthly discussion to share faith. This fall's discussion will be about Praying for the Life of the World. The group meets at Sr. Karen's home, 1922 W. Broadway on the lower level. The same discussion is offered on Sundays from 3-4:30 p.m. and the following Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. The last meeting for this semester is December 1/2, focused on *Being faithful to the journey*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR #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:** Due to space constraints with the Giving Tree donations, we can **only** 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.
- **Volunteers needed:** Help set up or work the sale, and you can pre-shop on Thursday/Friday. Email joann@comonewman.org to sign up for a shift.

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.

ACCOMPANIST NEEDED FOR MASSES

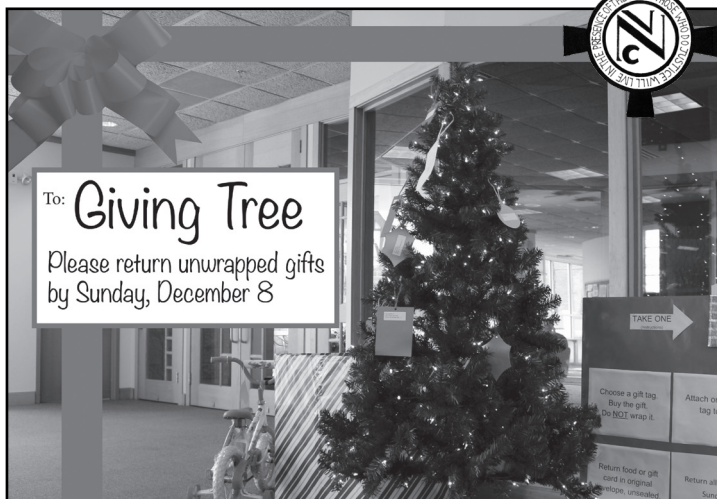
Newman is looking for a piano/organ accompanist for the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass or as a substitute for all weekend Masses. Rehearsals are typically Monday or Wednesday evenings during the week and before Mass. Accompanists are paid stipends. For more information on requirements or to apply, visit the *Parish Sign Ups* page or contact Kelley at kelley.burns@comonewman.org.

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.



NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



THE GIVING TREE IS BACK THIS ADVENT!

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.

KOLBE FAMILY MINISTRY

Do you have a loved one or family member who is incarcerated? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming community where you will be accepted? Join one of our meetings! The Kolbe Family Ministry, part of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, is a support group designed to accompany family members on their journey. The confidential meetings offer support, comfort, and fellowship to address the difficulties you are experiencing as we bring together family members of the incarcerated. All are welcome, regardless of faith affiliation. Contact kolbefamilyministry@gmail.com or 573.635.7719 ext. 7 for more information.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR THE CENTRAL PANTRY

Newman collects non-perishable food items and donates them to the Central Pantry on a monthly basis. The Central Pantry in Columbia is one of the largest food pantries in the state and is owned and operated by The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri. The Central Pantry helps feed more than 10,000 people every month.

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS: ADVENT NIGHT

Join us at Life Night next week on December 1 for our Advent night! Just a reminder, there are only two Life Nights left in the semester before Christmas break — our Advent night and our Christmas party! For our full Fall schedule, find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at [@comolifeteen](https://www.instagram.com/comolifeteen). 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!



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' November Prayer Intention: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Bishop McKnight's November Prayer Intention: For all our deceased family and friends, and for all the souls in purgatory: that the Lord may have mercy on them, and may they see the face of God and live.

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

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK: TECHNOLOGY

Sometimes the impact of your stewardship is unseen.

Part of running a parish is the continual upkeep of the building and grounds. These updates and upgrades aren't always big and flashy, but they do allow us to keep our parish home running smoothly.

In this past year, technology at Newman has taken big strides forward. We upgraded our internet for faster browsing speeds. The Wi-Fi throughout the building was also upgraded to provide additional security and the ability to handle additional users. Both of these improvements allow us to keep up with the way the world is moving while fulfilling our mission to share the Good News on campus and in our community.

As a necessity to continue managing our new HVAC system, we upgraded the server. This will allow the company who manages our HVAC to continue to do so efficiently which will increase comfort in the building and keep our energy costs reasonable.

Also built into our budget is the replacement of computers for staff members. Although tube monitors left our building several years ago, replacing the PCUs on a rotating basis keeps our technology current and fast. Our staff are able to be more efficient in their work and, therefore, spend more time in direct ministry with the populations they serve.

As the diocese continues to move forward with technological advancements with database systems and online technologies, we will integrate and advance with the entire diocese. Although we may see some hiccups along the road (as happens any time new technology is involved!) these upgrades will continue to allow us to serve the people of God!



WI-FI NETWORK AND PASSWORD

Network Name — Newman: Peace Be With You
Network Password — bandwidthyourspirit



FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATS

On Wednesday, the parish second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! Thanks to all who offered prayers and support!

CEP & EDGE SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THANKSGIVING

There will be no Wednesday CEP or EDGE Bible study on Wednesday, November 27, and no kids ministries including Sunday CEP, EDGE, Children's Liturgy, and the Nursery services on Sunday, December 1. Kids programs continue as usual next Sunday, November 24.

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.

KIDS' CORNER

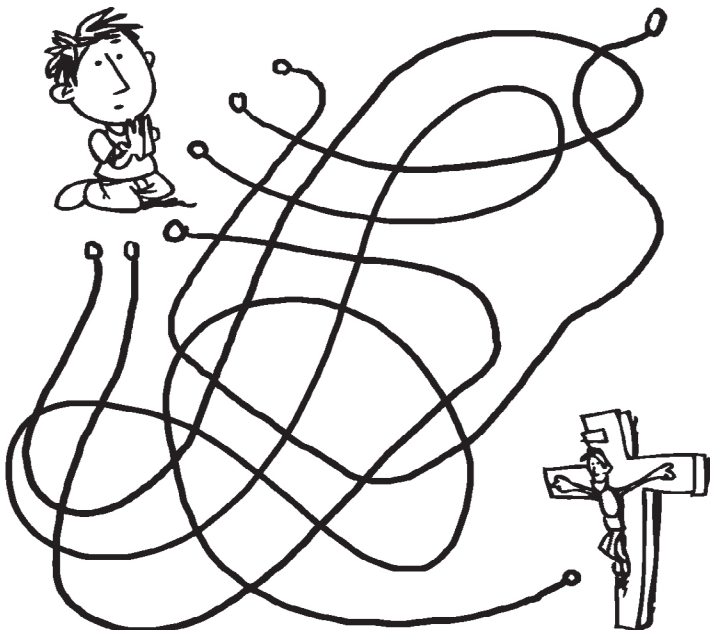
For Kids: There will be times when it's hard to know what is right, but ask Jesus to help you follow him no matter what.

For Parents: The thief recognized that Jesus is King even when it didn't make sense. Share with your kids a time when it was hard to follow God and how it worked out in the long run.



Puzzle

Find the path that leads to Jesus.



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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

Diocesan Campaign for Human Development — \$5,113.08

\$272.11	Adult Day Connection
\$326.54	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$272.11	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$163.27	Day Dreams Foundation
\$272.11	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$217.69	Habitat for Humanity
\$108.85	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$217.69	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$272.11	Love, INC.
\$108.85	Spectrum Health Care
\$326.54	St. Francis House
\$217.69	True North
\$272.11	Voluntary Action Center
\$217.69	Welcome Home

AROUND TOWN

CURSILLO NEWS

Mark your calendars for the Area Wide Postcursillo Ultreya, which will be held from 3-5 p.m. on December 1 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Flanagan Hall.



OLLIS: KINDERGARTEN LIST FOR 2022-2023

OLLIS begins accepting names for the kindergarten list for 2022-2023. Find the application on our website, and submit it with the \$40 application fee to the OLLIS office. We are still accepting applications for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Needed forms to apply are: the application, a \$40 fee, and proof of parish registration. We anticipate these classes filling up quickly.

Child's Birthdate

August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017

August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016

August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015

Kindergarten Class

2022-2023

2021-2022

2020-2021

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MU FAMILY IMPACT CENTER

The MU Family Impact Center is seeking volunteers for the VITA program, which is sponsored by the IRS and provides free tax returns for low to moderate income families through volunteer preparation. Two information sessions for volunteers will be held on December 2 at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Family Impact Center is at 105 E. Ash Street. For more information, call 573-882-2428.

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE SYSTEM

Learn about the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and the medical applications called NaProTechnology. This is chemical-free reliable family planning to achieve or avoid pregnancy and to monitor women's health. The next complimentary introduction session is December 7 at 10 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Office. RSVP to Phyllis A White, CFCE at 816-550-8789 or FertilityCare.Como@gmail.com

