

poured out

Lifestyle of Grace



PRAYER



HOSPITALITY



FORMATION



SERVICE



St. Thomas More **NEWMAN CENTER**
Columbia, Missouri

Disciples of Christ return their gifts to the Lord through acts of stewardship.

The four pillars of stewardship inform our lives as disciples. How would the Lord's grace be ever apparent in our lives and in our community if we each fully engaged in a sacramental life of stewardship?

Prayer

- Sunday & Weekday Liturgies
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Parish Mission & Retreat Days
- Sacramental Preparation
- Korean Legion of Mary



Hospitality

- Campus Ministry
- Music & Liturgical Ministries
- Homebound & Hospital Ministry
- Funeral Meal Ministry
- Knights of Columbus
- Parish Picnic & Trivia Night



Formation

- Children's Religious Education
- Acts 2:47
- Adult Small Group Bible Studies
- Adult Faith Formation Classes
- RCIA
- High School Youth Ministry



Service

- Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen
- El Salvador Sister Parish
- Mission Trips
- Food Bank & Food Pantry
- Giving Tree at Christmas
- Blood Drive



Dear Newman Family,

It is no secret that this past year has been full of changes. I began this letter last year with the same sentence and it stands true again this year. Our Newman community is ever changing and growing as the Spirit calls us. This year is no different in that regard. Whether your measure is the updates to the building, new ministry programs, increased offertory contributions, or the new members of our community, I can clearly see that we are a living Church, a Catholic faith community who seeks out Jesus and responds to the promptings of the Spirit.

I imagine that this coming year will bring an abundance of graces onto our community. You have shown me time and time again that we are a community that says "yes!" to Christ and to journeying with His people.

In my six years here, I have baptized new Catholics, both babies and adults. I have walked beside others who have journeyed home to their Creator. I have seen Newman as a community become even more vibrant and welcoming than when I first came to Columbia. I believe these graces have been poured out as we grow into deeper understanding as our call as stewards of the gifts the Lord has given us.

So I ask you: how is the Lord calling you to steward your gifts?

Everything you have come from God - how will you give back in gratitude?

In order to live a lifestyle of grace, we must embrace our call as stewards. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to what God is calling us to do. Show hospitality to the stranger. Study the ways Jesus asks us to follow him. Serve with this community of faith to make our world a better place.

Please spend a few moments this week to reflect upon your gifts and how you are called to respond in gratitude through the four pillars of stewardship. Then, bring the enclosed Good Faith Intention card and "Serve and Be Served" card to Mass next weekend on January 25 and 26. This special Discernment Weekend will be the time to renew your faith commitments for 2020.

I am truly grateful of everyone's past generosity to our parish. I thank you in advance for your prayerful support, participation, and faithfulness.

In Catherine & Dominic,

Fr. Rich

Fr. Rich Litzau, O.P. | Pastor



Your Offertory Giving Options

How, when, and how much you give should be a prayerful decision through the discernment of the gifts the Lord has given you. We would like to make the actual process of making a gift easy for you. Newman offers many venues for you to give a gift to the church. Select the option which is best for your household. Know that your gift is greatly appreciated and that our parish community could not serve without your “yes!”

Envelopes

Upon registering with the parish, all households will begin to receive Sunday envelopes, unless you have signed up for a recurring giving method. Placing your envelope in the basket each week is a reminder of your sacrificial gift to the parish! Envelopes for “special collections” are sent quarterly, even if you have an automatic monthly/weekly gift established.

Check/Cash

In lieu of envelopes, you can also place cash or checks in the basket. Checks will still be credited to your giving account. Loose cash cannot be tracked in this way, though your gift is still appreciated!

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer (most preferred electronic giving option)

Using EFT allows you to set up an automatic transfer from your bank account to Newman on a monthly or bi-weekly basis. Neither you nor Newman incurs fees for this transaction so 100% of your gift goes to Newman. To utilize this option, fill out the back of your good faith intention card and return with a voided check. Future changes must be submitted in writing (mail or email) and generally must be made with at least two weeks advance notice.

Venmo

Through the Venmo app on your phone, you can give directly from your bank account to Newman and incur no fees. (Search @comonewman)

Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account Online

You can give online at <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can set up your gift at any time and can choose the day of the month your gift is withdrawn. With this option, Newman incurs 1%-3% in fees with each transaction.

Non-Traditional Options

Many parishioners are finding ways to give which allow them to give more with reduced tax implications. Giving from your IRA (if you're over 70.5), gifting appreciated securities, or giving through your annuity are all potential ways to give either monthly or annually. Contact Newman or your financial advisor for more information.