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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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Staff Appreciation Lunch by
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THE CREATION OF A FAMILY



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

Let's chat about the Holy Family. We begin with Mary's "YES!" to an angel, despite her virginity, her misgivings, and her fears. She knew in her acceptance she might possibly be shunned, perhaps disowned by her family and community. But from her birth, she had been preparing for this moment.

Joseph's "YES!" is made in response to the same angel and made despite his fears and his righteousness. His love and trust of Yahweh and his love for Mary, his betrothed, brought him to

accept her and her Child, *Emmanuel, God-is-with-us*.

The Christ; we've just celebrated the singular moment in human history in which the Son of God took on human flesh as an infant. Born of a Virgin and protected by Joseph, Jesus began his journey enfolded in the love of two who answered "YES!" in support and furtherance of God's redemptive plan.

Let's fast forward through the millennia. Some things have not changed; a "YES!" is still fundamental to the creation of a family. Commitment, love, sacrifice, raising and protecting children, and mutual support are just some of the characteristics of today's family. Our Church, clearly investing in the structure and support of families, has an operational definition grounded in doctrine and scripture. It has, and will, stand the test of time.

At the same time, as we honor and bless that model, we are challenged to minister to those outside that model. They, too, need compassion, blessings, and prayers. Jesus did not withhold grace to those most in need, nor should we. Our world is a complicated, chaotic universe. There is no end to the sadness, the emotional and physical pain, and the despair that ministers are called to respond to.

Families, even under attack, remain the cornerstone of our culture. In celebrating this feast of the Holy Family, we are called back to that fundamental truth: *Emmanuel, God-is-with-us*, chose the family as His entry into our history. Whatever your family history, be they scoundrels or saints, villains or heroes, it is the family that ultimately forms and directs us, for better or worse.

We honor Mary and Joseph and their "YES!" that became the Holy Family, their sacrifice made in order to raise and protect this infant, this Son of God. We are called to acknowledge the role that our families have played in our own formation. For better or for ill, we are, in part, what our families have helped us to become. Today's feast calls us to decide how we want the future of our world to look. Do we want a world, grounded in respect for the family and all that means?

Pray for our families. Pray for broken families and blended families. Pray for childless families. Pray for single parent families; pray for parentless families. The presence of the Son of God blest all families.

Celebrate your family. Celebrate your faith family. Celebrate God's presence in your life and in our world.

Let the Church say, "YES!"

Fr. Rich, O.P.

YOUR GIFT FROM THE BASKET

Have you ever thought about what happens with your donation after you've placed it in the offertory basket? We have a team of wonderful, dedicated volunteers who help to ensure each week that every penny you donate goes exactly where you intend it to go.

Throughout the course of the year, you receive envelopes for many different collections in your packet. All donations brought in through weekend offertory are first separated into like groups (offertory, building fund, Christmas/Easter flowers, Diocesan Special Collections, etc.) and this is why it is important and extremely helpful to have separate checks written when you're donating to more than one fund. A good rule of thumb to follow is – if it has a separate envelope, it needs a separate check.

After breaking the donations out by category, each category is totaled. Each total is then verified by another volunteer and finally by myself before it is deposited and coded to the appropriate account so that we can be certain your donation for Christmas Flowers is used toward the cost of Christmas Flowers and that every other offering is likewise designated and used toward the purpose specified by you, the donor.

The last step in the process is entering all the donations into the database associated with the donor's electronic record, ultimately compiling your year-end giving statement. In order for our system, and therefore the information you receive, to be accurate, it is important that you keep your electronic record up to date. Be sure to let us know if you've had an address change or gotten a new primary email address. If you would like to create an account to view your giving online through our church management system, visit 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.

Below are some tips that help make the work of our volunteers and myself an easy task:

- Please write separate checks for each donation category to which you're giving
- Please do not tape your giving envelope shut or staple your check inside the envelope
- Please avoid folding up loose bills as it takes time to undo those before counting
- Make sure that the hand-written and numerical amounts on your check match and that your check is signed
- If you are out of town and the next weekend want to contribute two or more weeks of tithing, it's okay to write just one check in this instance (as long as the total donation is going toward one giving category only, i.e. offertory — one check is fine.)
- If a loose check is placed in the offertory basket (not in a giving envelope), it will be put toward general offertory unless a different fund is specified on the memo line of the check
- Just a reminder, loose cash in the offertory basket cannot be tracked to a specific donor and therefore is not included on your year-end giving statement.

I want to thank each and every one of the offertory counters who volunteer their time to help in this effort. Their hard work streamlines the process and helps to ensure accuracy. They are greatly appreciated!

Lastly, I'd like to say that the generosity of this parish staggers me. You give unselfishly to support the day-to-day needs of our parish and then when a disaster collection is taken, the people of St. Thomas More Newman Center never fail to contribute abundantly to assist those in need. You are truly inspiring.

Angie Claas



WELCOME!

Welcome to Newman! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. 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!

THIS WEEK

12/30/19 - 1/5/2020



LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — OFFICE CLOSED

Noon Mary, Mother of God Mass/Chapel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

3:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
9 & 11 a.m. Nursery Open/De Porres
9 & 11 a.m. Children's Liturgy/Lima, Merton, Day, Romero
10 a.m. CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms
10 a.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
3 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel
6 p.m. EDGE/MPR

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

January 5 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 30	Noon	† Jacob Franssen Sr.
Tuesday, Dec. 31	Noon	† Mary Louise O'Day
Tuesday, Dec. 31	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Wednesday, Jan. 1	Noon	Tree & Randy Schmitz
Thursday, Jan. 2	Noon	† Alphonse Pham & † Anne Dong
Friday, Jan. 3	Noon	† Victoria Clare Reed
Saturday, Jan. 4	5 p.m.	† Lou & Lavern Provancha
Sunday, Jan. 5	9 a.m.	† Allen Dove
Sunday, Jan. 5	11 a.m.	Joseph & Josephine Marino
Sunday, Jan. 5	5 p.m.	† Lou Corwin

PARISH FINANCES

December 14/15

Offertory	\$17,899.58
Month-to-Date	\$76,702.85
Budget for month	\$211,250.00
Variance	— \$134,547.15

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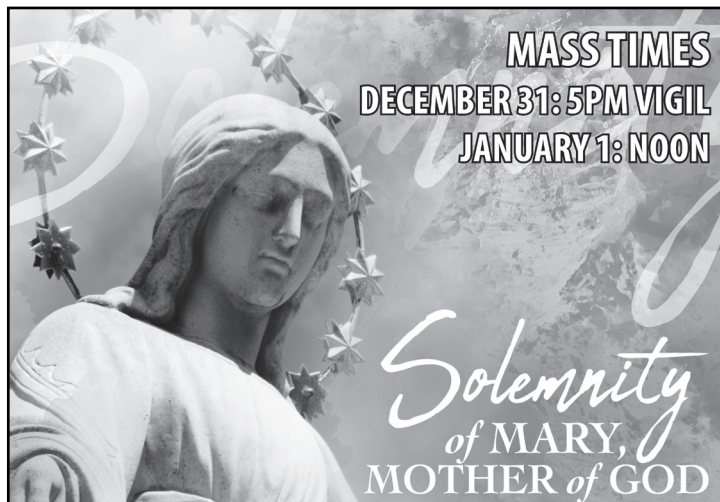
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➤ All registrations/RSVPs are found on the website under *Parish Sign Ups*:
www.comonewman.org/parish/parish-sign-ups



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS TIMES

January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass Times are 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 and Noon on Wednesday, January 1. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

YEAR-END GIVING & CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To be credited as a 2019 financial contribution, your donation must be received by St. Thomas More Newman Center by Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Anything received after 12/31/19, regardless of the date on the check, must legally be listed as a 2020 contribution.

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 account or 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 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.

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.

CABINET FOR SALE

The cabinet located in the second floor study area of the library is for sale. You must be able to haul it away. Contact Fr. Rich at rlitzop@comonewman.org if interested or with questions.

NOTES FOR FR. JOACHIM

Fr. Joachim's last weekend in Columbia (weather permitting) is January 11/12. A trunk will be open that weekend for notes to be written and left for Fr. Joachim to take with him to Chicago. A coffee and donuts reception after the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the Gathering Space will also take place that weekend.

A NIGHT OF COMMUNITY DINNER & PRAYER (ACTS 2:42)

Join us on Saturday, January 11 after the 5 p.m. Mass for the first Acts 2:42 of the new year! Sr. Karen will be giving a talk on Wisdom as a Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Based on the Bible verse Acts 2:42, Newman is hosting this monthly night to deepen your faith, prayer, and community life. Each night consists of dinner in the Multipurpose Room, praise and worship music in the Chapel, a talk, and Adoration and Reconciliation. Come for specific parts of the night if you wish; the Nursery will be open for children. This semester, the talks will be based on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Contact Theresa at theresa@comonewman.org with questions.

ACTS 2:42

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

Saturday, Jan. 11

- 6pm | Dinner
- 7pm | Nursery open
- 7pm | Praise & Worship
- 7:15pm | Talk
Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 7:45pm | Adoration
- 8:30pm | Benediction

NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

DONATING BLOOD AT NEWMAN

Our Newman Community is called upon when things get tough and the blood supply low ... like in late January. Newman's annual winter blood drive will be on Sunday, January 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. upstairs in the MPR.

You can donate blood if you:

1. Are at least 17 years old (16 with signed parental form)
2. Weight at least 110 lbs
3. Haven't donated since December 1
4. Have an ID (driver's license, donor card, etc.)
5. Are in good health (Please eat a good breakfast on the morning of the drive!)



If you cannot donate blood, you can help with the drive for a couple of hours or all day! Contact Bob at (573) 445-6737 or heinze@missouri.edu for more information.



PERSONAL ITEMS COLLECTION

Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting items for Room at the Inn during 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!

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 January 8. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve dinner, or bake desserts. Please RSVP on the sign ups page on our website. Loaves and Fishes is located at 702 Wilkes Blvd. (at the Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church).

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS RESUME JANUARY 19

Life Nights might be on Christmas break, but don't worry; we'll start back up on January 19. For our upcoming spring semester Life Night schedule, find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at [@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!

ENCOUNTER: EXPLORE YOUR FAITH FURTHER

Are you a teen looking to explore your faith further through scripture and conversation? Join us for Encounter, starting this spring! We'll be talking about how to incorporate our faith into our everyday lives, studying the Bible, and just having some relaxed time to talk about what's going on in your life. Encounter meets in the Aquinas Room at Newman from 7-8:30 p.m. every other Thursday starting January 30:

January 30 — Your Faith Journey

February 13 — Bible Study

February 27 — XLT at Tolton

March 12 — Bible Study

March 26 (Spring Break) — Bible Study

April 9 — Holy Thursday; Join us for Mass at Newman!

April 23 — Amplified

STAY IN TOUCH OVER BREAK

Want core members from CoMo Life Teen to come watch your game/concert/theatre show? Let Renee know when they are so we can come support you! Also, teens can email Renee at renee.molner@comonewman.org to join the CoMo Life Teen GroupMe to hear about any pop-up events over break!

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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

END OF YEAR GIVING

Did you know that 30% of charitable giving occurs in December and 10% of it occurs in the last three days of December? So, if you're still working out your 2019 charitable contributions, you're not alone!



As a reminder, to be credited as a 2019 financial contribution for tax purposes, your donation must be received at Newman by Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Anything received after 12/31/19, regardless of the date, must legally be listed as a 2020 contribution.

As the tax climate continues to change, please keep yourself educated and aware of the ways that you can give which may be tax advantageous for you. This could mean giving appreciated stocks, through your required minimum distribution, or other assets. Please remember that these options may take several business days to process.

This year, you also have more ways than in the past to give — cash/checks, online with a debit/credit card, through direct withdrawal from your banking account, and Venmo (search [@comonewman](#)). If you would like to talk through your options or need assistance, please contact the office and we would be happy to help.

Regardless of how you choose to give and even how much you choose to give, know that the Newman Center is committed to stewarding you and your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. As we look toward 2020, we are excited to see how the Spirit is moving our community to bless us with His abundant love!

"The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 1:14

CEP & EDGE

KIDS MINISTRIES RESUME IN JANUARY

Sunday events including CEP, EDGE, Children's Liturgy, and the Nursery will resume on January 5. Wednesday CEP will resume January 8. EDGE Bible Study will not resume until February.

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: How can you help someone in need during your school break?

For Parents: The terror of the Holy Family is something we don't think about at Christmastime. Like so many in our world, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph became refugees fleeing violence. What can your family do this week to show solidarity with and offer help to migrants in need?



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

listed	engaged	sheep
Joseph	traveled	Savior
Mary	baby	angels

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AROUND TOWN

CURSILLO NEWS

Please join the Columbia Area Community of Cursillistas as we gather for our first Ultreya of 2020 on Thursday, January 2 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 7-8 p.m. The Saturday morning Columbia men's group will be facilitating. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Marcia Doll at 573-999-5066.

JOB OPENINGS AT TOLTON CATHOLIC



Fr. Tolton Catholic High School is currently hiring for the following positions: Administrative Assistant (full-time), School Cafeteria Chef/Manager (full-time), School Cafeteria staff (2 part time positions).

We are also hiring a full-time math teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Interested applications should contact Gwenn Roche at groche@toltoncatholic.org.

FAREWELL TO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join the Our Lady of Lourdes Contemporary Group for the 4th annual "Farewell to Christmas Concert" on Sunday, January 5 at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes! The concert includes an (optional) singalong of Christmas carols and arrangements of "In the Bleak Midwinter," "The Angel Gabriel," and Mannheim Steamroller's "Silent Night." Our Lady of Lourdes youth will also perform. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will go toward scholarships for OLL youth to attend music ministry formation institutes.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels of Columbia is a non-profit organization that aims to extend independence to seniors in our community. Volunteers are needed to deliver a daily noon meal to those in Columbia who can't get out on their own. Anyone with a valid driver's license who completes a background check and a 30-minute training can become a volunteer. Visit mealsonwheelscolumbia.org/volunteer for more information or contact JoNetta Weaver at 573.886.7554.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

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>



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