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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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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



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#tbt to December 8, 2013:

the Second Sunday of Advent

Candlelight Mass.

Every year, Advent comes. Every year, we prepare for the birth of a child, Jesus. What will you do this year to make this Advent different?

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

"A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"



Matthew 3

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THE STORY OF OUR FUTURE



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

The scriptures that are the foundation for our Catholic faith have been translated, studied, dissected, and discussed for centuries. Scholars have spent untold energy delving into single verses and entire manuscripts, searching for the last iota of meaning. Our belief that God's hand is to be found throughout these texts makes the labor of these men and women an investment in faith and hope. That being said, occasionally, a text presents itself and is so clear that

interpretation is not necessary. This Sunday's verses from the Letter to the Romans is one such passage.

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. *Romans 15:4-7*

In this season of preparing for the coming of the Christ, the birth of hope, we are being told directly that we should make the Scriptures the source of our faith, the guide by which we should order our lives. If we live in such a manner, in harmony, our lives would be the source of glorifying this Christ who we are anticipating. It is in this glorification that we find strength and peace, joy and hope.

When we ground our lives in Scripture we are like John the Baptist, "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord..." (Matthew 3:3).

As Catholics in today's world, we are called to be prophets, speaking the truth to a world that can be very much a desert of despair, hate, and discord.

It behooves us, during Advent, to pay particular attention to the readings from both the Jewish and Christian testaments. Not only do they tell the story of our roots, but also the story of our future. The liturgical year of the Church takes us on the same journey each year, reminding us that our focus should be on that future; this life is an opportunity to prepare for the next. And Scripture helps us to prepare and then live, to prepare and engage our world.

Fr. Rich, O.P.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



December 15 | Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 146

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:

www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Noon	Immaculate Conception Mass/Chapel
6 p.m.	Newman Night at the Food Bank
6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
7 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Mass/Chapel
9:30 p.m.	Power Hour/Chapel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

4:30 p.m.	Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (5pm Sat)/Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (9am)/Chapel
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (11am)/Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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
2 p.m.	Christmas Children's Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
3 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 9	Noon	+ Thomas K. O'Day
Monday, Dec. 9	7 p.m.	+ Jim Koller
Tuesday, Dec. 10	Noon	+ Arsenio Directo
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Noon	+ Theresa Hall
Thursday, Dec. 12	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Friday, Dec. 13	Noon	+ Jacob Franssen Sr.
Saturday, Dec. 14	5 p.m.	Dinh & + Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, Dec. 15	9 a.m.	+ Wanda Winter
Sunday, Dec. 15	11 a.m.	+ Ron Frederick
Sunday, Dec. 15	5 p.m.	All Parishioners

PARISH FINANCES

November 23/24 Offertory	\$23,631.85
November Month-to-Date	\$90,876.17
Budget for November	\$110,000.00
Variance	— \$19,123.83

November 30/December 1 Offertory	\$15,807.52
December Month-to-Date	\$15,807.52
Budget for December	\$211,250.00
Variance	— \$195,442.48

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NEWMAN NEWS

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



CHRISTMAS RESALE

The Christmas Resale is a time to donate holiday decorations and shop gently used seasonal decor for garage sale prices! 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.

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

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. Our final discussion is on "Growing in Maturity in Prayer." 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.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN GROUP

This women's group brings the American women of the parish together with the international women of the parish to learn about other cultures and make new friends. The next gathering is on Monday, December 9 at 11 a.m. at the Thornbrook Clubhouse, 4300 Thornbrook Terrace. The group will meet for a tasty potluck lunch and a gift exchange. Contact Eunsook at kimhahm@hotmail.com or 573.514.4953 with questions.

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.

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.

TEXAS MISSION TRIP DONATION TOTALS

Thank you, again, to all those who donated to the Texas Mission Trip in early September. Thanks to your generosity, Newman is able to send the donations not used on the trip to the three charities that the group worked with.

- Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley: \$632.31
- The Socorro Foundation: \$632.31
- Team Brownsville: \$632.32

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.



AROUND TOWN



TOLTON CATHOLIC 2020-2021 ADMISSIONS

The deadline for eighth graders to apply for the 2019-2020 school year is January 15! To apply to Tolton Catholic, complete the online application form (available at www.toltoncatholic.org/apply) and pay a non-refundable \$65 application fee. Next, submit the student's most recent grade card and any recent standardized test scores to the school office. Questions? Contact Laura Sasser at lsasser@toltoncatholic.org.

NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



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!

GIVING TREE — RETURN GIFTS BY DECEMBER 8

Thank you to all who took a tag off our Giving Tree this year. Please 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. Please come if you can, and bring a friend! 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

LAST LIFE NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Join us at Life Night tonight (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. For our upcoming spring semester Life Night schedule, find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at [@comolifeteen](https://www.instagram.com/comolifeteen).

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION



Confirmation class is today, 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!

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 reneemolner@comonewman.org to join the CoMo Life Teen GroupMe to hear about any pop-up events over break!



WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick, especially Dennis Hensley.
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

TAX SAVING THROUGH YOUR IRA

In today's tax climate, it is becoming more difficult than ever to spend, save, and give your earnings in a way that is favorable when tax season rolls around.

For those aged 70½ or older, it is possible and even beneficial to make tax-favored gifts to charities. Since 2015, a total of up to \$100,000 annually can be transferred directly from your IRA to one or more charities such as the Newman Center free from federal income tax. This is beneficial to you because gifts given in this way count toward your required IRA minimum withdrawal amounts.

To make gifts through your IRA, it is important NOT to withdraw funds prior to a gift but have the gift amount distributed directly from your IRA to your charitable organizations of choice. Although this type of giving may be different than how you have given in the past, know that we understand that giving patterns are changing. If placing your envelope in the offertory is an important practice to you, feel free to even continue to do so, even if the envelope does not include funds. Your annual gift can and does "count" for your regular giving!

If you are interested in making a charitable IRA rollover to Newman:

- Know Newman's Federal Employer Identification Number (Newman's FEIN is #43-0810541).
- Contact your financial advisor or IRA administrator to initiate the transfer directly to Newman (funds cannot be transferred to you if you wish to have the tax savings).
- Contact Newman to let us know that your gift is coming. Often, gifts coming from IRA custodians do not include the donor's name. Your contact with us is the only way we will know the gift came from you to properly thank and credit you for your gift.

NOTE: You should always consult your tax advisor, financial advisor, or an attorney whenever considering a charitable gift for advice regarding your specific situation.



CEP & EDGE

MANY THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As events wrap up for the semester, we are so thankful for teachers, core members, and other volunteers who make our kids programs possible! Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas!

DECEMBER KIDS MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

The Nursery will be open and Children's Liturgy will be offered next weekend, December 15. December 8 is the last week for Sunday CEP and EDGE. Wednesday CEP and EDGE Bible Study are both finished for the semester.

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: How can you prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas?

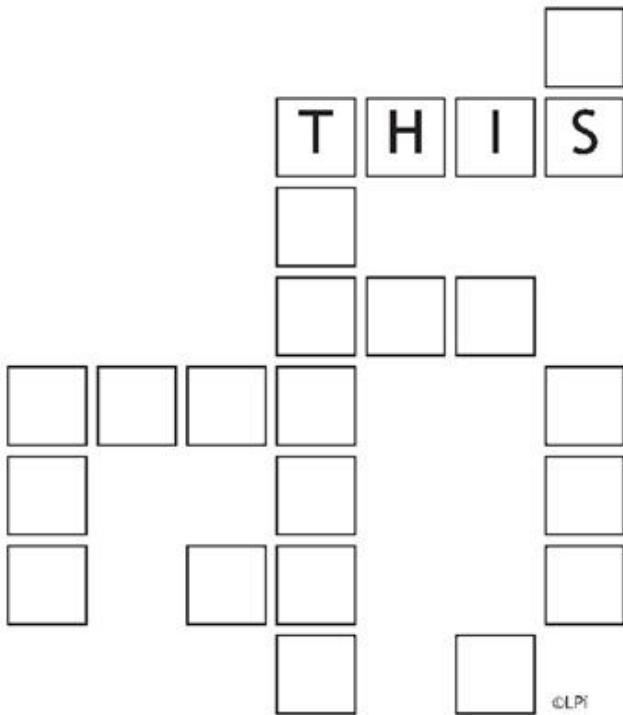
For Parents: Don't forget as the holiday season heats up that our real preparation is in the quiet season of Advent. Do something with your family to slow down this week.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

I testify that this is the Son of God.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



All registrations/RSVPs for campus ministry are found on the website under *Event Sign Ups*:
www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION QUARTER ZIP



The Catholic Student Association is excited to announce the pre-order of the new CSA Quarter Zip. Visit *Event Sign Ups* to order yours today!



#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!

LAST 8PM MASS OF THE SEMESTER

There are no more 8 p.m. Masses until Sunday January 19, 2020. Have a great winter break!

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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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