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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.

ADORATION:

Weekday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday:

8 a.m.-Noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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Today is the kickoff for Catholic Schools Week! The daily theme is "Celebrating Your Parish." Our students and families are passing out lollipops at our feeder parishes as a token of our gratitude for their support of Catholic education. #CSW20 #comonewman



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

pts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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THE REWARDS OF FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE



FR. AUBUCHON

Associate Pastor

Diocesan Vocations Director

“My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. In the Gospel of St. Luke, we hear the story of Simeon and Anna; the Gospel tells us that both Simeon and Anna went to the Temple every day because both of them believed that one day, they would see the Messiah there. The Gospel says that they are both older, and therefore awaiting to meet the Messiah is something that Simeon and Anna would have done for a long time, being filled with great hope and anticipation.

The Gospel then tells us the Good News that they are both rewarded for their faith and their perseverance, by the fact that they do get to see Jesus on the day that He is presented to God in the Temple by Mary and St. Joseph. It is very comforting to know that God fulfilled His promises to Simeon and Anna. If we take into account the many days, trips, and time they spent at the Temple, they then are rewarded for their perseverance in getting to see the Messiah in the flesh, He who will save them and us all from our sins. It must have been quite an experience for both of them; Simeon even says, “Lord, now I can go in peace, for my eyes have seen the salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people.”

This Feast Day and this story is to challenge us to think and ask the question, “how much is God a part of my life every single day?” We don’t all have to come to the Temple every day, like Simeon and Anna did, and yet shouldn’t there be some acknowledgment of God every day in our lives? God has also made promises to us, and we have made promises to Him. How can we remember those promises if we go on day after day without even thinking about God or spending quality time with Him in prayer? This is why we need to find some time for God every day in our lives; it’s all about a relationship with He who first loved us, and God wants us in communion with Him at all times. What if Simeon and Anna had decided not to go to the Temple that day when Mary and St. Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple? They would have missed out! Are we missing out on a lot of great graces and gifts, all because we are not making time for God?

There is this great book called *Time for God* by Father Jacques Philippe that I think you will find helpful and a good spiritual reading companion as you take a look at your relationship with God. This book will help you to ask the question, “Am I making room for God in my daily life or is He more on the back-burner?” There is a great joy in knowing that God desires to spend time with us, His beloved sons and daughters, and that we have examples like Simeon and Anna in the Gospel today who show us the importance of that relationship with God and perseverance in prayer.

Sometimes our prayer life and our relationship with God cannot wait and cannot be put on the back burner; God wants to spend time with you right now, and it’s never too late to start growing in that relationship with Him. We are called to make God more and more a part of our daily lives. What do we have to do in our lives to make that happen?

As you know, not taking care of our physical health or hygiene can eventually get us into trouble one way or another; so too, not letting God into our life every day can hurt us. We can miss out on so many good things; don’t let that happen to you. Let God fulfill His promises to you every day though His love as shown to Simeon and Anna on this feast of The Presentation of the Lord.

Fr. Aubuchon

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.”

Thursday, Feb. 6

5:30pm | Dinner
6:30pm | Nursery open
6:30pm | Praise & Worship
6:45pm | Talk: Fear of the Lord
by Mike Burns
7:15pm | Adoration
8pm | Benediction

Acts 2:42 is a monthly night at Newman that consists of dinner, a talk, and prayer. Dinner is provided and begins at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. Then, we move to the Chapel for praise and worship music and a talk. This month, Mike Burns will be giving the talk on Fear of the Lord as a Gift of the Holy Spirit. After the talk, there is time for prayer and reflection during Eucharistic Adoration, and Fr. Mike will be available for Reconciliation. The night concludes at 8 p.m. You can come for parts of the night or stay for the whole event. The Nursery will also be open after dinner. If you are looking to deepen your faith life, please come to Acts 2:42 on Thursday, February 6! Contact Theresa at theresa@comonewman.org with questions and to RSVP for the Nursery.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank You!

A "GOAL BUSTING" THANK YOU

The Red Cross wants to thank the Newman folks who came through with 61 units of critically needed blood ... surpassing our goal of 59! Special thanks to the 9 "Power Red" donors — those taking the extra time to donate two units of red blood cells (via centrifugation). Thanks also to our great volunteers who helped make a successful drive, including those who brought in outstanding goodies for the canteen. By working together we show love to our sisters and brothers in need of blood ... that "Gift of Life."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

February 9 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16



**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
6:30 p.m.	VIRTUS Session/Disciples
7 p.m.	RCIA/MPR
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (5pm Saturday)/Chapel
7:15 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
9:30 p.m.	Power Hour/Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 242/Lima
7 p.m.	Newman Needleworks/Romero
8 p.m.	Bible Study Launch Party/MPR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:15 p.m.	CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms
6:30 p.m.	EDGE Bible Study/Disciples
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (9am)/Chapel, Sacristy
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (11am)/Chapel
7:45 p.m.	Mizzou CSA Exec/Conference
9 p.m.	Ephesians 3/MPR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.	Christology: Journey of the Heart/Disciples
Noon	Lunch & Learn: L'Arche Community/Disciples
5:30 p.m.	Acts 2:42 (A Night of Dinner & Prayer)/MPR
8 p.m.	Bible Study Launch Party/MPR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

3:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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.	CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms
10 a.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
Noon	Fr. Tolton Legacy Society/Conference
1 p.m.	Altar Server Training/Chapel
2:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University class/Aquinas
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, Feb. 3	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Noon	+ Jennifer Brown
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Noon	Tree & Randy Schmitz
Thursday, Feb. 6	Noon	+ Jim Koller
Friday, Feb. 7	Noon	+ Rod Gelatt
Saturday, Feb. 8	5 p.m.	
Sunday, Feb. 9	9 a.m.	Dick & Donna Otto
Sunday, Feb. 9	11 a.m.	+ Ashley Janowicz
Sunday, Feb. 9	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, Feb. 9	8 p.m.	Campus Ministry benefactors

PARISH FINANCES

January 25/26

Offertory	\$28,962.46
Month-to-Date	\$108,307.48
Budget for month	\$105,000.00
Variance	+ \$3,307.48

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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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH TODAY

Join the Knights of Columbus for a delicious brunch following the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 2 in the MPR. Menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and drinks. Free will donation; all proceeds go to support the CoMo LifeTeen trip to the Stuebenville Youth Conference.



DONNA AND DICK OTTO: 50TH WEDDING RECEPTION

Please join Donna and Dick Otto as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, February 9 in the MPR after the 9 a.m. and before the 11 a.m. Masses. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Hospitality Commission. We were married on February 14, 1970 at Holy Family Parish in Freeburg, Missouri, and have called Newman our home parish since that time. We wish to commemorate this special event with our very special church family!

MU FIRE SCHOOL NEXT WEEKEND

MU's Fire School is taking place next weekend, February 7-9. Please keep this in mind when you are coming to weekend Masses as the Fire School uses Turner Avenue Garage for parking!

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their renewal cards to the parish. If you have not yet had the opportunity to submit your card, a reminder letter and/or email will be sent to you. It is important that all parishioners complete a renewal card for your household so that the parish can plan for the future year. This process also helps us to update our records and know who still considers themselves a parishioner. So, even if you do not wish to participate in this program, please respond to confirm your contact information and to let us know that you still wish to be listed as a resident parishioner. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Shull in the parish office. You can also find more information online as well as complete your intention card at comonewman.org/goodfaith.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The first session of altar server training begins today, February 2, from 1-2 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Any child in their second semester of third grade or older is welcome to attend the training. Please email Mary Mertes at mary.mertes@comonewman.org with any questions.

WILLING TO HOST A STUDENT FOR A SEMESTER?

From time to time, students reach out to campus ministry looking for a place to stay during a clinical rotation or for a short period of time for an academic program. If you are interested and willing to host a student, please contact Angelle Hall at angelle.hall@comonewman.org to be placed on a list. When Angelle receives requests, this group will be contacted with the details. You can then decide if you are willing to host a particular student.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS

Missed last week's class? It's not too late to sign-up to take steps to take control of your money. Financial Peace University classes are being held at Newman on Sundays in the Aquinas Room now until March 22 (class on Sunday, February 2 will be at 1 p.m. for this week only). Visit fpu.com/1109176 to sign up. Contact Patty Rodriguez with questions at (314) 681-5394.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

Anyone interested in learning more about the process of becoming Catholic is invited to an RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults) information session on Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room (second floor). Contact Lisa Rose at lisa.rose@comonewman.org with questions.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Our parish Lenten Day of Reflection will be on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sr. Joanne Delahanty, O.P., will present on parish life and how to make our parish a center of hospitality and mercy. Stay tuned for more information!

AROUND TOWN



OLLIS NEWS

We are excited to announce that 82% of our current eighth graders are in the process of enrolling to attend Fr Tolton Catholic High School. This is the highest percentage of eighth graders enrolling since the opening of Tolton High School.

We are currently looking for a person to join our staff of three in the cafeteria. Duties include prepping food, serving, and clean-up. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pay based on experience. If interested, please contact Elaine Hassemer at ehassemer@ollisk8.org.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Get away for the weekend, just you and your spouse, to celebrate how far you've come and look for areas to improve in your marriage. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is February 15-16 in Jefferson City. Cost is \$75 which includes a one night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at jeffcityme.com. Scholarships are available. Contact (573) 619-7416 or info@jeffcityme.com with questions.



NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



NEWMAN NIGHT AT THE FOOD BANK

The next Newman Night at the Food Bank is Monday, February 10 from 5:30-7:30 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. Newman volunteers packaged crisp rice cereal for the buddy packs in January. Thanks to all who came!

Please come on February 10 if you can, and bring a friend! The Food Bank is now requiring all volunteers to set up a profile. Please visit the *Parish Sign Ups* page 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 February 7. Thanks to those who have registered already. The Food Bank requires volunteers to wear closed-toed shoes as a safety concern and to arrive by 5:30 p.m. The Food Bank is located at 2101 Vandiver Drive. Call Gloria Young at (573) 673-3070 with questions.

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 February 12. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve dinner, or bake desserts. Please RSVP on the *Parish 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

NO LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT

Life Teen will not meet tonight because of the Super Bowl, but we'll meet again on February 9 to continue our series on the Gospel. 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

Join us for Encounter on Thursday, February 13, from 7-8:30 p.m.! We'll be starting our Bible study for the semester and have time to visit with each other. Encounter meets in the Aquinas Room at Newman from 7-8:30 p.m. every other Thursday.



CONFIRMATION CLASS NEXT WEEK

Confirmation class will meet again next Sunday, February 9, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Newman's MPR. Don't forget to bring your handwritten letter to the Bishop. As always, we'll have lots of snacks and lots of

fun, so we can't wait to see you there!

SIGN UP FOR STEUBENVILLE 2020

Any teens interested in joining us for Steubenville 2020 at Missouri State University from July 17-19 can save their spot on *Parish Sign Ups*. Graduating eighth graders to graduating seniors are welcome to join us for this weekend spent worshipping, learning, and having fun with over 5,000 other Catholic teens. For more information, email Renee at renee.molner@comonewman.org. Spots need to be reserved by February 20.



WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick.

For our beloved dead, especially Rod Gelatt and Fr. James Offutt. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Bishop McKnight's February Prayer Intention: For those discerning a vocation: May they have the grace to hear the voice of God in their hearts, and may they experience the encouragement of the Church to respond with grateful hearts.

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

BIBLICAL ROOTS OF STEWARDSHIP

In February, we will look at the New Testament and how Christ established stewardship as a way of life. Fr. Lies, from whose dissertation this series is based upon, says, "To know Jesus well is to know the fullness of life, of joy, and of self-sacrificial gift."

Stewardship is: The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

"A man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one — to each according to his ability." If you recall this parable, two of the servants grew the master's talents while the other "buried the talent in the ground."

At its heart, this parable teaches that God's gifts must not be held idle. Although this passage is specifically speaking about talents as currency, the parable is meant to encompass more than just our finances. The gifts that God gives us — often referred to as charisms — can include traits like wisdom, faith, teaching, ministry, leadership, giving, hospitality, and much more. Your natural abilities and aptitudes are just as much a gift from God as your spiritual gifts, physical abilities, and even finances.

Just as in the passage where the master gave the talents "... to each according to his ability," we are all given differing degrees of gifts. The Catechism (1937) explains that, though talents are not distributed equally, we will all be endowed with enough to give and receive "talents" from others. In that way, when we give and receive our "talents" with the greater community, we will all have enough to live in abundance.

Lastly, this passage shares the concepts of mutual trust, responsibility, and accountability. The master trusted his servants while they trusted that he would reward their stewarding of their talents. The servants were given the responsibility to steward the gifts. And finally, the servants were held accountable to their given responsibility when the master returned.

What "talents" has the Lord bestowed upon you? How do you steward those gifts?

CEP & EDGE

FIRST COMMUNION BLESSING

Students preparing for First Communion will receive a special blessing at the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on February 9. Please plan to bring a paper chalice decorated with your child's first name (available on the parish website).

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY FEB. 9

We will not have Children's Liturgy on February 9 just to make sure all second graders are present for the First Communion blessing. CEP continues as usual, and the nursery will be open.

EDGE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are invited to join us for a Bible study on the upcoming Sunday readings in the Disciples Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. No sign-up required for this event.

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: We say Jesus is the Light of the World. How do you think Jesus is like a light? How do you see light (especially candles) used at Mass?

For Parents: This is one of many winter feasts when we talk about Christ as our Light. Talk together about what that tells us about Jesus — why that gives us hope! Turn off the lights and pray before a candle, marveling at the miracle of light!



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

present	doves	Spirit
peace	light	glory
parents	child	Simeon

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Siprit _____

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CAMPUS MINISTRY



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

BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT: DEADLINE THURSDAY



Remember the deadline to register for Busy Person's Retreat is this Thursday! Sign up now at *Event Sign Ups*. The cost is \$15, but scholarship assistance is still available; contact Yvonne at yvonne@comonewman.org for financial assistance and general questions.

NEWMAN FORMAL HELP

Campus Ministry is seeking a person or group to plan the Newman Formal on April 25. For questions or to volunteer, contact Allison Stuesse at allison@comonewman.org.

MASS AT STEPHENS COLLEGE

Reminder: Campus Ministry will celebrate Mass at Stephens College on Tuesday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. in Firestone Baars Chapel. Contact Yvonne at yvonne@comonewman.org for more information.

MENTORING AT-RISK KIDS

Looking for a way to get involved, give back, hang out with awesome kids, and build your resume? You should consider participating in Mentoring At-Risk Kids (MARK). Volunteer one afternoon a week, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., for the entire semester. You will help elementary students with schoolwork, play games, and build relationships with them. Contact Jordan Layton (jordanelayton@gmail.com or 573-352-0180) with any questions. Visit *Event Sign Ups* to sign up!

LUNCH AND LEARN: L'ARCHE COMMUNITY

The Newman Volunteer Corps is hosting a Lunch and Learn event on Thursday, February 6 around 12:30 p.m. after daily Mass in the Disciples Room. Jimmy Johns will be provided. The L'Arche Community will be presenting on their organization: helping those with intellectual disabilities and helping them reach their fullest potential. To read more about L'Arche, please visit their website www.larcheusa.org/about.