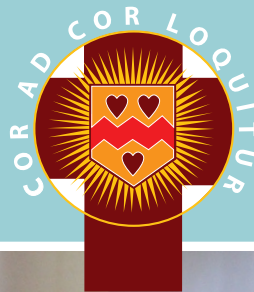


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## MASS TIMES —

**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.

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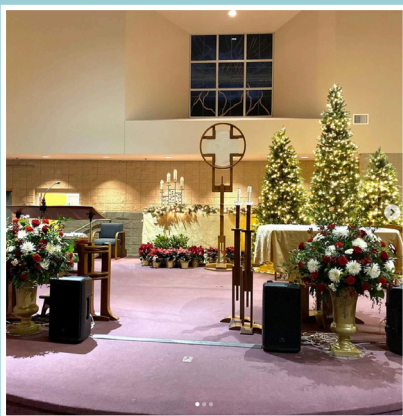
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8 a.m.-Noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m.

## COME, FOLLOW ME



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**@hoguec**

Midnight mass in Columbia this year. While I miss our tradition of being in St. Louis with my parents, I enjoyed celebrating in my home parish. Lovely decorations. Beautiful music. Our savior is born! Merry Christmas!  
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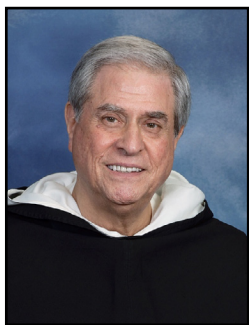
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## FAREWELL



**FR. JOACHIM**  
*Senior Priest in Service*

It is with great sadness that I bid farewell, a second time, to St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish and to the city of Columbia. But this is the life of a friar. We are always on the move trying to bring God's message of love and mercy to everyone we meet.

I chose to come back to the Newman Center because my first experience was so wonderful. And I thought to myself, "What a great place to retire." Little did I know that I would still be doing ministry, much to my delight. I have enjoyed these last few years as much as, if not more than, I did the first ones I spent here. Why? Because this is such a welcoming, vibrant, and self-giving community. St. Thomas More community has many people who give of themselves selflessly to the Newman Community, as well as to the larger Columbia community. Many people I have met in Columbia have told me that when they come to Newman, they experience the joy of Christ in this Community. And I have to agree with them. Christ is present in the St. Thomas More Newman Community. And he is present because of you and the way you work together to bring God's love to others.

But now, I move on. I think it's time that I think about truly retiring. So, on January 13 (weather permitting!), I will be going to St. Pius V Priory in Chicago, which is a community of about 20 friars, some still active, some retired, and some semi-retired. Into which category I will fall has yet to be determined. But whatever God asks of me, I hope I have the willingness to respond. However, I have had a good example of how to give of oneself in the parishioners here at St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish. I will carry that example with me to Chicago.

I have one last request before I leave: please remember me in your prayers. Because I hope I will have lots of time for prayer, you will always be in my prayers. That will be a win-win situation for all of us. Thanks again for the kindness you have shown to me for the time I have spent here at Newman. It has, indeed, been for my pleasure and the enhancement of my spiritual life. May God continue to bless you in the future in your individual and community endeavors.

*Fr. Joachim, O.P.*

## NURTURING OUR BELIEFS



**FR. RICH**  
*Servant Leader*

With the celebration of Jesus' baptism, the Christmas season draws to a close. We return to Ordinary time, when we are simply counting the time until we enter into another special liturgical season. Throughout this time, we experience the ministry of Christ as he heals and teaches. We experience the miracles of Jesus feeding the hungry and healing the sick. We hear Him offer to His disciples a new moral code, offering the Beatitudes for us to order our lives on. Each liturgical year has about it the inevitable cycle that leads us from birth to death and resurrection.

Each liturgical year offers a different perspective on the life and death of Jesus. Each year offers us an opportunity to enter more fully into the story of our redemption. We get to decide how to participate. The opportunities are many and varied. Whether we decide to participate in a small group or enter into our own engagement of Scripture, that choice draws us into our sacred history and invites us to live it out daily. A more frequent presence at the Eucharist, participating as part of our community in the sacred mysteries, offers us grace in abundance. Grace is what strengthens us in the face of the chaos and temptations of the world.

As we enter this second full week of 2020, the question arises as to how our New Year's resolutions are holding up — the answer frequently being, "Not so well!" The question can be the same for our resolution: to be more prayerful and more thoughtful about our spiritual lives. The answer can also frequently be, "Not so well!"

Now is the time to re-affirm our choices. They are indeed individual choices, but we don't make them in isolation, and they have an impact on our community. Our culture, which offers more methods of communication than ever before, also contains more isolated people than ever before. Our faith is founded on the unitive energy of the people whose hearts and souls were set afire by the Holy Spirit. We are their spiritual descendants. We are called to be aware and intentional about nurturing our beliefs.

We do that by reading a variety of sources, not necessarily just those that echo our own thoughts and beliefs. We should study, but not just the Church fathers and mothers, our spiritual parents, who have given us so much to prayerfully consider. Theologians from different faith paths have any number of insights to offer us; different perspectives deepen and strengthen our faith. The holistic approach to eastern thought can bring enlightenment as well.

If we support our work with an intentional, conscious prayer life, we stand to become better Catholics, better citizens, and better children of God. "Throwing down the gauntlet of light ..." as we seek enlightenment and insight is a powerful outcome of our prayers. There is no better time than now for that to occur. Prayer is powerful. Prayer that is supported by contemplation and study is even more so.

**On a different note:** Fr. Joachim will, on January 13 (weather permitting), be moving to his new assignment in Chicago. As you know, his departure is the opening chapter in the Dominican exodus from St. Thomas More. His unique ministry as a canon lawyer will allow him to continue to participate in the work of a variety of tribunals. Our faith community will be lessened by his departure; his preaching, his engaging presence, and his willingness to support the members of our community have been a wonderful gift. Although it is the nature of our lives as Dominicans, departures are nonetheless challenging for the brother departing as much as the community that is losing him.

Anytime a brother leaves a community, the brothers must make adjustments as well. Joachim's duties in our house were varied; he was faithful to them. Fr. Mike and I will need to work a bit harder with Fr. Joachim's departure. And our community will miss his steady, firm faith; we will miss his insights into the workings of our province and his honesty. We will also miss his enjoyment of all things culinary. I'll miss his presence and support.

I would ask that you keep Fr. Joachim in your prayers as he embarks on a new chapter in his life as faithful, devoted Dominican brother.

*Fr. Rich, O.P.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 13	Noon	+ Stephen & + Angela Howard
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Noon	Bob & Estelle Faust
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Noon	
Thursday, Jan. 16	Noon	+ Senator Yvonne Wilson
Friday, Jan. 17	Noon	+ Richard Heimbürger
Saturday, Jan. 18	5 p.m.	Anne Dong
Sunday, Jan. 19	9 a.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 19	11 a.m.	Eric Williams
Sunday, Jan. 19	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, Jan. 19	8 p.m.	Campus Ministry Benefactors

## THIS WEEK

1/13/20 - 1/19/20



### LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER

For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:

[www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library](http://www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

5:30 p.m.	Newman Night at the Food Bank
6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (5pm Saturday)/Chapel

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8 a.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
10 a.m.	CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms
10 a.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
3 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
6:45 p.m.	Life Night/Sacred Heart Education Building

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

January 19 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

## 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](http://www.comonewman.org)). Thank you for being part of our faith community!

## PARISH FINANCES

Dec. 21/22 Offertory	\$33,565.32
Christmas Masses Offertory	\$21,401.25
Dec. 28/29 Offertory	\$20,997.25

December Month-to-Date	\$152,666.67
Budget for December	\$211,250.00
December Variance	— \$58,583.33

Diocesan Seminary & Priest Retirement	\$10,712.00
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Jan. 4/5 Offertory	\$36,450.32
January Month-to-Date	\$36,450.32
Budget for January	\$105,000.00
January Variance	— \$68,549.68

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

### FR. TOLTON LEGACY SOCIETY: CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Come join the Fr. Tolton Legacy Society's planning committee as we prepare for the celebration Mass on April 26. We would love to have additional parishioners and students join us! We are meeting in the downstairs conference room 110C from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 12. We look forward to seeing you!

### RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

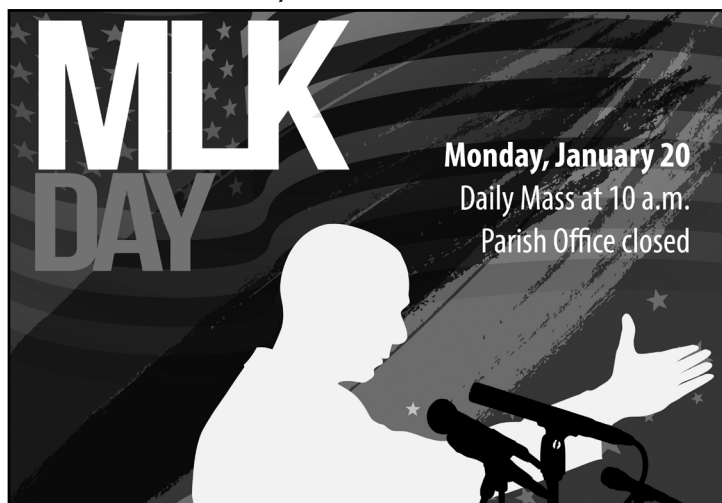
Anyone interested in learning more about the process of becoming Catholic is invited to an RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults) information session on Sunday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room (second floor). Contact Lisa Rose at [lisa.rose@comonewman.org](mailto:lisa.rose@comonewman.org) with questions.

### POURED OUT: LIFESTYLE OF GRACE



Next week will begin our annual Season of Stewardship. This is a time in which we discern the ways in which we can incorporate the spiritual practice of stewardship into our daily lives. When you are at Mass next weekend, please pick up your stewardship packet to take home and review (you can also pick up your tax statement at the same time!). Doing so will save the parish on postage — what a great way to show a little act of stewardship!

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



### SPRING ADULT FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSION

Join Sr. Karen for this semester's adult faith formation discussion on Christology: Journey of the Heart. For over 2000 years believers have been answering Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am"? Fr. Robin Ryan's helpful insights from History, Scripture, and Theology will deepen our own response. The discussion will also briefly reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospels. Join Sr. Karen on Thursdays beginning January 23 in the Disciples Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

As you close out on the holiday season, learn how to leave money stress behind and take control of your money. Debt is a thief. Take back your life! Get signed up for Financial Peace University today at [fpu.com/1109176](http://fpu.com/1109176). Classes start Sunday, January 26, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Aquinas Room, here at Newman and will run through March 22. Contact Patty Rodriguez with questions at (314) 681-5394.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

## Newman's Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, February 1  
benefiting Tiger Pantry

Newman's annual Trivia Night will be on Saturday, February 1 in the MPR. All proceeds will go toward Tiger Pantry. The cost for trivia is \$10/person, and prizes will be awarded to the winning team, the best themed team, and the team that collectively brings the most canned items. For more information or to sign up your team, visit *Parish Sign Ups*.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Our next altar server training will take place in February. The training is open to any children that are in their second semester of third grade or older. It is two parts: the first part will be on February 2 from 1-2 p.m. in the Disciples Room and the second part will take place on February 9 from 1-2 p.m. in the Chapel. Please email Mary Mertes at [mary.mertes@comonewman.org](mailto:mary.mertes@comonewman.org) with any questions.

## NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

### PERSONAL ITEMS COLLECTION

Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting items for My Life Clinic this month. Requested items include diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), wipes, formula (both cow milk and soy based), baby bottles, pacifiers, teething rings, bibs, and baby soap and lotion. If you are able to make a more generous gift, My Life Clinic also needs infant car seats. Car seats must be new for safety reasons. Donations may be placed in the large silver bin in the Turner Street entrance.



## NEWMAN NIGHT AT THE FOOD BANK

The next Newman Night at the Food Bank is Monday, January 13. **The Food Bank's new hours are 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.

Please visit the *Parish Sign Ups* page for a link and instructions on how to register to volunteer. Or, you can find a paper form in the Gathering Space. Thanks to those who have registered already. The Food Bank requires to arrive by 5:30 p.m. and to wear closed-toed shoes. Contact Gloria Young at (573) 673-3070 with questions. The Food Bank is located at 2101 Vandiver Drive.

## SIGN UP FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE

Our Newman Community is called upon when things get tough ... like the weather in January. Newman's annual winter blood drive will be Sunday, January 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MPR. We will be signing folks up to donate blood or to volunteer to help at the drive next Sunday at all of the Masses in the Gathering Space. There are also electronic ways of both signing up to donate and facilitating your donation. You may schedule a time to donate by going to [RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org) and using the sponsor code: NewmanCenterMO. The Red Cross has started "Rapid Access," which is a way of doing your donation health histories on your computer at home (or iPhone) in the morning before arriving; this can save time in the donation room helping things to run more smoothly (see [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass)).



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### LIFE NIGHT SPRING KICKOFF PARTY

Hey teens — don't miss our Spring Kickoff Party 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). 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.

### 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](mailto:renee.molner@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.

For our beloved dead, especially Martha Trauth. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

*Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention:* We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

*Bishop McKnight's January Prayer Intention:* For an increase in Christian unity, racial harmony, and respect for the dignity of all human life; that Christians everywhere may work together to promote peace in our homes and communities throughout the world.

*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 IS: MADE FOR COMMUNION

Starting last week, this column will take an in-depth look into the biblical roots of stewardship, based upon the writings of Fr. Jarrod Lies of Wichita, Kansas. Today, we will continue with the Old Testament.



### Stewardship is ... Made for Communion (Genesis 2:7-24)

"The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it... The Lord God said: It is not good for man to be alone." In this passage, God planted a garden and asked Adam to care for it. Then, Adam named all the animals. In this work — both the manual labor of caring for the garden and the intellectual work of naming the animals — Adam still had a restlessness in his heart. Doing all the "things" of the world did not satisfy him. He was looking for relationship. Only when God created Eve did Adam say "at last!"; he found what he was longing for: communion with God and communion with another.

In the same way, wealth and work are a part of our lives, but not what we live for. As descendants of Adam, we too are made in the image of God and made for communion. Our hearts are inclined toward others. Our hearts find satisfaction in being seen and known, while also seeing and knowing. In what ways is your heart aligned to find this primordial satisfaction? How could you shift your priorities to more closely align with God's design for us to live in communion?



## CEP & EDGE

### CEP & EDGE OFF NEXT WEEKEND

There will be no kids ministries on Sunday, January 19 as long as weather permits us to have class this Sunday, January 12. There will also be no Children's Liturgy at the morning Masses and the nursery will be closed.

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETINGS

If you have a child who is in second grade or older and who would like to prepare to receive First Communion, please join us today from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room or Wednesday, January 22 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Contact [emily.shull@comonewman.org](mailto:emily.shull@comonewman.org) for more information.

### EDGE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN FEBRUARY

We're short on space due to Library renovations, so EDGE Bible Study will not resume until Wednesday, February 5 and will meet in the MPR.

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** This week talk with your family about their memories from the day of your Baptism!

**For Parents:** Jesus is Baptized and begins his great work. What will be the great work of your family for the world this coming year?



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Jesus	baptized	dove
Galilee	John	voice
Jordan	water	heaven

esJsu	<u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u>
ohJn	___
hevine	___
laGilee	___
wetra	___
rodJan	___
devo	___
batidpez	___
vocie	___

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERINGS



*Our Christmas flowers this year were made possible by contributions made in honor and memory of the following people:*

Shawna Bier	Grandma & Grandpa Minner
Ed Bier	All aunt Minners
Theresa Lisatano	Aunts Vicky, Margaret, Sally, Peg,
Elizabeth A. Cabello	Val, Iene, Maride
Robert Cabello Sr.	Uncles Mike, Spunk, Chube,
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Edna Charles	Jim Pringle
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Lawrence Charles	Nell Hage
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Fernandes Family	John Mary Doggett
All Souls & All Saints	Henryetta
George & Elayne Busche	Lenard Elers
Barbara Jean Clark	St. Eligius
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