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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.

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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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



@kevinbshull

Farewell, Fr. Joachim! Many prayers and blessings for your future in Chicago! We will miss you greatly! Thank you for being a wonderful part of our parish family! #comonewman

*I will make you
a **light** to the nations,
that my salvation
may reach to the
ends of the earth.*

Isaiah 49

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CLEAR UP THE STATIC



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

Our responsorial psalm this week is on point: "*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*"

Wherever we find ourselves in our faith journey, the bottom line is that our discernment should focus on how God's will for us is manifested in our lives, faith community, and ministry. When my mom was alive, her observation was, "If God used sticky notes on the refrigerator, it would be so much easier to know what He wanted." And I'm inclined to agree with her.

The Jewish testament is replete with Yahweh interacting with the Chosen People. There were pillars of fire or smoke; there were voices in the wind; there were angels sent to communicate directly with prophets or people. We could spend thousands of words chatting about the 40-year

conversation that Moses and Yahweh carried on.

Even our Christian testament relates stories of angels coming to share the specifics of God's plan for them. We've been hearing them throughout the Christmas season: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and Magi, and John the Baptist, just to name a few. And of course, we have the penultimate example in Jesus Christ. His submission in the Garden stands as a powerful example of God's pervasive, relentless love.

So what happened? Has God ceased to communicate His will for us as individuals and as communities? The Jewish people, through the prophets, asked that question when it appeared that God had abandoned them. He never had, but there was too much static sometimes; the message garbled.

Here we stand, offering ourselves and committing to living out the will of God. Frequently we receive a clear, succinct message from God:

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:34-40)

Clear, concise, and to the point, right? Blood has been spilled determining what "loving God ... neighbor ..." looks like. Usually, the static comes from ourselves, as we get in the way of the message, coloring it with our own agenda, our own desires.

Right back where we started: "*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*" And as He so often did, Jesus offered us the answer. His openness to the Spirit, the intentional stepping apart from the noise of the world, the setting aside of whatever might be seen as detracting from the His primary mission: our redemption. Your redemption and mine, generations past and generations to come.

We are called individually and personally by Jesus. If we choose to follow him, we will be asked clearly to preach this message of God's love, without qualification or editing. I can tell you that it is not an easy invitation to accept. It is not an easy challenge to live out; too often, we impose our own version, our own coloring of God's love. So have we set ourselves an impossible task? Short answer — No!

We've heard these answers before. Returning to Scripture, to contemplative prayer, to an active silence in our hearts and positioning ourselves to see God's presence more clearly will clear up the static, wash the noise from the message, and allow us to live out the Gospel call of God's love shared with others.

Believe! Trust! Courage! Action!

These are the watch words. These are the words that will clear up the noise and allow us to see what it means when we say, "*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*"

Fr. Rich, O.P.

THANK YOU FROM FR. JOACHIM

I want to thank you all for your gifts, cards, and letters at my departure from Newman. I received so many that there is no way I can thank everyone individually, but know that I appreciate all that you have given me. I am especially grateful for your friendship during these years I've been at Newman. My time at Newman has been some of the best years of my ministry as a priest. Thanks again for everything and may God continue to bless all of you and the Newman Center ministry.

Fr. Joachim

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP



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

In this new year, we are called to discern the ways in which we can incorporate the spiritual practice of stewardship in our daily lives. If you did not pick it up at Mass this weekend, please watch your mail for a packet from the parish about our season of stewardship annual renewal process. This mailing is intended to help you to discern how you may be called to engage more fully in our call as disciples to pray, to study, and to serve.

Next Sunday will be "Discernment Sunday" — a time when Fr. Rich will speak at all Masses about this call to discernment. This year's process will be two-fold. First will be a time for each member of the family to discern how they are called to participate with their time and talent in the life of the parish. The second part includes your plans for giving to the offertory. Not only is this to benefit your own discernment of gifts, but also it allows the parish to plan for the future, both in ministry offerings and in financial budgeting.

We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the mission of the parish and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing you at Mass next weekend. If you have any questions regarding the annual renewal process, please feel free to contact JoAnn Shull in the parish office.



**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:

www.comonewman.org/dbd-ministries/kemper-library**MONDAY, JANUARY 20 — OFFICE CLOSED**

10 a.m.	Daily Mass/Chapel
6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
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, JANUARY 21

6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 242/Lima
7 p.m.	Newman Needleworks/Romero
7 p.m.	Knights of Columbus/Aquinas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

6:15 p.m.	CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms
6:15 p.m.	First Communion Parent Meeting/MPR
6:30 p.m.	EDGE Bible Study/Disciples
6:30 p.m.	Student Pastoral Council/Conference
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, JANUARY 23

10 a.m.	Christology: Journey of the Heart/Disciples
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

3:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8 a.m.	Blood Drive/MPR
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	First Communion Parent Meeting/Disciples
2:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University class/Aquinas
3 p.m.	Women's Spirituality/1922 W. Broadway
3 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
6 p.m.	EDGE/MPR
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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

January 26 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23—9:3; Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 20	10 a.m.	
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Noon	+ Kenneth Porter
Wednesday, Jan. 22	Noon	
Thursday, Jan. 23	Noon	+ Mike Murray
Friday, Jan. 24	Noon	+ Richard Heimbarger
Saturday, Jan. 25	5 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 26	9 a.m.	
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Sunday, Jan. 26	5 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 26	8 p.m.	

PARISH FINANCES

January 11/12

Offertory	\$13,536.95
Month-to-Date	\$49,987.27
Budget for month	\$105,000.00
Variance	— \$55,012.73

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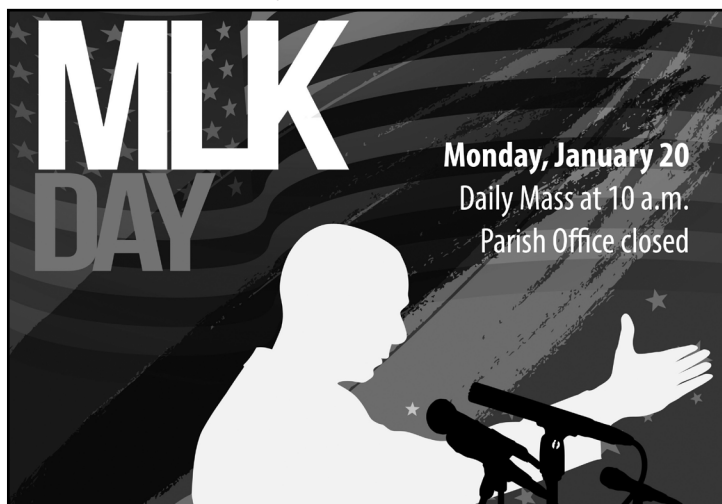
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➤ All registrations/RSVPs are found on the website under *Parish Sign Ups*:
www.comonewman.org/parish/parish-sign-ups

2019 TAX STATEMENTS

2019 tax statements are now available. If you have an email on file, you should have received your statement through email from angie@comonewman.org on January 14. Please check your spam folder. Paper statements for those without emails on file are stuffed in your stewardship packet. If you did not pick up your stewardship packet this weekend, it will be mailed to your home this week. If you would like to receive your statement electronically in the future, please contact the main office to add your email address to your record.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY: GIFT OF LIFE-GIVING WATER

Women's Spirituality is a group of women meeting monthly to discuss selected topics of spirituality and to share faith. This semester, Sr. Karen, O.P. is leading the discussion on *Gift of Life-giving Water: Praying the Scriptures of Lent*. Lent is a journey of conversion involving all our relationships — with God, with ourselves and our families, and with other people. These Lenten Scriptures will help focus our efforts. Bring your Bible and your thirst for the living water Jesus offers us this Lent! Contact Sr. Karen at srkaren@comonewman.org with questions.

- **Session 1 | Exodus 17: Water from the Rock**
January 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. or January 27 from 10-11:30 a.m.
Meet at Sr. Karen's home: 1922 W Broadway
- **Session 2 | John 4:4-17: Water from the Well**
Saturday, February 29 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Meet at Newman MPR (Tri-Parish Women's Retreat)
- **Session 3 | John 13:1-17: Water for Washing Feet**
March 29 from 3-4:30 p.m. or March 30 from 10-11:30 a.m.
Meet at Sr. Karen's home: 1922 W Broadway

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. 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 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*.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH

Join the Knights of Columbus for a delicious brunch following the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 2, upstairs 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 Stubenville Youth Conference.



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 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.



BLOOD DRIVE — WHAT'S IT LIKE TO GIVE BLOOD?

First it is good to get motivated — think about someone you know who has recently needed blood, like Joan Pottinger and Dick Otto from our own community. Then, in the morning before arriving at the blood drive, you can use "RapidPass" and do your health histories online (see redcrossblood.org/rapidpass).

If you haven't used "RapidPass," upon arriving at the drive you will be given a pamphlet to read with any updated information about donating blood. Then you will be registered on a computer by a Red Cross worker. Next, you will be asked to answer a long list of personal questions; this is important to insure that your blood will be safe for others. Your temperature and blood pressure will be taken, and a drop of your blood will be checked for iron to make sure that it is safe for you to donate on this day. Also, your blood donation will undergo many tests at the Red Cross before it is given to a patient. This is how the Red Cross insures a safe supply of blood.



The thing folks fear most, the actual needle stick, does sting or burn for a couple of seconds, but it's really not bad. After 10 minutes, the blood is drawn and you're invited to rest and have juice and snacks at the canteen. Most people feel fine afterwards; you may feel a bit fatigued, but this is a great excuse for a Sunday afternoon nap. Best of all, you feel great because you know you gave the "gift of life." **Our annual winter blood drive will be next Sunday, January 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. up in the MPR.**



CENTRAL PANTRY COLLECTION

December Total: 293 pounds

Thank you for your donations! **That's over one ton (2,284 pounds) of food donated in 2019!**

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHT SPRING KICKOFF PARTY

Hey teens — don't miss our Spring Kickoff Party on January 19! We'll meet again next week on January 26 for our first night of our Gospel series. 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.



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

BIBLICAL ROOTS OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is ... First-Fruits (Genesis 4:3-5)

"In the course of time Cain brought an offering to the Lord from the fruit of the ground, while Abel, for his part, brought the fatty portion of the firstlings of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor." This passage helps us to understand four key points about stewardship:



1. Man is oriented toward sacrifice. The first people offered gifts to the Lord and set the stage for us to make sacrifices as well.
2. This passage introduces the concept of giving from one's first fruits. God very clearly distinguishes that Cain's gift was unacceptable while Abel's was looked upon "with favor."
3. The failure to offer a worthy sacrifice is an external manifestation of sin in the heart. Cain, who murdered Abel, showed anger and jealousy in his gift instead of gratitude and love.
4. When a sacrificial offering is made, God accepts the gift and lives in communion with the giver. In offering the "first" and the "best," Abel's gift showed an indication of his interior intentions to be in relationship with God.

When God looks at our sacrifice, he does not see the worldly view of our goods. He is looking for our first fruits. Are you sacrificing to God your first and your best?

CEP & EDGE

CEP & EDGE OFF FOR MLK DAY

There will be no kids ministries on Sunday, January 19. CEP, EDGE, Children's Liturgy, and the Nursery will resume January 26.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETINGS

If you have a child who is in second grade and up who would like to prepare to receive First Communion, please join us on Wednesday, January 22 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the MPR or Sunday, January 26 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Contact emily.shull@comonewman.org for more information.

EDGE PARTY: JANUARY 26

With the return of our college core members, we're ready to officially celebrate the beginning of a new semester. Join us for games, food, and prizes from 6-7:30 p.m. in the MPR (after 5 p.m. Sunday Mass).

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: John can't wait to share the news that Jesus has come to help us. How can you share about Jesus this week?

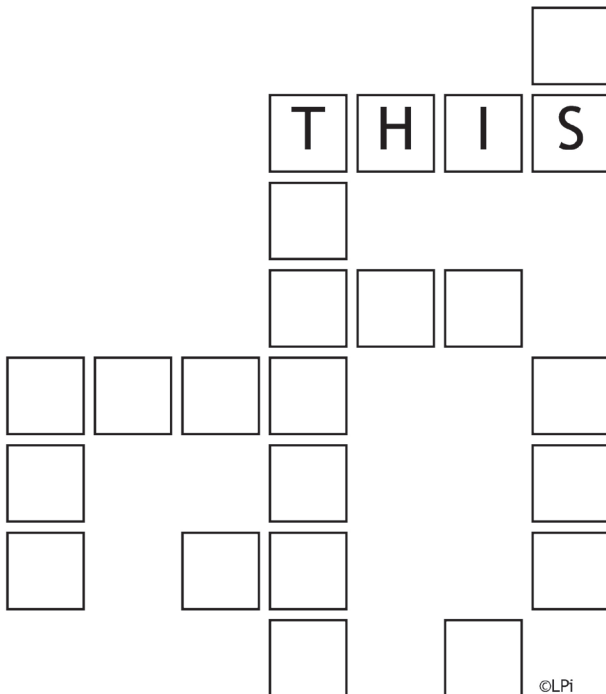
For Parents: John proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God and will be our savior. How does your family proclaim that God is at the center of your life together?



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

CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAMS RESUME

Welcome back, students! Campus Ministry programs begin the week of January 20:

- Daily Holy Hour resumes Tuesday, January 21
- Ephesians 3 resumes Wednesday, January 22
- Power Hour resumes Monday, January 27

ICE SKATING SOCIAL



Ice Skating Social

Friday, January 24
\$8 | Meet at 6pm

College students: you're invited to an ice skating social on Friday, January 24 from 7-10 p.m. at Washington Park Arena in Jefferson City. Admission (including skate rental) is \$8. Meet at Newman at 6 p.m. for carpooling. If you are willing to drive, please let us know on the *Event Sign Ups* page. Contact Allison (allison@comonewman.org) for more information.

MASS AT STEPHENS COLLEGE

Mark your calendars for Mass at Stephens on these Tuesdays: February 4, March 17, and April 14. Masses will take place in Firestone Baars Chapel at 12:30 p.m. Contact Yvonne Chamberlain (yvonne@comonewman.org) for more information.



CSA SWEATSHIRT

Order your new Catholic Student Association sweatshirts today! They cost \$25 (sizes 2X-4X are \$30). Purchase yours now on the *Event Sign Ups* page! Sale ends February 1, 2020. For more information contact Maria Olivos at maria.olivos@mail.missouri.edu.

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