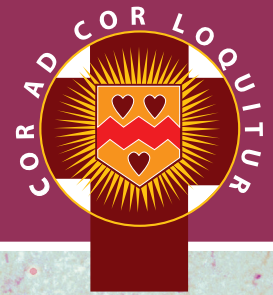


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**SATURDAY:** 5 p.m.

**WEEKDAY:** Noon

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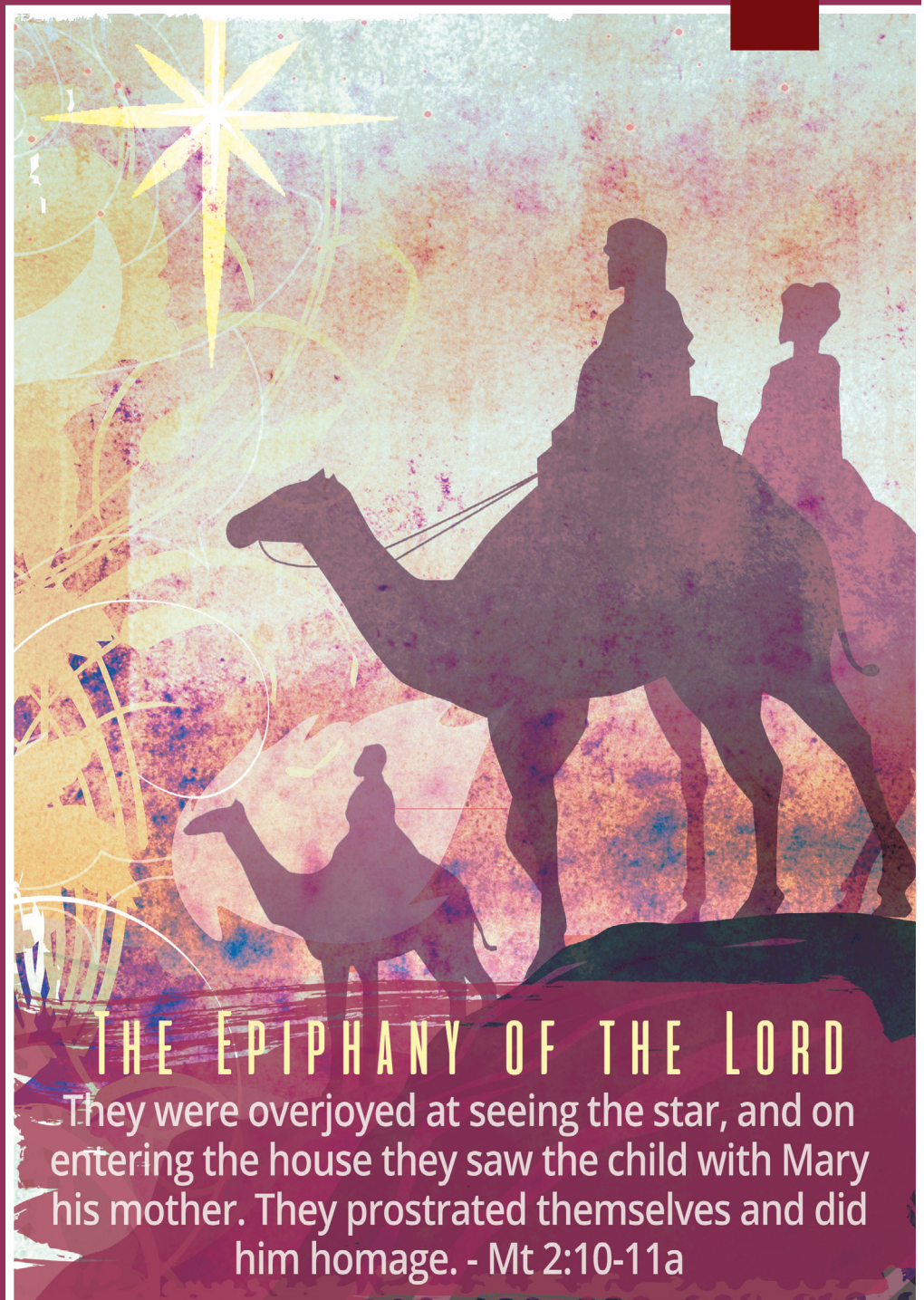


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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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## A DEEPER AWARENESS OF GOD IN OUR LIVES



**FR. RICH**  
Servant Leader

As we begin a new year, one that promises to bring a plethora of new experiences, I invite you to join me in an imaginative exercise.

We are celebrating the Epiphany this weekend. There are any number of stories and legends about the "reveal" of Jesus Christ, Son of God, mighty King, Wonder Councilor. How many visitors were there, from whence did they come, how did they travel, and what gifts did they bring?

What we do believe is that He was presented to the larger, Gentile world as the presence of God in our world, and the gifts offered symbolized his kingship, his status as a prophet, and the inevitable death that we would suffer.

I think that we can also presume, for the sake of conversation, that whoever came to worship in His presence were thoughtful, prayerful individuals who had a sense of the greater world around them and a sense of the forces in play in the universe. The philosophy or moral codes that drove them may have differed from the Commandments that were the cornerstone of the Jewish people.

It is not a huge leap of faith that encourages me to place the prayer below in the minds and voices of those who traveled to acknowledge the savior child. In the coming year, it will be for me foundational to my prayer life; it will inform my contemplation and hope that God is truly as present today as he was then. He is fully human, fully divine, present in the Eucharist that we celebrate as a community.

It behooves us to remember this. Whatever legends or stories surround His birth, the truth is that the Son of God entered human history and did so in order that we might be redeemed.

As this year unfolds, I invite you to join me in this prayer. We all seek serenity. We all seek God's grace in our lives. Our journey begins in prayer and requires commitment, energy, and patience.

Although we celebrate the Epiphany as a moment in history, it has an alternative meaning: *a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something* (Merriam-Webster). Perhaps, through our prayer and contemplation over the next year, we will come to a deeper awareness of God in our lives, in our world. Join me; what have you got to lose?

Dear God, I do not know who you are, but I am in exultant joy before the magnificence of Your creation.

I do not know why you gave me life, but I thank You with every fiber of my heart for having lit up in me the divine spark of light in the vast, incomprehensible universe.

I know that I come from You, that I am part of You, that I will return to You, and that there will be no end to my rebirth in the eternal stream of Your splendid creation.

I do not know why You created light and darkness, happiness and despair, good and evil, love and hatred, creation and destruction, matter and void, and allowed us to choose constantly between the two, but I know that it is my duty and joy to throw down the gauntlet for light, brightness, compassion, goodness, happiness, truthfulness, life, beauty and love.

I cannot define You, I cannot see You, I cannot perceive You, I cannot understand You, I cannot embrace You, but I can most definitely feel You, love You, and know that You are.

Please God, allow us to become at long last a warless, weaponless, hungerless, horrorless, just, kind, truthful, thankful, loving and happy planet.

Help me to show through my life that this is the Planet of God. Please.  
AMEN.

*Fr. Rich, O.P.*

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

A special thanks to Ed and Judy Schulz, who have helped count the offertory for more than 20 years! We are blessed by your ministry to this parish.



## MASS ACCOMMODATIONS

➤ [www.comonewman.org/mass-accommodations](http://www.comonewman.org/mass-accommodations)

As a large parish, we are aware that our community has diverse needs. In an effort to make everyone feel at home here, our staff has participated in an Autism Friendly Business training from the Thompson Center to raise awareness of the various needs that individuals may have when attending Mass here at Newman. As a result, we are offering some new accommodations for individuals with special needs. Learn about what accommodations we offer at: [www.comonewman.org/mass-accommodations](http://www.comonewman.org/mass-accommodations) or see the "Mass Accommodations, Building Map, & Safety Procedures" pamphlet in the display stand in the Gathering Space.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**January 12 | The Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

For full text and for daily readings for the week,  
visit: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)



**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 6**

6 p.m. Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

4:30 p.m. Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes  
 6:15 p.m. CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms  
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (5pm Saturday)/Chapel  
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (9am)/Chapel, Sacristy  
 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (11am)/Chapel

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9****FRIDAY, JANUARY 10****SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

3:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel  
 6 p.m. Acts 2:42/MPR, Chapel

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

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  
 Noon Fr. Tolton Legacy Society/Conference  
 12:15 p.m. First Communion Parent Meeting/Disciples  
 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
 3 p.m. Music Rehearsal/Chapel  
 6 p.m. EDGE/MPR  
 6:30 p.m. RCIA Inquiry Session/Disciples

**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](mailto: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.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**

If you need low gluten communion hosts, please call the parish office.

**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!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, Jan. 6	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Noon	+ Bob Luebbering
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Noon	
Thursday, Jan. 9	Noon	+ Vi & + Jim Leon
Friday, Jan. 10	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Saturday, Jan. 11	5 p.m.	Dinh & + Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, Jan. 12	9 a.m.	+ Elizabeth Posch
Sunday, Jan. 12	11 a.m.	+ Hugo Vianello
Sunday, Jan. 12	5 p.m.	

**PARISH FINANCES**

*The December 21/22 parish finance report will be published in next weekend's bulletin.*

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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)

### WELCOME MARY MERTES!

Mary Mertes, Interim Assistant Director of Music & Liturgy, has been hired as permanent staff! She will work in both the Liturgy and Development offices and will continue to be the point person for ministry scheduling and training. Please extend a warm welcome to her when you see her! You can contact Mary at [mary.mertes@comonewman.org](mailto:mary.mertes@comonewman.org).

### 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.

# 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

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](mailto:theresa@comonewman.org) with questions or to RSVP for the Nursery.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.



Thank you for donating items for Room At The Inn during November and December, and for participating in the Personal Care Collections throughout the year. We are grateful for all the ways that St. Thomas More Newman Center supported the Newman Volunteer Corps in 2019 from B (Blood Drives) to X (Xmas Giving Tree)!

### 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. We had a small but mighty group in December to repackage Trix cereal for the buddy packs.

The Food Bank requires 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. Please register by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 10. 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.

### 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 *Parish Sign Ups* page. Loaves and Fishes is located at 702 Wilkes Blvd. (at the Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church).



## BLOOD DRIVE: A GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The St. Thomas More Newman Center's annual winter blood drive will be on Sunday, January 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our MPR.

You can help by: A) Donating blood.  
B) Volunteering your help.



We need Volunteers who can:

1. Help unload the Red Cross truck at 6:55 a.m. This is an important job. If you are an early riser and don't mind the winter darkness, please consider running over to Newman for a half hour or so.
2. Help greet and guide donors as they arrive.
3. Help in the donor room — mainly visiting with donors and seeing that things are running smoothly.
4. Help in the canteen — serving drinks and snacks, signing donor cars, visiting, and being watchful.
5. Make a sweet treat or veggie/fruit tray for the canteen.
6. Help to reload the Red Cross truck at about 2 p.m. (Takes about 20 minutes.)

Can you help for a couple of hours or all day? Contact Bob at (573) 445-6737 or [heinze@missouri.edu](mailto:heinze@missouri.edu).

## 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.

### 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!



### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Confirmation students, don't forget we have class January 12! Come prepared to ask questions about Catholicism to our great panelists. Your saint report is also due that day. See you then!



## 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' 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: IMAGE OF GOD

As we begin 2020, 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. We will first start with the Old Testament.



### Stewardship is ... Image of God (Genesis 1:26-31)

"Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness ... in the image of God he created them." God created everything as a gift for us. In fact, God's first act for humanity is the giving of creation. Starting with the book of Genesis, we see that it is God's nature to give. And human beings — created in God's image — are therefore called to give. In doing so, we are speaking "God's language" of gift giving, drawing us into communion with our Creator.

In the same passage, God gives humans dominion over the animals and plants. He charged Adam to care for, labor over, and enjoy the fruits of the earth. In giving this gift to humankind, God charged humanity with the common stewardship for all the earth. In our own lives, this means that we have dominion over that which we are gifted — our family, our work, our home, and our community.

In the initial act of creation, God instills the roots of stewardship in our lives. By gifting us all that we have — and creating us in His image — God is showing us how we are to use these gifts. How do you speak the language of giving in your life?

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## CEP & EDGE

### CEP, EDGE, & MASS MINISTRIES RESUME

CEP, EDGE & Mass Ministries (the Nursery and Children's Liturgy) resume this weekend. Wednesday CEP begins this week on January 8. *Please check your email as some CEP classes moved due to library renovations.*

### 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:** Why would Kings come so far to see a small child? What is so special about this child?

**For Parents:** The Epiphany highlights the contradictions in the life of Jesus. Kings from other nations seek him and yet he is a threat to the Jewish King. Jesus is the son of God, but he is living with a poor family in a new city and will soon flee as a refugee. Talk as a family about all the ways the Christmas story reveals that Jesus is special but also that God is presented as poor, frightened, and even insignificant in the world's eyes. What does this tell us about where we will find God in our world?



## Puzzle

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

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## AROUND TOWN

### 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](http://mealsonwheelscolumbia.org/volunteer) for more information or contact JoNetta Weaver at 573.886.7554.

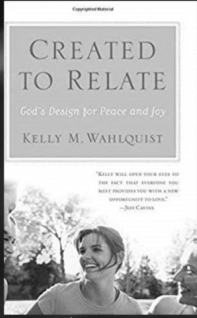

### ECUMENICAL HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT

Come watch and enjoy five handbell choirs perform at the Jefferson City Community Handbell Concert on Sunday, January 5 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Admission is one canned food item or cash gift, which will be donated to the Jefferson City Samaritan Center. Cookies and punch will follow the concert.


### DIOCESAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK CLUB

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