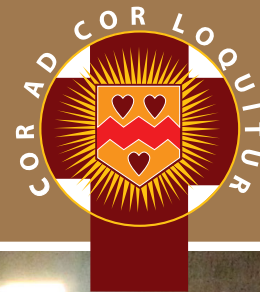


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**MASS TIMES —**

**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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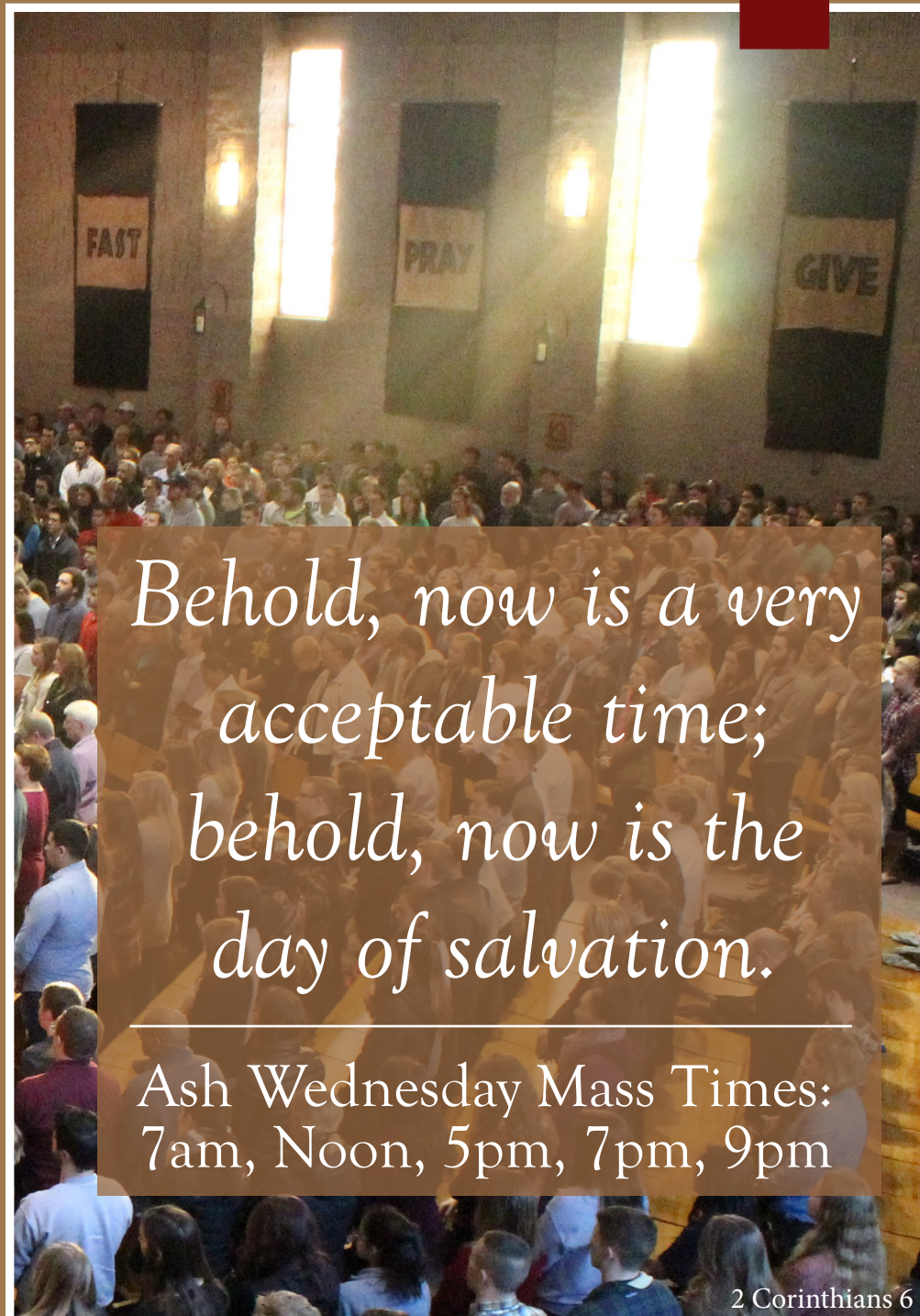
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



**@k.nats**

As a second semester senior, one of my biggest pieces of advice is to take the leap of faith to go on Awakenings. God wants to do big things in your heart, and you may just make some lifelong friends in the process



*Behold, now is a very  
acceptable time;  
behold, now is the  
day of salvation.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Times:  
7am, Noon, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

2 Corinthians 6

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## RECOGNIZING AND ATTENDING TO CHRIST



**SR. KAREN**  
Pastoral Associate

I can't believe Lent is almost here. I have always loved this liturgical season — even as it challenges me with its prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Somehow Lent awakens a deep-seated desire to let go of all that keeps me from being the person God graces me to be. It offers time to take a long, loving look at what is genuine and true in my life and relationships — and to be grateful or sorry. Lent nudges me to be more attentive to Scripture, to make room for quality time to meet God in prayer. It motivates me to decide what I want to give up and to let my conscious fasting (not just from

food) actually support and integrate the rest of my Lenten journey.

But while all these plans and musings of mine are very important, Lent is not just about me. It's about letting the Spirit of God — already dwelling in me by grace of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist — be heard in my busy life. It's about being drawn more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It's ultimately about recognizing and attending to Christ in hidden and unexpected places within and around me.

For a long time I have thought of holiness and wholeness as synonyms. Growing in either one is a lifelong process that people of faith know will not be complete until death. A vibrant life of faith is developmental, just as is our growth toward human maturity. And yet by God's grace, body and spirit are woven together in ways that help, support, strengthen, and establish each other. Whole persons (holy persons) are fearfully, wonderfully made.

Somewhere in my religious education, I had to write a paper on how the seeds of faith got planted in me. As you might expect, two big communities stood out as influential. One was my family, and one was my parish. For better or for worse, these two communities continue to form each of us today. Our roles in each of them change with the years. But by faithfully living out our call to holiness within family and parish, we extend the mission of Jesus to the people and places around us.

This year, the churches in our diocese are participating in Bishop McKnight's pastoral planning process, "Better Together." It is an opportunity for parishes to break open Church teachings, especially those of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Francis. The Bishop's hope is that each parish in the diocese will come to be known as a place of charity and mercy, where clergy and laity work together, and steward the varied gifts of grace God has given each of us. How wonderful to be part of such a process.

Providentially, our Lenten day of reflection dovetails with our Bishop's vision. On March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sr. Joanne Delahanty, O.P., from St. Benedict the African Parish in Chicago, will engage us on this very ideal — A Parish of Compassion and Hope. (Google St. Benedict the African Parish, Chicago, IL to view a beautiful church whose motto is, "There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place." Enjoy their lovely artwork and music.) In her 20 years of ministry in this inner city parish, Sr. Joanne has fostered hopes and dreams similar to our own, but with challenges that reflect their specific reality. I know she will bring insight and depth to our parish here at St. Thomas More. And words of wisdom from Fr. Rich will conclude our day. Please help us plan for seating and lunch by registering at [www.comonewman.org](http://www.comonewman.org)!

*Sr. Karen, O.P.*



Congratulations to our 11 new altar servers trained this month! We are blessed to have young Catholics involved and serving at Mass!

## TITHING REPORT

January 2020

As a "tithing parish," the Newman Center contributes 5 percent of the offertory each month to nonprofit organizations. You can read more about the organizations we tithe to at:

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\$289.90	Adult Day Connection
\$347.88	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$289.90	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$173.94	Day Dreams Foundation
\$289.90	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$231.92	Habitat for Humanity
\$115.96	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$231.92	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$289.90	Love, INC.
\$115.96	Spectrum Health Care
\$347.88	St. Francis House
\$115.96	Tiger Pantry
\$231.92	True North
\$289.90	Voluntary Action Center
\$231.92	Welcome Home



### WI-FI NETWORK AND PASSWORD

Network Name — Newman Wifi: Saint Thomas More  
Network Password — prayforus

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**February 26 | Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:12-18; Psalms 51

2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**March 1 | First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalms 51

Romans 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11



**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

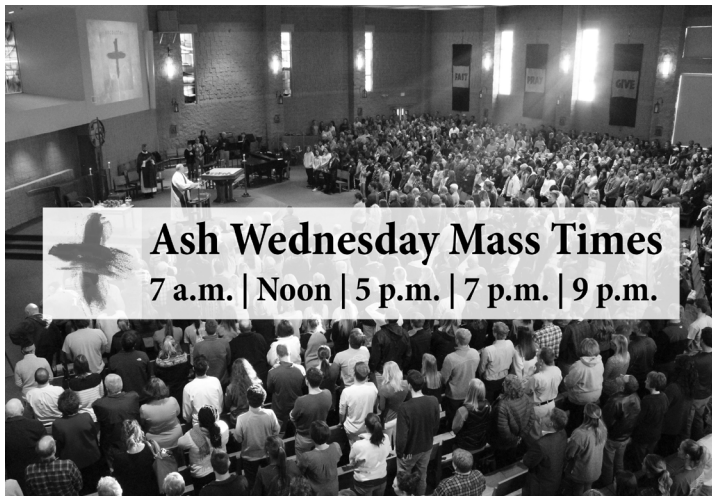
For the full catalog listing of the library, visit:  
[www.comonewman.org/kemper-library](http://www.comonewman.org/kemper-library)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
7 p.m.	RCIA/MPR
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (5pm Saturday)/Liturgy Office
7 p.m.	Mizzou CSA Election Info Meeting/Disciples
7:15 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
9:05 p.m.	Power Hour/Chapel

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

6:30 p.m.	VIRTUS Session/Disciples
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 242/Lima
7 p.m.	Parish Council/Aquinas

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

10 a.m.	Christology: Journey of the Heart/Disciples
7 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class/Romero

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

6 p.m.	Young Adults Fish Fry/Disciples
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

8 a.m.	Tri-Parish Women's Retreat/MPR
3:30 p.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

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
2:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University class/Aquinas
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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, Feb. 24	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham & + Anne Dong
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Noon	+ Ashley Janowicz
Wednesday, Feb. 26	7 a.m.	
Wednesday, Feb. 26	Noon	+ Bart Mustaccia
Wednesday, Feb. 26	5 p.m.	The Joe Fick Family
Wednesday, Feb. 26	7 p.m.	
Wednesday, Feb. 26	9 p.m.	
Thursday, Feb. 27	Noon	+ Jillian Goehl
Friday, Feb. 28	Noon	+ Rod Gelatt
Saturday, Feb. 29	5 p.m.	Mary Lou Louise O'Day
Sunday, March 1	9 a.m.	
Sunday, March 1	11 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, March 1	5 p.m.	
Sunday, March 1	8 p.m.	

**PARISH FINANCES**

February 15/16

Offertory	\$16,214.86
Month-to-Date	\$96,816.36
Budget for month	\$130,000.00
Variance	— \$33,183.64

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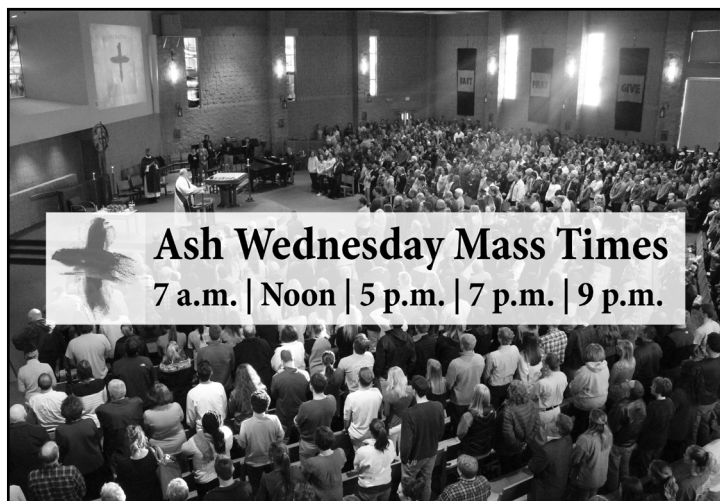
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## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: FOOD FOR FAMILIES

This weekend, members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting cash donations for the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri after all weekend Masses. The council will match the first \$500 of contributions from the parish dollar for dollar. The council will also utilize a Supreme Council matching program to collect an additional \$100 for every \$500 raised. Every dollar you donate will be turned into 36 pounds of food by the food bank and provide the food for 26 meals thanks to these matching programs. Please be generous in your support! Thank you!

## VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

On Tuesday, February 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., we will host a VIRTUS session in the Disciples Room. It is required for new volunteers with children or youth programs. It is recommended for parents and grandparents, but it is an adult training and not appropriate to bring children. Please sign-up in advance on the *Parish Sign Ups* page. You will be asked to complete a background check online as part of our process of becoming an eligible parish volunteer. Contact Emily Shull at [emily.shull@comonewman.org](mailto:emily.shull@comonewman.org) with questions.



## YOUNG ADULTS FISH FRY

All Columbia young adults are invited to a Fish Fry on the first Friday of Lent (February 28). We'll be in the Disciples Room from 6-8 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Kids are welcome! Contact Theresa Nguyen at [theresa@comonewman.org](mailto:theresa@comonewman.org) with questions.

## LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

We invite you to press the pause button and join us for a Lenten Day of Reflection. It will take place in the MPR on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch provided. Sr. Joanne Delahanty, pastoral associate at St. Benedict the African Parish in Chicago, will present on how to be a parish of compassion and hope. Fr. Rich will also add his words of wisdom. RSVP on the *Parish Sign Ups* page on the website, and contact Sr. Karen at [srkaren@comonewman.org](mailto:srkaren@comonewman.org) with questions.

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY: GIFT OF LIFE-GIVING WATER

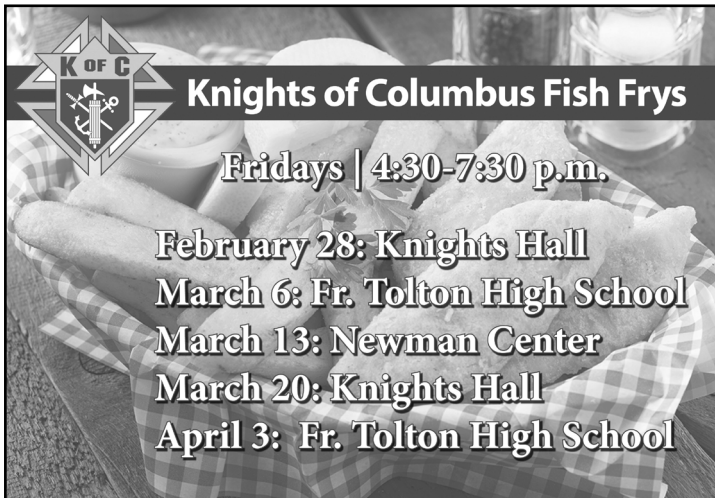
Women's Spirituality is a group of women meeting monthly to discuss selected topics of spirituality and to share faith. This semester, Sr. Karen, O.P. is leading the discussion on *Gift of Life-giving Water: Praying the Scriptures of Lent*. Lent is a journey of conversion involving all our relationships — 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](mailto:srkaren@comonewman.org) with questions.

- **Session 2 | John 4:4-17: Water from the Well**  
 Saturday, February 29 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 Newman MPR | Tri-Parish Women's Retreat (Please Register at *Parish Sign Ups*)
- **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

## TRI-PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us on Saturday, February 29 for our annual Tri-Parish Women's Retreat. This year's retreat will be presented by Sr. Karen Freund and Eric and Shannon Cerneka from St. Peter in Fulton, with remarks from LeAnn Korsmeyer, of the Diocesan Women's Ministry. The retreat is from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a continental breakfast included. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Sign up at *Parish Sign Ups*; registration will close on February 27.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYS



## NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

### PERSONAL ITEMS COLLECTION

This month, Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting items for MU's Tiger Pantry. Requested items include hygiene products and easy-to-prepare, non-perishable food. A list of needed items is available on the Tiger Pantry website, [tigerpantry.missouri.edu](http://tigerpantry.missouri.edu), and posted on the NVC bulletin boards in the Gathering Space and in the hallway outside the MPR on the second floor. Donations may be placed in the large silver bin in the Turner Street entrance. Please note that the usual collection for the Food Bank Central Pantry will also take place this month. Thank you for supporting the Diaper Drive for My Life Clinic in January!



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### LIFE NIGHTS: THE GOSPEL

Tonight is our last Life Night on our Gospel series. 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: XLT AT TOLTON

Encounter on February 27 will be XLT at Tolton! We'll be meeting at Tolton at 7 p.m. for Adoration and praise & worship. Encounter meets in the Aquinas Room at Newman from 7-8:30 p.m. every other Thursday.

### LUKE 18 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Teens and eighth graders are welcome to join us on our Luke 18 retreat, April 3-5! This retreat is run by our high schoolers and put on for our eighth graders. It takes place at Our Lady of Lourdes and is a great opportunity for the eighth graders to get to know the rest of our youth group. Sign up on the *Parish Sign Ups* page or contact Renee Molner at [renee.molner@comonewman.org](mailto:renee.molner@comonewman.org).

## AROUND TOWN



### OLLIS POT O'GOLD AUCTION

Mark your calendar for the annual Pot O' Gold Auction! Doors open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Fr. Tolton Catholic High School. This fun, casual event features food, drinks, live and silent auctions!

Individual tickets are available for \$50. Tables of 8

may be reserved for \$400. Purchase your tickets online at: [ourlady.auctionreg.org/registration](http://ourlady.auctionreg.org/registration). Tickets need to be purchased in advance and will not be available the night of the auction. This event usually sells out; buy your ticket now to ensure your spot! Contact Amy Bierk at [amahoney@bjc.org](mailto:amahoney@bjc.org) by February 21 if you are interested in donating silent auction and/or live auction items.

### CURSILLO NEWS

All Cursillistas are invited to attend our Grand Reunion of Cursillistas on Saturday, February 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tolton Catholic High School. Please RSVP at [www.signupgenius.com/go/805044eaba928a57-making](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044eaba928a57-making). You may also contact Marcia Doll at 573-999-5066. This will be a full day of talks, finishing with Mass at 3 p.m. Hope to see you there! The February School of Leaders will be on Thursday, February 27 at Sacred Heart Church Library in Columbia starting at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars!



## WE PRAY

*for our Newman Community*

For those who are sick, especially Dennis Hensley, Cy Harbourt, and Fr. Aubuchon.

For our beloved dead. 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

### STEWARDSHIP IS ... TRINITARIAN (MATTHEW 29:19)

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This passage is not only the great commission of our Church, but is also the Trinitarian foundation of the life of stewardship.

Stewardship is rooted relationship, specifically the relationship of the three Divine Persons. For all of time, the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit are mutual, reciprocal, and interdependent. As we saw in the discussion of Genesis, God calls man into this relationship through the language of gift.

Christianity is not simply a list of rules to make us better people. Life with Christ allows us to be in relationship with God and make us divine. In John (17:21), Jesus prays, "may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us." Communion with the Trinity is Jesus' desire.

We experience the mutual reciprocity of the Trinity through the interdependent relationship of the three Divine Persons. The Father emptied himself to us in his Son, Jesus emptied himself to us as man, and the Spirit emptied onto us in Pentecost. Through this continual and mutual gift of self, we are called to that same self-gift. We saw this with Adam in the beginning. All the 'stuff' of the world did not satisfy the longings in his heart. He was made for communion with God and neighbor. Living a life of stewardship is a realization of communion in the imitation of the Trinity through the example of Jesus.

How can the Trinity help you learn more about self-gift? In what ways can you draw into communion with God and neighbor?

*In the last eight weeks, we explored eight passages demonstrating the biblical roots of stewardship. If these short essays on stewardship formation have piqued your interest, consider diving deep into the New Testament to look at charisms (1 Cor 12, Rom 12, 1 Pe 4, Eph 4 are the main chapters), Jesus' parables (most discuss the disciple's life in terms stewardship), and promised gifts (2 Cor 9:5-15).*

## CEP & EDGE

### NO WEDNESDAY CEP ON ASH WEDNESDAY

We will NOT have CEP class on Wednesday, February 26. Our class times do not match up with the Ash Wednesday Mass times, and the building is busy! We do encourage families to attend Mass together.

### CEP ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 WILL MEET

Due to weather cancellations, we are going to have CEP and EDGE Bible Study on Wednesday, March 11. We were originally not scheduled to meet that day because CPS will not be in session.

### EDGE FAMILY DINNER & SUMMER PREVIEW

We're inviting families to EDGE on March 1 when we'll be sharing the news about what we're planning for summer. We hope you'll join us.

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** Jesus asks us to do what we know is right. We say we follow him but we have to show it.

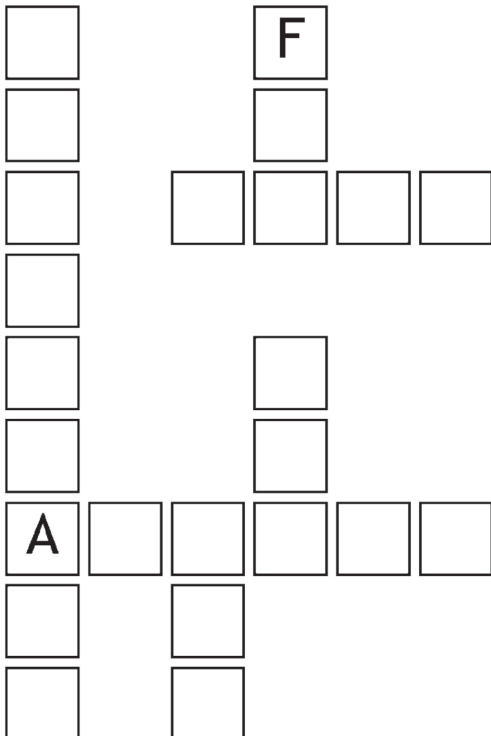
**For Parents:** Love your enemies is a tall order, but loving your family can get just as hairy. No one fights like family. Spend a few minutes this week talking about what you all love about each other — might be a nice reset.



## Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Pray for anyone who mistreats you.



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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

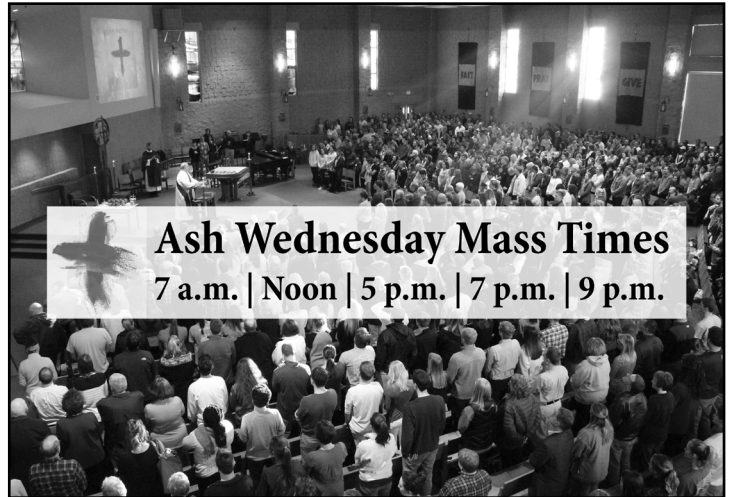


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### AWAKENINGS #39: REGISTRATION OPEN!

Awakenings is a retreat held for students and run by students. You'll hear talks from your peers, spend time in small groups, have personal reflection time and, of course, have a lot of fun! Awakenings #39 will take place March 6-8, at Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We will meet at Newman at 4 p.m. on Friday and return by 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. The cost of the retreat is \$50, which includes all meals, transportation, and lodging for the weekend. If you need financial assistance, contact Yvonne Chamberlain ([yvonne@comonewman.org](mailto:yvonne@comonewman.org)) before you register. For more information, please contact the Awakenings Rector, Austin Klarsh ([austinklarsch@gmail.com](mailto:austinklarsch@gmail.com)). Visit *Event Sign Ups* to register for the retreat!

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



**Ash Wednesday Mass Times**  
7 a.m. | Noon | 5 p.m. | 7 p.m. | 9 p.m.

### LENTEN REFLECTION ON HEALING

Campus Ministry will host a Lenten reflection on Healing weekly throughout Lent. Sessions will take place Tuesdays and Wednesdays following daily Mass. Students: grab your lunch, then meet in the Disciples Room for prayerful thought and conversation!

### GRADUATE NIGHT

Calling all students graduating in May and December, seniors and grad/professionals! Join Campus Ministry on Thursday, March 12 from 5-7 p.m. for dinner, a talk, and a panel of recent alumni to get ready for post-graduate life. RSVP's are appreciated so that we can plan for enough food. Dinner and dessert are included. To RSVP, email [campus.ministry@comonewman.org](mailto:campus.ministry@comonewman.org).

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