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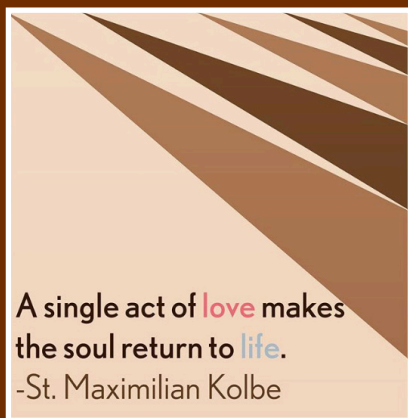
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A single act of **love** makes
the soul return to **life**.

-St. Maximilian Kolbe



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Love doesn't have to manifest in
massive acts of courage.

CS Lewis said, "Our model is the Jesus,
not only of Calvary, but of the workshop,
the roads, the crowds, the clamorous
demands and surly oppositions, the
lack of all peace and privacy, the
interruptions." Today, let's reflect on how
we can love well in the everyday.



Matthew 5

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TRUST ON THE POWER OF GOD



THERESA NGUYEN
Communications Coord.

Recently, I have been reflecting on the trip to Texas that several parishioners and myself took in September to support the asylum seekers there. Five months later, there are still two big moments from that trip that continue to play in my mind.

The first was when we crossed the border into Mexico to serve dinner with Team Brownsville for the asylum seekers who were staying in the plaza. We had made 600 hotdogs, but it was not enough for everyone to have one. There was a lot of shouting and pushing as we passed out dinner because

they had already known we didn't bring enough food. There was a man who ran the repatriation center in the plaza, and he helped us organize the crowd during the dinner rush. After dinner, he gathered everyone together — asylum seekers and volunteers — to pray.

The second memory I have is what followed after we prayed together. There was a young boy, about six years old, who came to stand near us and eventually initiated a game of tag. I can remember the sound of his laughter any time we tagged him, and his wide grin any time he tagged us. As we were leaving, he ran up to me and gave me a hug.

The trip was more than just about giving donations and doing volunteer work. In reality, we had a very small rain droplet sized impact in the lives of those asylum seekers, in the lives of the volunteers who are there everyday, and in the enduring issue of immigration. But we are workers, not master builders (see the prayer: Prophets of a Future Not Our Own).

We have to trust "not on human wisdom but on the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:5), that He puts us where we need to be His hands and feet the most. We have to trust that He puts people in our path and in our lives for a reason. On that trip, He wanted me to be there to play and to pray with His people. He wanted me to be there so we could feed them dinner and they could show me how to live joyously in the midst of suffering.

It's easy to be swept away by all the troubles of the world, and I certainly felt helpless when I came back to Columbia after the trip. But we cannot do it all. In the first reading, the Lord says "clothe the naked when you see them" (Isaiah 58:7). He doesn't tell us to clothe *all* the naked. This does not give us permission to close our eyes to those we cannot see who are suffering, but He is telling us to focus on the people right in front of us: the people He has put in our path to love. "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well." (Prophets of a Future Not Our Own)

One light can make all the difference in the darkness. A few weeks ago, the power went out in my apartment. It was late at night, and I realized at that moment that I don't own any battery operated sources of light (or perhaps I forgot where I had placed the flashlight). But I had a single candle. Much to my surprise, that candle filled enough of the room that I was comfortable having it as my only source of light. My power was out for about an hour, but I was not worried. That single light was enough until all the lights came back on.

Theresa Nguyen

OUR KOREAN COMMUNITY

One of the treasures that we have in our midst is the students and families who are here at the university from Korea. Until recently they maintained a separate presence in our community, supported by a Korean priest, assigned to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. They celebrated a monthly Mass and the sacraments, in the midst of our community. And, though they have been a blessing to our community, few of our members were aware of their presence.

Recently, we have made an effort to change that. They again have a member of their community on our Parish Council. The members of their community have joined us at the Easter Vigil, being baptized and confirmed with their brothers and sisters. They have joined us for our parish picnic, sharing their delicious specialties.

We are making an effort to be more intentional about communicating our student activities as well, inviting students to participate in retreats, ministries, and other student events.

Our brothers and sisters from Korea have been a wonderful gift to us, and I'm glad that we are moving toward a greater unity in our community. The space in which this article found will become a source of information and communication so that we can continue to become one family.

Stay tuned!

우리 공동체가 가진 소중한 자산 중 하나는 미주리 대학에서 공부하거나 생활하고 있는 한국인들과 그 가족들의 소공동체입니다. 작년까지 한국인 공동체는 세인트 루이스 대학교에 배정된 한국인 사제가 이끌어 왔었습니다. 비록 한국인 공동체가 매월 한국어로 미사와 성찬을 거행하는 축복을 받아왔지만, 우리 공동체 전체와는 교류가 그리 활발하지는 않았습니다.

최근 우리는 한국인 공동체와의 관계를 재정립하고 있습니다. 한국인 공동체의 대표는 우리 교구 위원회에 참가하고 있습니다. 한국인 공동체의 구성원들은 우리와 함께 부활절 축일 전야에 세례를 받고 견진 성사를 합니다. 한인 공동체는 우리 교구의 야유회에 참석하여 교류를 나누고 있습니다. 한인 공동체와 우리 교구는 학생 활동의 교류를 더욱 증진시키기 위해 다양한 노력을 기울이고 있습니다.

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지켜봐 주시기 바랍니다.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

February 16 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119

1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

All Day	Busy Person's Retreat
5:30 p.m.	Newman Night at the Food Bank
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
9:05 p.m.	Power Hour/Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

All Day	Busy Person's Retreat
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 121/MPR
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 242/Lima
7 p.m.	40 Days and 40 Nights: Chad Volmert/Chapel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

All Day	Busy Person's Retreat
4:30 p.m.	Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes
5 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner/MPR
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.	Student Pastoral Council/Conference
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (11am)/Chapel
7:45 p.m.	Mizzou CSA Exec/Conference
9 p.m.	Ephesians 3/MPR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

All Day	Busy Person's Retreat
10 a.m.	Christology: Journey of the Heart/Disciples
7 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class/Romero
7 p.m.	Encounter/Aquinas

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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 p.m.	Greeter Training/Disciples
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

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.

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). Thank you for being part of our faith community!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 10	Noon	+ Fr. Charlie Pardee
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Noon	+ Jose Remo
Wednesday, Feb. 12	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Thursday, Feb. 13	Noon	Benigna "Benny" Remo
Friday, Feb. 14	Noon	+ Anastasia & +Edward Inderski
Saturday, Feb. 15	5 p.m.	Dinh & +Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, Feb. 16	9 a.m.	Dick & Donna Otto
Sunday, Feb. 16	11 a.m.	+ Rod Gelatt & all departed souls
Sunday, Feb. 16	5 p.m.	+ Joseph Russell
Sunday, Feb. 16	8 p.m.	The Joe Fick Family

PARISH FINANCES

The February 1/2 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

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Today our First Communion students received a blessing to acknowledge the beginning of their preparations. Please pray for our students and families!

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



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WIDOWS HELPING WIDOWS

The widows support group will be meeting for lunch on Monday, February 20 at 1 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday's. Meet new friends and connect with others traveling the same path, have similar needs, and truly understand. Contact Rose Marra at marrar@missouri.edu with questions.

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Lifestyle of Grace

PLEASE RETURN RENEWAL CARDS BY MARCH 1

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their renewal cards to the parish. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than March 1 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. 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.

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: FOOD FOR FAMILIES

The weekend of February 22-23, 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!

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, 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!




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! Thanks to those who have registered already; you can still join us if you have not registered. 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).



CENTRAL PANTRY COLLECTION

January Total: 150 pounds

Thank you for your donations! Donate at the bin in the Turner Street entrance.

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS: THE GOSPEL

Life Nights continue tonight (February 9) with our series on the Gospel. 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



Confirmation class meets again today (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, David Hart.

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

BIBLICAL ROOTS OF STEWARDSHIP

As we begin to explore biblical roots of stewardship in the New Testament, we look this week to another parable.

Stewardship is ... The Widow's Mite (Luke 21:1-4)

"When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, 'I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.'"

At first glance, this parable may seem like Jesus is asking us to empty our bank accounts into the offertory basket, but this is not the case. This passage is not so much about the financial aspect as it is about the total surrender of one's self to God. As we have seen through the other Scripture passages discussed in previous weeks, the intent of one's heart is what makes an offering sacred. The widow is offering her whole self and trusts in the Lord's care for her. Her trust is her gift; the two coins are a symbol of that trust.

We see this same sentiment whenever Jesus says, "*Come, follow me*" (Matthew 19:21). Jesus does not speak of a certain percent or even the first fruits. He speaks of total giving. Jesus time and time again shows that the Old Testament law should be the minimum of what one does; disciples of Jesus are called to be even more generous.

Therefore, Jesus is drawing us back to what we saw in Genesis — everything is gift. Since all is gift, we must recognize that all we possess — resources, talents, gifts — belongs to God. Just as Jesus gives God himself as first fruits, we are to return our first fruits to the Lord.

We are called to — like the widow — totally surrender to the Lord. In what ways do you give from your first fruits? In what ways do you struggle? How can you place your trust more fully in the Lord?

CEP & EDGE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY BACK NEXT WEEK

We did not have Children's Liturgy today to make sure all second graders were present for the First Communion blessing at Mass. We'll be back February 16.

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: Today Jesus asks us to be the light. How will we share Jesus this week?

For Parents: We have heard that Christ is our Light, but He asks us to share that light with the world. How can your family be a source of hope, joy, service, and love for the world this week and every week?



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

salt	city	shine
earth	hill	good
light	lamp	praise

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CAMPUS MINISTRY



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www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup

BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT

Busy Person's Retreat is this week. The following spaces will be partially or fully unavailable for use during the retreat:

- **Student Lounge:** unavailable Sunday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- **Merton, Day, Lima, Romero, and DePorres rooms:** unavailable Sunday through Thursday all day

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!

CHAD VOLMERT: CATHOLIC SPEAKER

Why are we called to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving? How do they help us grow in our relationship with God? Join us on Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m., as Chad Volmert, a Catholic speaker from Jefferson City, shares about his experiences with these spiritual exercises one Lent as portrayed in his documentary "40 Days and 40 Nights." Admission is free. For more information, contact Angelle at angelle.hall@comonewman.org.

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