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MASS TIMES —

SUNDAY: 9 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 5 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**



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called + chosen
the best weekend with the best
people.

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

2 Corinthians 6

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THE WAY OF GRACE AND COMPASSION



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

Sunday, March 8, was International Women's Day. Since Women's Day was first celebrated in 1910, it has grown and changed into an occasion to honor and support women worldwide. It radiates energy flowing from the hearts and minds of women seeking honor, respect, equality, support, and protection from injustice and demanding a voice. That energy flows from the men who honor and support women as well.

Centuries ago, in a land faraway, Jesus Christ, in a simple, one-on-one conversation with an outcast woman offered those things and more. Examined closely, this encounter is relevant as never before in each of our lives.

The conversation with the Woman at the Well is likely the longest conversation Christ has with a single individual that Scripture records. It describes a moment of true catharsis, a moment of rebirth for this woman. Her personal encounter with Jesus begins with her referring to the law and customs that kept Samaritans and Jews from an interaction of any kind. Jesus, as usual, offers grace and love that supersedes Law and custom.

This conversation is the first hint that this encounter was not one of chance. Christ came to offer redemption to all who would respond; he came to invite those who were thirsty for God's grace and love. In the first moments of the encounter, Jesus reveals his mission and his nature, *"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

The Woman thirsting for this "living water" is much like ourselves. We too yearn for God's presence and grace to come into our lives and nurture us. Jesus unfailingly gently touches each of us, acknowledging our unique place in creation, caressing our bruised hearts. As with the Woman, he confronts our sins not with condemnation but forgiveness. He unfolds his identity, inviting us to encounter the divine in his Person. This living water — his presence, his gentle enfolding of each person that he encounters — respects and acknowledges the uniqueness that each of us is fundamental to God's mission.

Jesus, in challenging the exclusionary customs of his time, gives us an example of how we are to respond to situations in our own time that are exclusionary, degrading, and prejudicial or grounded in hate. He always chose the way of grace, offering a compassionate, accepting hand to those he encountered.

In our world today, there are daily reminders of the disease that threatens to overwhelm us. Our 24/7, 365 news hunger elevates what should be minor conflicts into "events" that sometimes dominate cycles for days. They are frequently events that emphasize what divides us and spotlights anger, frustration, and differences.

In the midst of that is Jesus, an encounter with an outcast, and the healing presence of God personally in our midst. This moment, the moving past barriers of generations of hate and separation, shows us how to do the same thing in this time and this place. This place — Columbia, Missouri; St. Thomas More Newman Center — can be the presence of Christ.

As we continue to engage our Lenten commitments, Scripture supports us in story and example. How do we move past our own shortsightedness, our own vulnerability, to cultural and group pressures? We enter the world of Jesus. We stand, awed and overwhelmed, at Christ's Transfiguration; we sit with Jesus and the Woman at the Well; we walk with him as he encounters, heals, and saves the blind man.

We can honor in our world those who Jesus honored and cared for in his. If we've not begun, today can be the day.

Fr. Rich, O.P.

RESPONDING TO SAFETY INCIDENTS

In October, we discussed the importance of Situational Awareness in our church. Now we will discuss how law enforcement will respond to a situation so that you can be aware of what might happen.

A law enforcement officer has many difficult and important responsibilities. An officer's responsibility includes enforcing the law, maintaining order in a crowd, resolving conflict, and assisting those who are unable to care for themselves such as a child, elderly person, those with mental illness, and the intoxicated. When attempting to stop a life-taking threat, officers have the following priorities of life:

1. Hostages: individuals directly and indirectly in harm's way
2. Uninvolved citizens: the rest of the community who are not in harm's way
3. Other first responders/law enforcement
4. The suspect: the suspect's life is valued, but there is an understanding that the suspect has decided to take this action, and law enforcement is dedicated to stopping them

Officers need your full cooperation when attempting to stop a life-taking threat. They will focus on stopping the suspect before administering first aid. Use your senses to help give them a brief description and location of the suspect (or where you last saw them) when they arrive on the scene. Officers may use their vehicles or weapons as they see necessary to stop the threat. It may be very chaotic, noisy, messy, and tense. If you can evacuate yourself, please do so.

If we find ourselves in an active situation before officers arrive, we have to take action ourselves. We know what we are capable of and what our responses would be in different environments and different situations. Does our response change if we are alone or with our families?

Your response is your response, and everyone must respond in ways that they are capable of. What officers do not want you to do is hold the suspect at gun point. For instance, think of an officer's response if they arrive on scene and see you holding a gun. Concealed weapons can be effective if used by the correct person at the right time under the correct situation. But they do not solve every problem. So, understanding how law enforcement responds is critical.

The most important thing is to be aware of your environment. There are policies and procedures in place at the St. Thomas More Newman Center to handle safety incidents as they occur. But know your own responses and what you are capable of. Know when to run away, when to hide, and when to fight. Know what to do when law enforcement arrives. Thinking about these types of events is unpleasant, but we are encouraging you to live prepared and not scared.

**LIBRARY CLOSED THIS SEMESTER**

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

6 p.m.	Mass Planning Team Meeting/Aquinas
7 p.m.	Presentation of the Creed/Chapel
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (5pm Saturday)/Liturgy Office
7:15 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
9:05 p.m.	Power Hour/Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

12:30 p.m.	Lenten Healing Discussion/Disciples
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.	Parish Council/Aquinas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

12:30 p.m.	Lenten Healing Discussion/Disciples
6:15 p.m.	CEP Classes/All Second Floor Classrooms
6:30 p.m.	EDGE Bible Study/Disciples
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (9 a.m.)/Chapel
7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (11 a.m.)/Chapel
7:45 p.m.	Mizzou CSA Exec Meeting/Conference
9 p.m.	Ephesians 3/MPR

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

10 a.m.	Christology: Journey of the Heart/Disciples
5:30 p.m.	Acts 2:42 (A Night of Dinner & Prayer)/MPR
7 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class/Romero

FRIDAY, MARCH 20**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8 a.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
10 a.m.	Music Rehearsal/Chapel
2:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University class/Aquinas
3 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

"I was blind and now I see."

March 22 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham & +Anne Dong
Tuesday, March 17	Noon	+ Richard Leon
Wednesday, March 18	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Thursday, March 19	Noon	+ Rose Von Gogh
Friday, March 20	Noon	+ Carol Leible
Saturday, March 21	5 p.m.	Mike Devaney
Sunday, March 22	9 a.m.	The Joe Fick Family
Sunday, March 22	11 a.m.	+ Hugo Vianello & Lucy Vianello
Sunday, March 22	5 p.m.	+ Sen. Yvonne S. Wilson

PARISH FINANCES**March 7/8**

Offertory	\$36,984.77
Month-to-Date	\$58,868.04
Budget for month	\$145,250.00
Variance	— \$86,381.96

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

NEWMAN NEWS

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

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

In accordance with the suggestions from Bishop McKnight, as of today these practices will be in place:

1. The Precious blood will not be distributed to the community
2. Holding hands during the praying of the "Our Father" is discouraged
3. The "Sign of Peace" should be limited to a bow to those around us
4. Those accustomed to receiving the Body of Jesus on the tongue are strongly encouraged to receive on the hands for the time being

The Bishop has lifted the obligation to attend Mass for those who are ill or have compromised immune systems. These new practices will be in place for both our Sunday liturgies and our weekday celebrations, anticipated to continue through the Easter season.



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FR. TOLTON LEGACY SOCIETY

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 Conference Room (110C) from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. We look forward to seeing you.

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

Fr. Rich will be presiding at a Liturgy of the Word service for our RCIA participants on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome to come and learn more about the Nicene Creed.

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM THANK YOU

Thank you for your participation in this year's annual renewal program. If you have an email address on file, the program summary report will be sent to you electronically. The report will also be printed in next week's bulletin. We are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections and volunteer rosters are growing through the prayerful discernment and generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much for choosing to participate in this very important process! Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing mission of the St. Thomas More Newman Center.



WIDOWS SUPPORTING WIDOWS LUNCH

The widows support group will meet for lunch on Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at Red Lobster. Contact Rose Marra at marrar@missouri.edu with questions. All are welcome!

A NIGHT OF DINNER & PRAYER

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."

Thursday, March 19

5:30pm	Dinner
6:30pm	Nursery open
6:30pm	Praise & Worship
6:45pm	Talk: Counsel by Allison & Andrea
7:15pm	Adoration
8pm	Benediction

Each month at Acts 2:42, parishioners of all ages gather here for dinner, a talk, prayer, and music. Dinner is provided and begins at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. Then, we move to the Chapel for praise and worship music and a talk. This month, Campus Ministry staff Allison Stuesse and Andrea Koenemann will be speaking on Counsel as a gift of the Holy Spirit. After the talk, there is time for prayer, reflection, and worship during Adoration and Reconciliation. The night concludes at 8 p.m. Childcare will be available for children ages 6 months and up beginning at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will consider joining us on Thursday, March 19!

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. The third session, on the topic of John 13:1-17: Water for Washing Feet, will be on March 29 from 3-4:30 p.m. or March 30 from 10-11:30 a.m. (same session offered twice). Meet at 1922 W Broadway. Contact Sr. Karen at srkaren@comonewman.org with questions.

NEWMAN NEEDLEWORKS LENTEN PROJECT

Newman Needle workers are requesting the donation of crocheted or knitted granny squares. They will be sewn into blankets for distribution to Rainbow House. Blocks can be any size, but larger ones require less time to sew together. The fiber should be machine washable. Squares can be left in the office or in the bin located in the library study area on the second floor. For more information, contact Jan Pritchard at jpritch@socket.net.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE ON PARISH COUNCIL?

This invitation is asking everyone to move beyond their "usual way of thinking" and to participate, as much as possible, and in every way possible, in addressing the needs of our Parish. When a Parish need is communicated, look closely at your compass and see where it points. How can I participate? All resident and student parishioners are asked to consider membership on Newman's Parish Council for the 2020-2021 term. Applications can be filled out on the *Parish Sign Ups* page by April 1. And remember, you don't have to be perfect.



NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

MARCH PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION

Newman Volunteer Corps is collecting Spring Cleaning items for Love INC during March. Requested items include full-size, unopened cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and shaving cream. Donations may be placed in the large silver bin in the Turner Street entrance. Thank you for donating to Tiger Pantry in February!



INTERFAITH GARDEN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

On November 10, 2019, the Interfaith Garden volunteers and their families celebrated our bountiful harvest and our 10th anniversary of taking care of God's Creation with a potluck dinner and cake. It has been a very successful partnership between Newman Center and Congregation Beth Shalom. As good stewards of God's creation, we use organic practices to grow vegetables and fruit for the Food Pantry. Thank you to all the volunteers and local organizations who have contributed to the Interfaith Garden's success.

In 2019, we donated over 1,200 pounds of produce to the Food Pantry. If you are interested in joining us this spring, please contact Lily Chan at lilyhchan@gmail.com or (573) 289-3792. Our workdays are on Sunday and Wednesday mornings; Wednesday workdays won't start until summer.

FORCOLUMBIA — REGISTER TODAY!

Join us for ForColumbia 2020 on Saturday, April 25! Registration is now open; sign up at *Parish Sign Ups*. Contact Mary Waters at mjh2oworks@gmail.com with questions.



KOREAN COMMUNITY

Mass in Korean will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. The Korean Community Hospitality ministry will prepare for the dinner after Mass and you do not need to bring anything. This Mass is open to everyone.

There will be a reconciliation service for Korean Community from 5-6 p.m. on March 21 at Fr. Rich's office.

Please visit the office and talk to Janet Kelly, receptionist, to request a Mass intention for the Mass in Korean.

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS: PRAYER SERIES

Tonight (March 15), we are continuing our Prayer series. Come for some time spent in Adoration! 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!

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. Register at *Parish Sign Ups* by March 16. Contact Renee Molner at renee.molner@comonewman.org.



WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick, especially Bobby Pezold.
For our beloved dead. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Bishop McKnight's March Prayer Intention: For the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as our local church discerns a new pastoral plan.

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

OPENING DOORS, ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

Every semester around the time of Awakenings, Campus Ministry generally has a big push for students to sign up for Awakenings. For the students considering the retreat, this is sometimes a scary proposal: "A whole weekend? What's going to happen? I don't know anyone! And how am I going to pay for it?!"

These thoughts can often lead a student to not sign up, even if they feel drawn to do so. It's the job of the student community to make the prospective retreatant feel comfortable enough to say "yes" to going on retreat. And, without direct request but with the prompting of the Spirit, the resident community has eliminated financial barriers for retreat attendance. Without fail, residents who feel so inspired drop off gifts unannounced so that students who need it can attend the retreat free of cost. Those gifts allow a student in need to move from "probably not" to "yes."

As you may imagine, offertory gifts are the financial lifeblood that allows Newman to support all areas of ministry — from religious education to liturgy to campus ministry to service and justice. Sometimes, parishioners who give a special gift, such as sending a student on Awakenings, directly impact the life of another individual and allow them to encounter Christ. Those special gifts have made a big impact in the following ways:

- Scholarships for college students to attend retreats
- Scholarships for teens to attend Steubenville and the Life Teen Fall Retreat
- Donations to expand the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resource library (new children's religious education program)
- Gifts to lower the costs of mission trips
- Donations to the Campus Ministry Endowment
- Special parish projects, such as the library renovation
- And more!

Newman is grateful for the ordinary and extraordinary ways in which this community supports one another. Whether financial gifts, time, or resources, the generosity of this collective community impacts individuals by opening doors that allow them to encounter Christ. What a great gift!

CEP & EDGE

NO KIDS MINISTRIES MARCH 22

There will be no kids or middle school ministries next week for spring break, but we will have all events as usual on March 29.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER EVENTS FOR KIDS

- Totus Tuus Camp: Grades 1-6 | June 15-19 | 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- PreK & K Vacation Bible School: June 25-27 | 9 a.m. to Noon
- Vacation Bible School: Grades 1-5 | 9 a.m. to Noon | *afternoon childcare option*

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER EVENTS FOR EDGE

- Totus Tuus Camp: Grades 6-12 | June 14-18 | 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Service & Fun Events will be scheduled after Spring Break

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: God tells the woman at the well about the Living Water of Baptism. This week, pray for those who will be Baptized soon!

For Parents: The woman at the well sees Jesus for who he really is, but do we? Jesus is powerful; ask for him to give your family whatever you most need and ask him for trust and hope while you wait.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Sychar	well	truth
woman	worship	faith
drink	Father	Savior

Scyhra	<u>S</u> <u>y</u> <u>c</u> <u>h</u> <u>a</u> <u>r</u>
wroshpi	_____
fatih	_____
wmoan	_____
Fethar	_____
Svairo	_____
wlel	_____
turth	_____
dirkn	_____

CAMPUS MINISTRY



All registrations/RSVPs for campus ministry are found on the website under *Event Sign Ups*:
www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup

LENTEN HEALING BOOK STUDY

Campus Ministry invites student parishioners to a study on the book *Lenten Healing* by Ken Kniepmann. You are welcome to use the devotional on your own and/or join a discussion group. The same discussion will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when school is in session. Bring your own lunch and join us in the Disciples Room after daily Mass. Campus Ministry has books available for \$9 or you can borrow one; you can also purchase the book online or on Kindle. Contact Angelle Hall at angelle.hall@comonewman.org for more information.

BETTER TOGETHER SMALL GROUPS

This Lenten study for parishes in the Diocese of Jefferson City focuses on discerning how our parish communities, as centers of charity and mercy, practice stewardship and co-responsibility. This process will inform the pastoral plans of our parishes and diocese. As students, you can benefit from this experience because it will give you a chance to give feedback to our bishop and be more directly involved in this community as well as prepare you for the experience of your future parish community. The Better Together small group sessions for college students will take place on Tuesdays, March 16 and April 6, from 7-8 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Contact Allison Stuesse at allison@comonewman.org for more information.



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CSA ELECTIONS

Election are taking place following all Masses this weekend. To be eligible to vote in the elections, you must be registered with the Catholic Student Association on Engage (formerly OrgSync) at missouri.campuslabs.com/engage.

SATURDAY FUN NIGHT

Come hang out and have fun with your Newman friends every Saturday night! Meet in the Student Lounge at 6 p.m. for Saturday Fun Night. This is new; you don't want to miss it! Contact Maria Lusardi at mcIntg@mail.missouri.edu for more information.

STEPHENS MASS

There will be a Mass in Firestone Baars Chapel (1306 E. Walnut St.) on Tuesday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. Reconciliation will be available in the chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.