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NEWMAN NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 22, 2020 | www.comonewman.org



VIRTUAL MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 11 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon

Visit www.facebook.com/CoMoNewman/video to watch our livestream Masses.

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays: 4-4:30 p.m.

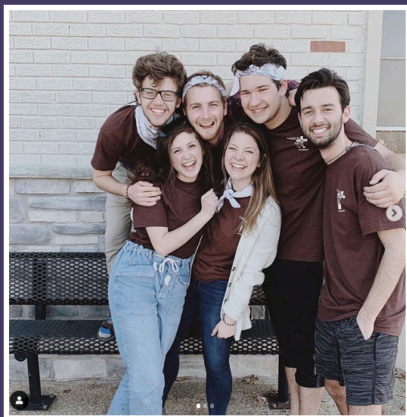
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



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jesus + snuggles + baby hands +
growth | awakenings 39

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

2 Corinthians 6

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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP McKNIGHT

Public Masses suspended immediately

A message from Bishop W. Shawn McKnight | March 17, 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I know you join me in concern for all who are being affected by the rapid spread of the coronavirus. Today, I am announcing that all public Masses will be suspended in the Diocese of Jefferson City, beginning on Wednesday, March 18 and until at least April 3.

This is in keeping with the federal directives and other public entities in our area. We offer this decision as part of our effort to help stem the spread of the coronavirus.

This means all Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person. Online opportunities are listed on our website, and some parishes will be able to provide online Masses. Catholics are encouraged to check with their local parish regarding online Masses.

In addition, parishes have been instructed to make the following changes, beginning March 18:

- All public gatherings are cancelled or postponed. This includes public weddings. More information on baptisms, funerals and other liturgical protocols can be found [here](#).
- Confirmation Masses will be rescheduled to be celebrated after Easter Sunday.
- During this time, churches will remain open as places of prayer and comfort. Priests will be available in the parishes to offer anointing of the sick and other sacraments. You are encouraged to seek the sacrament of anointing of the sick before you go to the hospital, if possible.
- I ask you to be mindful of your responsibility to serve the community in your time, talent and treasure in this extraordinary hour of need. You may register your volunteer capacity on our website. Parishes are organizing disaster responder teams to serve those immediately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Please continue your tithes to your parishes by postal mail or online, if the parish offers that option.
- Diocesan schools, which are suspending in-school instruction from March 18 to April 3, are providing ongoing instruction either online or packet-based, on a case-by-case basis. While diocesan offices and parish offices will remain open, some employees may work remotely or need to take leave to care for themselves or their families. Some parishes may reduce office hours. Regardless, all diocesan and parish employees will continue to receive compensation.

I am grateful to all who are working tirelessly to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. I pray the efforts we are doing, as a people of faith, will provide tangible support, encouragement and spiritual hope to our communities.

With prayers for the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City

CURRENT PROCEDURES AT NEWMAN

Participate in Mass online

We are livestreaming daily Mass and the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass on our Facebook page, @comonewman (link below). You can view the livestream even if you do not have access to Facebook. The livestream will begin 15 minutes prior to the Mass time, and the video will be available to view after the Mass is over.

➤ Visit www.facebook.com/CoMoNewman/video to watch our livestream Masses.

Act of Spiritual Communion prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

For those in quarantine

If you are self-quarantined due to age or health and need someone to check on you every few days via phone, the Long Term Care/Homebound Ministry team will help you. If you need an essential item such as groceries or medications, let us know. We will try to identify a resource to help you. Contact the parish office at (573) 449-5424 or email Janet Kelly at reception@comonewman.org.

Building Access and Event Cancellations

The building will remain open for a few hours each weekday if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The hours will be posted shortly. Per the Diocese's directives, all public gatherings have been canceled now until April 3. Virtual accommodations are being made.

➤ Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on procedures, event cancellations, and spiritual resources.

Campus Ministry Information

As all the campuses we serve grapple with the news of remote classes, St. Thomas More Newman Center and Parish staff is with you, especially our students, faculty, and staff as you grieve the loss of these months on campus. To our seniors, we are working on moving as much of our planned senior sendoff process online as we can and will keep you updated on the process. Our mission does not change, even as our circumstances do. Our staff will be working together in the next few days and will communicate new ways we may all be able to be a part of our parish as a center of charity and mercy.





WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick, especially Gary Winter.

For our beloved dead, especially David Hart. 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 assistance if you are homebound. Names will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need. We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you"

took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows

to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and

minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If you believe, you will see
the glory of God"

March 29 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalms 130

Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23	Noon	Rylan Brown
Tuesday, March 24	Noon	† John Immegart Sr.
Wednesday, March 25	Noon	† Baby Acero
Thursday, March 26	Noon	† Baby Acero
Friday, March 27	Noon	† Richard Heimberger
Sunday, March 29	11 a.m.	

Please call the Parish Office at (573) 449-5424 to request a Mass intention.

PARISH FINANCES

March 14/15

Offertory	\$9,629.95
Month-to-Date	\$68,497.99
Budget for month	\$145,250.00
Variance	— \$76,752.01

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.comonewman.org | All emails end in: @comonewman.org

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CEP & EDGE

CEP, EDGE, & KIDS PROGRAMS CANCELED UNTIL EASTER

There are no kids or middle school events while Columbia Public Schools are closed. We'll do our best to stay in touch primarily via email. If you're not receiving emails, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

Please continue to do your at-home lessons. There will be no priest interviews and all April and May events are still on as scheduled. If you have questions, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

KIDS' CORNER

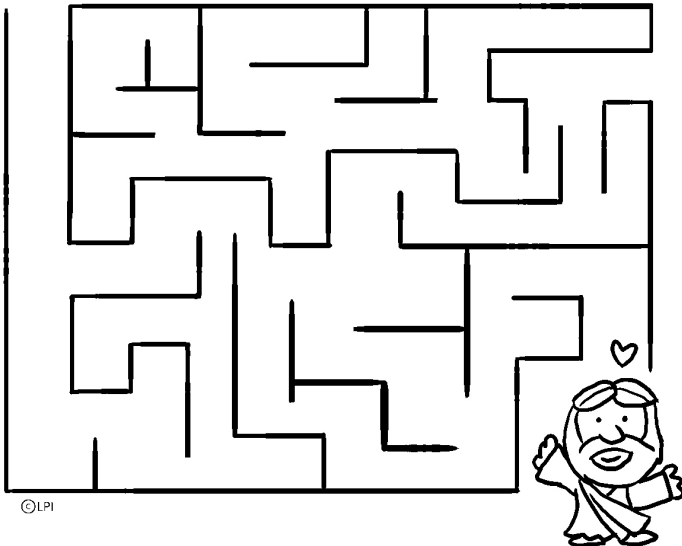
For Kids: God helps those in need. Who do you see who needs help?

For Parents: What are our blind spots? Our parish mission in El Salvador helps those we might never see become important and known to us. Say a prayer as a family for them this week and read more about them at comonewman.org/lent.



Puzzle

Help me to find God!



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CONTINUING YOUR SUNDAY TITHE

As public Masses are temporarily suspended, we are working to serve you, albeit in a new way, during these trying times. In the Bishop's instructions to the faithful of the diocese, he has asked us to continue our Sunday offertory tithe by postal mail or electronic means.

If you are already giving through EFT (electronic funds transfer) or through your credit/debit card online, your gift will continue as you have previously set it up. Thank you for your commitment to the parish through this giving option.

If you are accustomed to giving to the offertory through cash or your envelopes, I ask that you take steps to continue your gift in one of the following ways:

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

EFT is Newman's most preferred electronic giving option because it is the only option which allows you to incur no transaction fees while setting up a recurring (once or twice monthly) gift. To begin this option, please fill out the form included to the right and return to Newman with a voided check. You can either email this information to Angie Claas in our business office (angie@comonewman.org) or print and mail (with your voided check) to:

Attn: Angie Claas
St. Thomas More Newman Center
602 Turner Ave
Columbia, MO 65201

Please make sure the entire form is filled out, especially the start date and which withdrawal date(s) you want (you can do first Friday, third Friday, or both). If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Angie and she will be happy to help you with the process.

Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account through online giving

This option provides a bit more flexibility for you, allowing you to choose a recurring gift for any day of the month. You can use your credit/debit card or your bank account, but each incurs fees (from 1%-3%, depending on your payment venue). You can sign up online at comonewman.breezechms.com/give/online.

Venmo — a PayPal app

You can also make fee-free transactions to Newman through the Venmo app, which is owned by PayPal. If you are new to Venmo, it takes a few minutes to get connected to your bank account, but once it is configured, you can make easy and quick gifts to Newman. Venmo does not offer a recurring option. If you choose to give in this way, please make sure you search **@comonewman** and ensure that our Newman logo is in the profile image. *There are several St. Thomas More Newman Centers on Venmo — make sure you have the right one!*

Mail Your Gift through USPS

If you would prefer to mail a check to Newman, you can do so through USPS by mailing to Angie Claas in the business office (address listed above). Please **DO NOT** send cash. Checks or money orders are always preferred when sending gifts through postal mail.

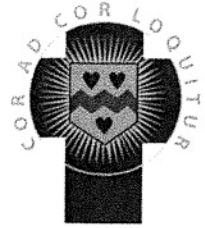




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Authorization Agreement for Electronic Transfer of Funds for Offertory Contributions Via ACH Network



Action Requested:

☐ New Giving Request ☐ Replace my current request ☐ Remove my current giving request

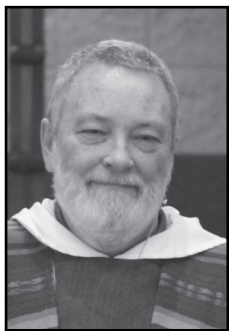
Full Name (Please print: Last, First, MI)			
Address		City	State
		Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Email Address		Envelope #	

I (we) wish to make our offertory contributions to St. Thomas More Newman Center by way of Electronic Transfer of Funds (ACH debit). I (we) hereby authorize St. Thomas More Newman Center to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated below at my (our) financial institution named below, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that this origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Thomas More Newman Center has received **written notification** to the address above from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford St. Thomas More Newman Center and their depository institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I (we) have attached a blank voided check with my (our) names preprinted on it for the purpose of verifying my account number and the financial institution's transit number.

Financial Institution Name		Type of Account (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Financial Institution Address		
City	State	
	Zip	
Effective Date	Frequency of EFT. (You may select <u>one</u> or <u>both</u> dates. Please mark choice(s).) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Friday of the month <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Friday of the month	Amount of <u>each</u> transfer \$ _____
Signature		Date
Signature		Date
Joint accounts require two signatures.		
<p style="text-align: center;">Attach blank voided check here or, if you do not have a check, include a printed document from the bank showing your account and routing number</p>		

Please allow 30 days for processing of your initial ACH debit payment. When this authorization request has been processed, you will receive a written notice of your records which will include the date of your first debit transaction. Changes and revocations must be made in writing (complete a new Authorization Agreement) and received by St. Thomas More Newman Center 30 days before the desired effective date.

WITH GRATITUDE



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

Thank you for supporting the 2020 Parish Renewal Program. This is our third year of conducting an annual parish renewal and I am once again encouraged to see so many prayerful and committed responses from

our community of prayer, service, and treasure. Your responses confirm for me that we strongly desire to continue our mission to share the Good News on campus and in our community.

I am grateful to each of you for the ways in which you have responded to the Holy Spirit's promptings. So many of you responded with an interest in serving in a liturgical ministry; your "yes" in this area has led to dozens of newly trained liturgical ministers, including eleven new altar servers! One quarter of responders also indicated a commitment to greater mass attendance and personal prayer. I am certain the spiritual fruits from these commitments of prayer will be tenfold!

I am also thankful for the financial commitments you made. Twenty-six households began or increased giving through one of our many recurring electronic giving options. Thirteen households committed to financial gifts for the first time this year. Your gifts will allow Newman to continue to offer current ministries while exploring new ways to serve you and the Columbia community.

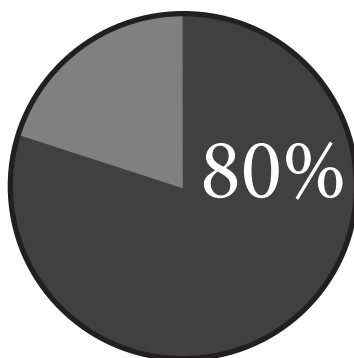
This is not the beginning; it is the continuation of the Spirit moving here at Newman. As we move throughout this year, I pray that we may continually seek to respond to the Lord through our actions as stewards of the gifts the Lord has given us. Know that I and the rest of the staff are here for you.

Through living as faithful disciples and stewards, our lives are poured out with grace from the Lord. All of the ministries here at Newman are alive because of your generous and consistent support. Thank you for your participation in this faith community.

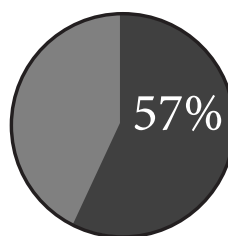
Fr. Rich, O.P.

**poured
out**
Lifestyle of Grace

2020 Parish Renewal Program Summary Results

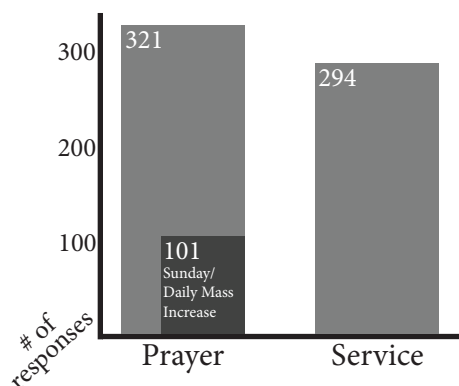


Program participation from those who currently support the parish through time and/or treasure.



Response rate for all registered households at Newman.

Gifts of Prayer & Service



Many households felt called to share gifts of prayer and service. Some recommitted to continued ministries while others were open to participating in a new way with this faith community!

Gifts of Treasure

13
households made new offertory commitments

28
households began or increased recurring gifts through EFT or online giving

9
households joined as new parishioners - welcome!

31
percent of responding households increased their offertory commitment

If all pledges are fulfilled in 2020, we expect to see a boost of

\$113,061

to the Sunday offertory.

Thank you for doing your part to advance the mission of the St. Thomas More Newman Center!

