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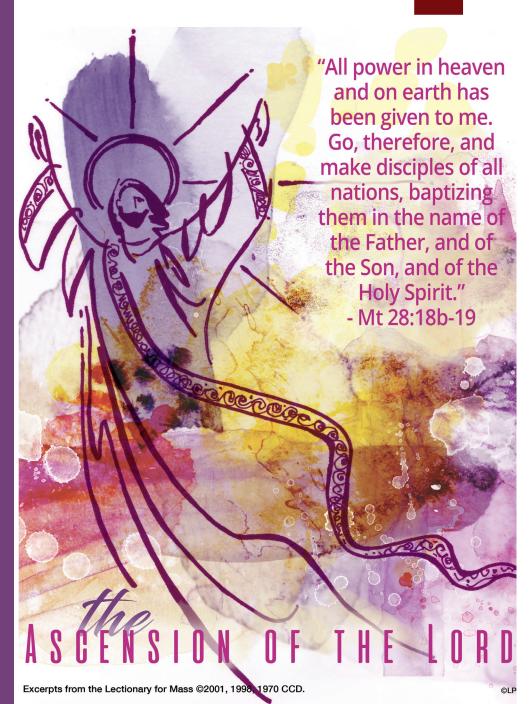


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#COMONEWMAN PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Feeling extra senti on what
would've been my graduation
day today. More than ever I'm feeling
thankful for this place and for all you —
for the smiles, the lessons, the adventures
and the love! Mizzou, you sure are one
tough "see ya later!" Can't wait to start
my journey with @focuscatholic!
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An Appointed Time of Change



KELLEY BURNS Dir. of Music & Liturgy

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

(Ecc. 3:1)

2020. What a strange time we're living in. If you had asked me what I had imagined for 2020, this bizarre quarantine existence would not have been my response. An Earth-stopping pandemic was never on my radar. If you had asked me my plans for 2020, leaving Columbia, and in particular, the Newman Center, would not have

been on my list. And yet, I find myself typing this article from my new home in Saline, Michigan.

In March, right before the world upended itself, I accepted a position as Director of Worship at Christ the King Church in Ann Arbor. I felt called by the Holy Spirit to pursue this position, and as it turns out, it feels very much like the place God is calling our family to next. But as certain as we feel that this is God's will for us, it doesn't come without sorrow. Leaving is bittersweet. We are leaving behind our families, our friends, and our wonderful, lifetime church community (many of you fall into more than one of those categories).

And what a time to leave. On the day we moved in, it snowed (it was May 8, by the way). We are now finishing out the stayat-home order in a place that is barely our home, surrounded by nothing we know and no one familiar. (I couldn't even find a good cup of coffee for four days — if you know much about me you know that my blood type is caffeine.)

I'm reminded of something Fr. Rich says to me often: If you're going to trust God, you have to trust him all the time. We are in a new season — an appointed time of change. I believe that God is faithful and will see all of us through this transition. I believe that God is faithful and will see us through this pandemic.

I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to you, this Newman community. This faith community has raised us — Mike, me, and now our children. You have been ever supportive as we have grown, ministered, and been ministered to. You have shared our tears and laughter. You have encouraged us to pursue Jesus in an authentic and spirit-filled way. You have taught us what it means to love our neighbor. It is unfortunate that leaving at this time means not getting to really say a proper goodbye. I wish I could hug you, sing with you, grab a coffee with you! I wish we could pray with you, all together in one place again! Everything in its appointed time, I suppose.

I have no doubt that I will get to see many of you again at some point down the road. So consider this just a "see you soon," as Angelle would say. And know that I will be praying for you all as you weather the storm and navigate all the changes that lie ahead. I am proud and honored to call Newman my home, and you my friends. Thank you.

Kelley Burns

When Goodbye's Can't Work

From Bryant and Susan Barry:

There will always be a huge emptiness when Susan and I think of our final months at Newman.

We couldn't say good bye to friends, the staff, and especially Father Rich who is also on his way to another assignment.

If you ever doubt God is in control, just look at the perspective He's brought us during the whole Covid-19 experience.

Talk about bringing you down to earth and showing us all what's important. I, like many others, was very happy with progress in so many areas of the economy; helping those who needed it seemed much more doable. Then quickly over a few months that perspective was blown away, and life and death issues became paramount as never before seen by most of us.

We sold our house and moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas, during the pandemic. We planned the move as far back as two years ago but never envisioned it coming to fruition during these kind of circumstances.

The friends at Newman we established, people we enjoyed being with especially at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, committees, special events, Council, liturgy assignments — it seems like only yesterday as impactful as they were in our lives at Newman.

I think of friends we lost like Erv and Rod and many other friends who will forever be in our hearts no matter where we are, but always with a strong Newman association.

So there is an empty, incomplete association with us as we think of how special St. Thomas More Newman Center has been to us and how traditional good byes could not be said or felt.

Even with this, there are no other incomplete memories, only special ones we will carry forever from our spiritual home of the last 12 years.

We can't replace Newman; we can only begin new memories and associations where we'll use The Newman Center as our guide and reference in the future. Thank you all for contributing to our spirituality, feelings, and special memories over the past years.

Good bye and may God continue to be with us all through all our times and experiences.

HELPFUL LINKS

Sign up to attend Mass

Visit www.comonewman.org/attend-mass to view the current instructions on attending Mass and to sign up to attend daily Mass and Sunday Mass.

Viewing the Livestream Mass

Visit www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses and view our Sunday worship aids.

Public Health Information

Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and event cancellations.

Prayer Resources

Visit www.comonewman.org/prayer-resources for links to daily Masses,









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' May Prayer Intention: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Bishop McKnight's May Prayer Intention: As we honor the Mother of our Lord as the "Queen of May," may there be a greater respect and appreciation for all women on earth who nourish us in mind, body and soul.

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 mantel 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.

COVID-19 Spiritual Adoption

If you or your prayer group would like to spiritually adopt an individual or family within our diocese that has been affected by the coronavirus, please contact Erin Boeckmann at eboeckmann@ diojeffcity.org. Only first names of those affected by the virus will be shared. (With the individuals' permission, send the first names only of anyone seeking prayers to LeAnn Korsmeyer, director of Parish and Charitable Services, at **lkorsmeyer@diojeffcity.org.**)

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

Especially, Lord, we lift up _____. May s(he) feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation as they receive treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Monday, May 25	10 a.m.	John Oeteleins
Tuesday, May 26	Noon	† Joseph Marino
Wednesday, May 27	Noon	† Harold Hall
Thursday, May 28	Noon	† Alphone Pham &† Anne Dong
Friday, May 29	Noon	† Russell Kelly

Sunday, May 31 Dinh & † Hanh Nguyen 11 a.m.

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

Parish Finances	May 16/17
Offertory*	\$26,081.35
Month-to-Date	\$81,778.45
Budget for month	\$108,000.00
Variance	- \$26,221.55

*This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING (ACTS 1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 47)

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

SECOND READING (EPH 1:17-23)

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

GOSPEL (MT 28:16-20)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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Prayer for a Communion of Desire

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, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



CONTINUING YOUR SUNDAY TITHE

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, please consider continuing your gift in one of the following ways:

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account through online giving
- Venmo a PayPal app
- Mail Your Gift through USPS

You can learn more about these options or set up an electronic way of giving on our website at www.comonewman.org/parish/ support/offertory. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at angie@comonewman.org.







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FAREWELL FOR FR. RICH & FR. MIKE

Come say goodbye to Fr. Rich and Fr. Mike on Sunday, June 14 from 1-3 p.m.! They will be seated under tents in the Newman parking lot and you will be able to drive up to bid them farewell from your car (enter on the 5th Street entrance). We will also have boxes to drop off notes for them during that time, or you can also drop off notes in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend.

COMMUNICATION FROM NEWMAN

During this time, the bulletin will continue to be online only. Our primary mode of communication to you will be the website, weekly emails (typically in your inbox on Mondays), and social media. If you are not receiving emails from Newman and would like to, please contact Theresa Nguyen at theresa@comonewman.org.

COLLECTION FOR COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION

Typically on May 31, there would be a second collection for the Diocesan Collection for Communication and Education. This collection: 1) supports Catholic Communication Campaign evangelizing through TV, radio, internet and other media and 2) funds academic scholarships and continuing education of priests of the diocese at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Please consider mailing in this special collection envelope you received with your offertory envelopes or dropping it in the offertory baskets in the Chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: CONNECT TO NEWMAN CENTERS

Newman Connection is an online resource to help high school seniors connect to the Newman Center serving their college campus. Newman Centers rely heavily on their affiliation with Newman Connection for support in evangelizing to the incoming class of students. Visit signup.newmanconnection.com to connect with your future Newman Center today!



CAMPUS MINISTRY SUMMER CONTACT LISTS

If you are a student who will be in Columbia this summer and want to be kept up to date on Campus Ministry and Newman events, please join the summer email list and/or the Newman Summer 2020 Chat in GroupMe. Visit the Event Sign Ups (www. comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup) page on our website for the links.

Newman Volunteer Corps

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.

INTERFAITH GARDEN

The Interfaith Garden is a joint effort between Newman Center and Congregation Beth Shalom to grow vegetables using organic practices for the Food Pantry to take good care of God's creation. We started our 11th year of gardening in early April with new guidelines in light of the pandemic. We no longer have group workdays. Instead, we ask volunteers to sign up for an hour or two when there are no more than 4 other people around (when face masks and social distancing would be required). Right now, we need people to weed, to spread mulch on the pathways, and turn our compost piles. You can work any day of the week except between Friday and Saturday sunsets, but you have to let us know which day and time you will be there and at least 1 day before coming. We welcome anyone (or family units) who wants to help, with or without gardening experience.



The garden plot is at Congregation Beth Shalom, 500 W. Green Meadows Rd. Since the buildings are locked, bathrooms are not available. If possible, bring your own gloves and tools. If not, they will be provided. There will be diluted bleach solution and paper towels available in the storage tub close to the garden gate to sanitize any shared tools, the gate lock, and storage tub lid you touch after gardening. Or you can bring your own sanitizer. Please contact Lily Chan at lilyyhchan@gmail.com (573/289-3792) or Susan DeMian at susandemian@yahoo.com (573/289-3180) and we will give you more details.

FAMILY & VOLUNTEER SURVEY ON SUMMER PROGRAMS

There will be no programs for kids in June, but we'd like to get feedback from volunteers and families about options for July or even August. Families should receive a survey via email; if you have additional questions please contact emily.shull@ comonewman.org.

EDGE BIBLE STUDIES

For the month of May, we'll have a ladies Bible study on Wednesdays and a guys Bible study on Thursdays. If you're interested, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE

Masses have resumed, but we're not planning on scheduling First Communion celebrations until at least July. We do have banner supplies and other resources to send to families. Contact emily. shull@comonewman.org.

KIDS' CORNER

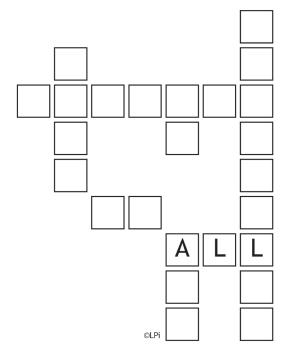
For Kids: Jesus says to go out to all the world. Even though we can't always go out, we can call, send letters, and do lots of things to spread joy!

For Parents: The disciples experienced the wonder of the Resurrection but still doubted. Talk together about doubt or confusion about God and about what you do when God doesn't feel close.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Go and make disciples of all nations.



TITHING REPORT

April 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:

www.comonewman.org/tithing

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AROUND TOWN

HOPE THRU CONNECTION CONCERT

On Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m., Carrie Newcomer will perform a concert "Hope Thru Connection: Meaning in a Time of Pandemic." Carrie Newcomer is a performer, recording artist, and educator, described as a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe and one who "asks all the right questions" by Rolling Stone. As one of the definitive voices of the heartland and progressive spirituality, Carrie has the ability for sharp observation of the world. She has attracted a devoted following with her warm voice, exquisite melodies, and an irreverent yet spiritual view of the world.

During this time of COVID-19, Carrie Newcomer and Mercy Conference and Retreat Center have agreed to move the benefit concert online. We have partnered to create an experience that will have professional audio & visuals, as well as an easy way for anyone to stream this experience from Carrie's home to yours. For more information and to register: www.mercycenterstl.org.

11TH ANNUAL TOLTON GOLF CLASSIC



Registration is open for the 11th Annual Tolton Catholic Golf Classic to be held Monday, June 15, at Country Club of Missouri. Registration opens at 11 a.m, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Lunch

will be provided before the tournament. This is a four-person scramble with a number of prizes. \$150 individual registration fee (\$75 half-price alumni registration fee) includes a door prize, golf, cart, lunch, beverages throughout the day, and a 19th hole celebration with food and drinks.

Register your team at www.toltoncatholic.org. Sponsorships are also available! Proceeds benefit the Tolton Catholic Tuition Assistance Fund. This is an especially fun way to support Catholic education, so we hope to see you there! Questions? Contact lsasser@toltoncatholic.org.





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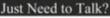


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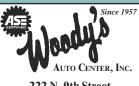
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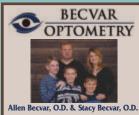
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