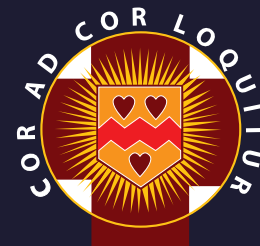


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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.*
& 5 p.m.

SATURDAY: 5 p.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon*

*livestreamed

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays & Saturdays: 4-4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS:

Monday — Saturday:

8-10:30 a.m. & 2-5 p.m.

Sunday: 2-5 p.m.

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Pray for Us!*

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Good
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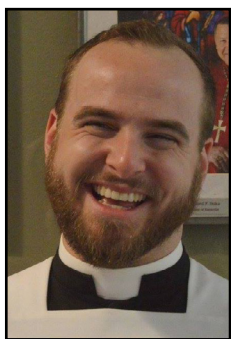
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LET'S BE GOOD SOIL!



FR. PAUL
Associate Pastor

"What part of the rectory is good for keeping houseplants alive?" This is a question I have had to ask every place I've lived – I love plants, but honestly, they can take a lot of work. So, when Jesus uses analogies about vines, seeds or soil (such as this weekend's Gospel), he definitely has my attention. I have always loved the natural world and what it can teach us about growth, balance and life.

I grew up in Edina, MO and although my family did not grow up on our family farm, rural life set the pace for all of us in the community. I grew up with a love for the outdoors and in addition to singing and dancing, I still put camping, hiking, biking and kayaking at the top of my list of hobbies. Anything that gives me an opportunity to learn more about the identity of The Creator, I'm there...and naturally, a creature reveals a lot about their creator.

I think this is why I love engaging in authentic relationships so much: the human person reveals so much to us about who our God is and how we relate to Him. As life is revealed to us through our relationships, we can start to understand the importance of "good soil" in which authentic relationships can be built. We learn about receiving and giving, being fed and bearing fruit, knowing and being known. Growing up with 5 siblings, I feel like there was almost too much "knowing and being known" in our family...but the openness in our house truly led to some great conversations and learning. My parents and siblings had a great impact on how I encounter others, including our Lord, and I know that had a huge impact on my journey to the priesthood. It is my desire to continue growing in how I give and receive in relation to others until we are all united perfectly in the Heavenly Kingdom!

As we see the imagery this weekend of seeds being sown and the importance of the soil in which these seeds are received, it becomes a reminder for us that increasing our receptivity is not only encouraged, but actually necessary to our lives. It is also a reminder to us that this takes work. Christ is not telling us that some people are good soil while others are rocky or thorny, but that we should all strive to be good soil. In the same way that I have to move my plants to the correct area of the rectory to keep them alive – ensuring that they get proper sunlight – I need to make sure that I am putting myself in environments that lend to healthy growth. In the same way that I have to water and make sure my plants have the proper nutrients in the soil, I need to make sure I am seeking out ways to nurture and feed my relationships and spiritual life. In the same way that I pull out weeds and prune my plants, I need to evaluate the things in my life or relationships that are getting in the way of me truly giving of my self and receiving...and strive to remove those obstacles.

When I see plants with flowers or fruit, I am reminded of the beautiful fruits of a relationship planted in good soil – whether with our Lord or others. I am so excited to be part of the faith family here at St. Thomas More Newman Center and look forward to growing together for the glory of God! Let's be good soil!

Fr. Paul

WELCOME FR. DAN AND FR. PAUL



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The reign of God is like...

July 19 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86

Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43





WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

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

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intention: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Bishop McKnight's July Prayer Intention: For the unity of our country: that the God of truth may open our hearts to the truth of the Gospel, that peace may rule our hearts, and that justice may guide our nation of one people of many races.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 13	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Tuesday, July 14	Noon	
Wednesday, July 15	Noon	
Thursday, July 16	Noon	
Friday, July 17	Noon	
Saturday, July 18	5 p.m.	+ Jillian Goehl
Sunday, July 19	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday, July 19	11 a.m.	
Sunday, July 19	5 p.m.	

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

PARISH FINANCES

July 4/5

Offertory*	\$32,865.80
Month-to-Date	\$32,865.80
Budget for month	\$100,000.00
Variance	— \$67,134.20

**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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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.

VIEW 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.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

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

PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit www.comonewman.org/prayer-resources for links to daily Masses, readings, and other prayer opportunities.

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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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, contact Lisa Rose at lisa.rose@comonewman.org to learn about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

FR. TOLTON LEGACY SOCIETY

The Father Augustus Tolton Legacy Society at the Newman Center would like to thank all those who supported the Fr. Tolton Mass and luncheon prior to cancellation of the event on Sunday, April 26, 2020 due to the coronavirus. If you purchased a luncheon ticket, please contact Avila Nilon at Ivynilon12@gmail.com or Michele Sission-White at Msissonwhite@yahoo.com by Monday, July 13, 2020. Again, we thank you for your support, and we pray for your continued generosity at the next Newman Center Fr. Tolton Celebration in April 2021!

DISPENSATION EXTENDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER

All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until 11 September 2020, provided that for days of precept after 1 July 2020 they do one of the following:

- Participate in the Sunday or holy day of obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, or the Vatican.
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy day of obligation, and recite the rosary.
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy day of obligation, and recite the Divine Mercy chaplet.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a 2nd collection next week for Diocesan Missions. This supports diocesan mission efforts in Peru, India and Africa. In lieu of additional second collections, funds collected in this appeal also support national mission projects in Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, Catholic Near East Welfare Association & Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

You should have received an envelope for the second collection in the mail with your offertory envelopes. Please mail it in to the office or drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity!

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. Please pray for those who are on the front lines and working at hospitals and grocery stores.



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 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 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 bring your own sanitizer.

Please contact Lily Chan at lilyhchan@gmail.com (573/289-3792) or Susan DeMian at susandemian@yahoo.com (573/289-3180) and we will give you more details.



NEWMAN SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday
July, 26

MPR | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE!

Newman's Summer Blood Drive is Sunday, July 26, from 8-2pm in the MPR. Listen to parishioner Dick Otto's moving story of how blood donors saved his life which can be found on our website.

- Special COVID-19 precautions will be taken to insure a safe drive.
- Strict scheduling is needed to keep the number of donors low in the MPR
- Sign up online on Newman's website OR at RedCrossBlood.org. Code: "NewmanCenterMO" OR your blood donor app
- If you need help signing up or want more information, call Bob at 573-445-6737

IN THE DIOCESE

AN UPDATE FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT

Bishop McKnight has released a statement on updated list of credibly accused or removed from ministry in the Diocese of Jefferson City:

"Today, I am updating the list of priests and religious brothers who have served in the Diocese of Jefferson City and who have been credibly accused of actions which were in violation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

These changes are the direct result of the responses to the initial publication of a list of credibly accused clergy in November 2018. Because of this transparency, survivors of clerical abuse and their families felt safe to come forward and share their pain, several for the first time in decades."

For more information and Bishop McKnight's full statement, visit www.diojeffcity.org/

COMO LIFE TEEN

BIBLE & BREAKFAST

Join us Friday (July 24) for Bible & Breakfast! Hopefully we'll be able to socially distance at the park, but if the weather is poor, we'll meet over Zoom. We had a great time last time at the park, so we're looking forward to seeing you all again!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Check out our summer schedule below or on our social media pages for more information about upcoming fun events for high schoolers! We've planned Bible studies, Adoration nights, and time to just spend getting to know each other and Jesus better. All incoming freshmen are more than welcome to join us!

Summer Events

- July 17-19: Restored Retreat (Steubenville substitute)
- July 28: Souls & Goals at Lourdes, 7 p.m.
- August 12: Pool Party at Southwest Swim Club, 3-5 p.m.

Bible & Breakfast — 10 a.m., location TBD

Bring your own breakfast, Bible, and blanket!

- July 24: Looking for Love

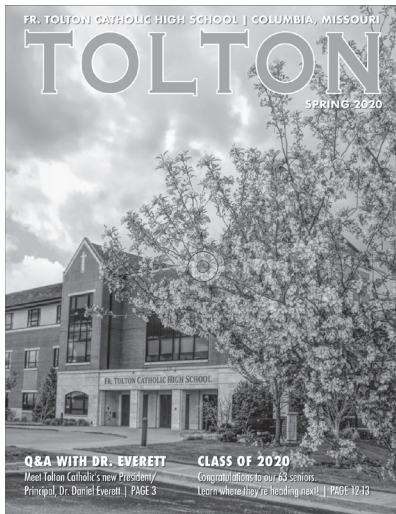


AROUND TOWN

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Ministry is offering online summer book clubs! Choose from books on self help, faith formation, devotional, or fun reads. Learn more about the books offered and how to sign up to join at: diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-book-club-2.

TOLTON CATHOLIC MAGAZINE AVAILABLE ONLINE



To read all the latest news and exciting stories about Fr. Tolton Catholic High School, including a Q&A with the school's new President/Principal Dr. Everett, visit www.toltoncatholic.org.

CEP & EDGE

PREK & K VBS PACKETS

We're still working on what we'll be able to offer families for July & August and we'd like to survey parents about options for the fall. If you're not receiving regular emails, please contact Emily to sign-up: emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Reading God's word is like planting a seed in your heart. The more you do it, the more your love for God will grow!

For Parents: Even if we're not gathering for Mass, the Word of God can connect us with Christ. Read the 1st reading or Gospel together and talk about how God might be speaking to you.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer

rocky

birds

soil

thorns

choked

root

path

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