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# **NEWMAN NEWS**

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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.

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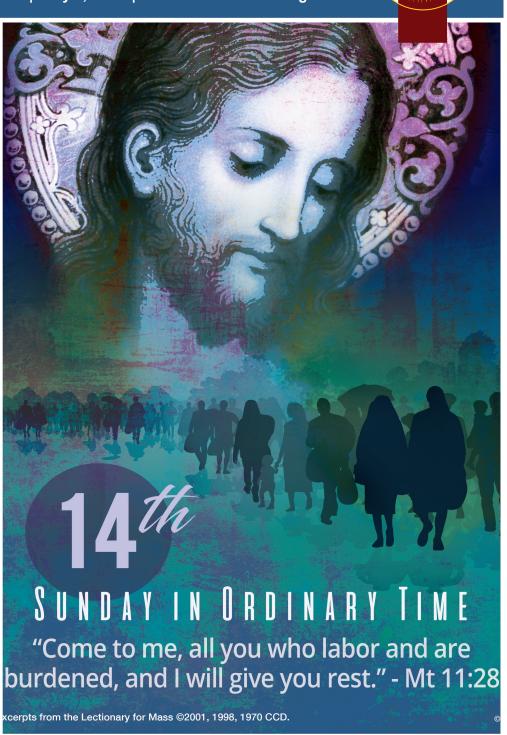
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#### ROOTED IN THE WORD MADE FLESH



FR. DAN **Pastor** 

t. Thomas More, pray for us! St. Thomas More Newman Center, here we come! I'm delighted to get started in my time with you as your Pastor! And I'm delighted to work with Fr. Paul Clark as the new Associate. Please be patient with both of us as we throw ourselves into life here at Newman, getting to know you and sharing some of ourselves with you. One thing you'll learn about me is that I love the Word of God — both THE Word of God, the person, Jesus Christ, and the scriptural word of God that inspires and norms our Christian lives.

The scripture readings for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time ("Ordinary" in the sense of ordering our lives) have a couple of beautiful lessons I want

to share with you as we begin our time together. The responsorial Psalm (Ps. 145) proclaims, "The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works." Have you ever wondered how God can be SO patient, gracious, kind, compassionate ... toward everyone? Doesn't He get mad or exasperated once in a while? The scripture does talk about the "wrath" of God, but that really refers to the justice of God, not that He's angry. Remember, God IS love. I think the reason He can be so patient, slow to anger, etc., is precisely because He is Almighty. In the creed, we pray I believe in God the Father, Almighty. He has nothing to fear from us or anyone or anything. And when we see His total Might from the perspective of His nature AS Love ... well, we get the God of the Psalmist, and the God of Jesus Christ.

The second thing to share is a perspective on faith and science that's inspired from Sunday's second reading from Romans. I've recently done some reading on physics and superstring theory — quite a bit out of my league I must admit, but interesting, nonetheless. The particular author I read made a passing attempt at keeping an open mind to God, but it was obvious he was more comfortable as a thorough going materialist: his only creed was the laws of physics, and his only reality was the natural world. Superstring theory is making waves as a theory to explain much, if not most of the physical phenomena in our world, but the author's vision of it had to make plenty of assumptions in order to keep God superfluous. And he would have no idea how to handle St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you."

In three verses, St. Paul mentions Spirit six times. I'm sure St. Paul would not be opposed to the physical sciences or even superstring theory — our spiritual religion is rooted in the Word made flesh. But St. Paul would gently remind all of us that the flesh of the Word has been spiritualized! In the resurrection, the flesh of Jesus was transformed by a new power, currently under the radar of many physical scientists: the power of the Holy Spirit. Sadly, many of us live only half lives. We live in the flesh, neglecting the other part of our human nature that is spirit. But there is part of our flesh that yearns for the guidance and transformation of the spirit.

As your Pastor, I want to lead, push, and pull us to live the fullness of our human nature, body and spirit. And I will strive to the best of my ability to be a doctor of the spirit, raising our spiritual awareness so that we can walk together in the Spirit! Pray for me and be assured of my prayer for you. Holy Spirit, come!

Fr. Dan

#### Mass Schedule for July



In July, Newman will be returning to its "usual" Mass schedule of four weekend Masses. Mass times will be: 5 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. on Sunday. The earliest Sunday Mass is at 8:30 a.m. not 9 a.m. — to allow for thorough cleaning between Masses. The 11 a.m. Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed. Please visit www.comonewman.org/ attend-mass to sign up to attend Mass.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold

July 12 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65 Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23









#### 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' 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 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.

#### Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6	Noon	† Charles Wilson
Tuesday, July 7	Noon	† Rita & †Bob Walch
Wednesday, July 8	Noon	† James Carr Jr.
Thursday, July 9	Noon	
Friday, July 10	Noon	
Saturday, July 11	5 p.m.	Dinh & †Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, July 12	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday, July 12	11 a.m.	† Jim Charlton
Sunday, July 12	5 p.m.	

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

#### Parish Finances June 27/28

Offertory*		\$13,896.58
Month-to-Date		\$101,101.89
Budget for month		\$130,000.00
Variance	_	\$28,898.11

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

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### **Pastoral Staff**

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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 and view our Sunday worship aids.

#### **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.

#### NEWMAN NEWS

#### THANK YOU FROM FR. RICH

Frankly, the cards and gifts are a bit overwhelming. And "thank you" never seems to convey the depth of the emotion that they call forth. Each of you have given a piece of themselves to me, for safe keeping; and my promise is that I will indeed treasure each of you in my heart! Being Servant Leader at Newman was a privilege and I'm grateful to the Holy Triune God for the gifts that helped me to minister to this community. My formation as a priest continues, and my time at Newman will be an integral part of that growth. Newman is a special place, and it holds a large part of my heart in its history.

I am grateful to each of you for your cards and gifts. Blessings in Dominic and Catherine! Fr. Rich

#### 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 Msissonwhitegg@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.







#### **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.

#### **NEWMAN NIGHT AT LOAVES & FISHES**



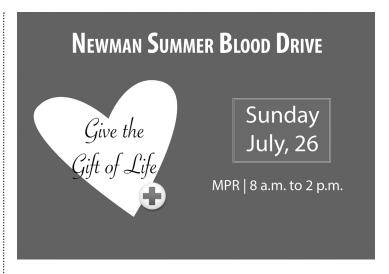
Every second Wednesday of the month, Newman cooks and serves dinner at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Columbia. The next Newman Night at Loaves and Fishes is July 8. Volunteers are needed to cook dinner and package meals. Please RSVP on the Parish Sign Ups page on our website. Loaves and Fishes is located at 702 Wilkes Blvd. (at the Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church).

#### **NEWMAN NIGHT AT THE FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank and Food Pantry have hired employees to fill in the roles that volunteers would typically complete. The Food Bank is no longer accepting volunteers at this time.

#### **BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S HOMILY ON RACISM**

Last Sunday, we celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the diocesan patroness. Bishop Shawn McKnight's homily at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, calls on Catholics to purify their hearts of the evil of racism, through our devotion to Mary. You can read the text of the homily or watch the video (go to the 24:55 minute marker for the beginning of the homily) at the Diocese's website, www.diojeffcity.org (scroll down to "Latest News & Events and click on "Addressing racism through the Immaculate Heart of Mary").



#### ALL BLOOD DONATIONS INCLUDE COVID ANTIBODY TEST

All blood donors at Newman's summer blood drive will have their blood tested for the COVID-19 antibody. This test tells whether a donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus even if they hadn't developed symptoms. It is not a test to diagnose an illness, and you should not present to donate blood if you are not feeling perfectly well. The blood donation process will not change, and your blood will be tested using samples obtained at the time of the donation. Donors can expect to receive results in 7 to 10 days.

Because of COVID-19, our blood drive will *not* have a physical "Sign-Up Weekend." Also scheduling will be very important so that there will be fewer persons in the room at one time. Please use the Newman sign-up page to access the sign-up schedule or go to **RedCrossBlood.org**. We aren't actually discouraging "walk-ins," but it would be better to schedule a time (even if you are unsure that you will be able to keep it). Like most summers, there is already an urgent need for blood. Because of many special procedures, the Red Cross assures us of a safe blood drive on Sunday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MPR.

#### LEARN HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR MISSOURIANS

Do you want your Catholic voice to be heard in the halls of the Missouri State Capitol but don't know where to start? Join MOCAN, the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network to help your legislators understand our Catholic perspective and pass legislation that will work for the common good of all people. As a MOCAN member, you'll receive Action Alerts that ask you to contact your representatives on urgent legislative matters. You'll also receive our MCC Weekly Update, which is packed with the latest news from our State Capitol, around Missouri and the rest of the nation, as well as Good News, our bi-monthly newsletter. Sign up by texting "MOCAN" to 50457 or email your name, address, phone number, email address, and parish to Cindy Evers at mocatholic@ mocatholic.org.

#### COMO LIFE TEEN

#### **BIBLE & BREAKFAST**

Join us this Friday (July 10) 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!

#### **RESTORED RETREAT**

This is your last chance to sign up for a socially distanced FREE retreat! While we're sad Steubenville has been canceled, we're offering a retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes in its place — and it's free thanks to the generosity of the McGivney Fund! This retreat will take place on July 17 & 18. For more information and to register, check our weekly email or email Renee Molner at renee.molner@ comonewman.org.

#### 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: 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 10: Nothing Greater
- 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.

#### MINDFUL LISTENING: A TRANSFORMATIONAL ACT

We've been listening since we were born but most of us recognize that listening with full attention and an open heart and an open mind is a skill we keep learning our entire lives. On Tuesday, July 7 from 6:45 to 8 p.m., the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center is hosting a Zoom to explore ways to strengthen our ability to listen in service of strengthening our understanding and our ability to respond in appropriate ways. Coke Hennessy will be the facilitator. (You may set up a free Zoom account on Zoom.us) A stable internet connection is needed. For more information, visit www. mercycenterstl.org No experience is necessary.

#### CEP & EDGE :

#### **PREK & K VBS PACKETS**

In this week's family email, you'll find a sign-up sheet for a packet of fun stuff for kids ages 3-6 that you can pick-up or we can mail to you. If you'd like more information, contact Emily at emily.shull@comonewman.org.

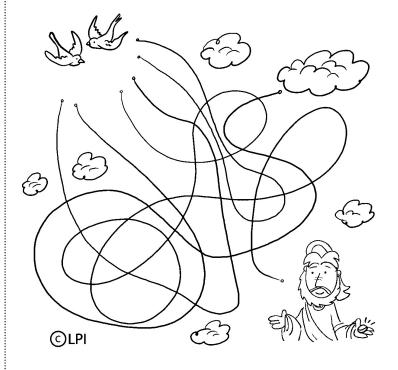
#### Kids' Corner

For Kids: Try to wake up and thank God for a new morning with people that you love everyday this week.

**For Parents:** Every day is a gift, so make a plan to thank God together each day this week in some way big or small.



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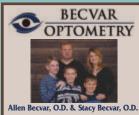
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