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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.*

5 p.m. & 8 p.m. (Students)

SATURDAY: 5 p.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon*

*livestreamed

RECONCILIATION:

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

BUILDING HOURS:

Open Daily 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Photos from a hangout on
Saturday! We got together in the
gorgeous weather to play some football



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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TO KNOW GOD PERSONALLY



CHRIS BONDERER
Student Parishioner

One of the most cliché phrases as a revitalized Catholic (I was raised Catholic but only recently sought a relationship with God) was “Your relationship with God needs to be PERSONAL.” There was this emphasis on “personal”, and I was so excited to be holy that I accepted this from my mentor and the folks I admired without a second thought. As I continued to grow closer and closer to God through Jesus, I had this idea of what it meant for my relationship with God to be personal. At the time, it meant that Jesus knew who I was. He met in the high

moments and the low moments in my life. He was there. Crying with me when I was sad and laughing with me when I was happy. He was there in Bible study and in prayer showing me new things about what life following Him looks and feels like. All of this meant a great deal to me, and I thought that I had finally discovered what the “personal” part of a relationship with God was all about.

Then I spent a summer working all day, every day. I woke up each morning before sunrise to make sure I could pray and listened to music that reminded me of God. However, something fell away. My priorities slowly slipped until God was hard to find in the top five... and then the top ten. How could this be?? I was still praying! And I was having wonderful moments of conversation with God! I was reading Scripture! I was attending Mass several times a week! I was carving time in my day to make sure He was a priority!

None of these decisions and choices mattered because what fell away was more important. I lost sight of WHO GOD IS. I saw Him as a job, a lifestyle, a religion. These are all effects of a relationship with God, but they can also exist without Him. Really thinking about these words, it is easy to see that all of these can be maintained without the person who established them. They certainly seem legitimate, but they lose their passion and energy after a while. Without the water, a waterfall remains a visible geographical formation; but it loses its meaning and beauty. Similarly, religion without God can remain but it loses its passion, energy, love, and eventually, its truth. It is not a relationship. This is what I lost sight of. I lost sight of My Father. My Lord. My creator. My Savior.

Our God is a person. He even became human for us to see how much of a person He is! We cannot truly be connected to Him unless we see Him this way because He does not exist in another way. The trap that I had fallen into was praying because I was Catholic rather than praying because my Father wanted to talk to me. It's so easy to forget how personal our faith is, but it is essential for growth in our relationship with God. We must never forget that our highest priority as Christian is to follow Jesus's greatest desire for us. He says this so clearly in John 17:3, “And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.” God certainly desires for our participation in the church and the people in our life. But infinitely more so, God desires conversation and connection with us. He thirsts for the details in our lives shared through prayer. He hungers for us to know Him so deeply that we can't help ourselves to trust Him, love Him, and give our entire selves to Him.

Chris Bonderer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE POWER OF THE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

In 1981, the Missouri Knights of Columbus established the first developmental center in the region dedicated to children with special needs. The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center grew from a small staff of three in the lower level of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, to a team of experts in developmental pediatrics, neurology, psychiatry, psychology, clinical nursing, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, family resources, education coordination, research and support.

In 2007, the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center was designated as a Missouri Center for Autism by the Department of Mental Health. The Developmental Centers' efforts have contributed to the statewide development of best practices for screening and treatment guidelines for autism spectrum disorders. In 2012, the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center moved to their own facility, brightly colored and spacious, with separate parking and a separate entrance located right next to the hospital at 3800 Park Avenue. The Developmental Center now helps over 5000 patients a year, a quadrupling of capacity in the new facility.

Our annual “Tootsie Roll Drive” has been the main fund raiser for the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center for decades. Our council will be collecting donations at Mass on October 17 & 18, or you may donate online the entire month of October at MizzouKnights.org. **Thank you for your support!**

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

GOD WILL FULLY SUPPLY WHATEVER YOU NEED



October 11 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 25:6-10A; Psalm 23
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14



WE PRAY

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' October Prayer Intention: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Bishop McKnight's October Prayer Intention: For all citizens in our country, that our participation in the upcoming elections may lead to a world which places a preeminence on the dignity of all human life.

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." 2 Maccabees 12:46

The Newman Prayer Ministry Team has made some changes to the process of requesting prayers by parishioners. Go to our website or this link: <https://forms.gle/UztQFxrFGKTn2C29> or call the Parish Office to request prayers. Prayer Requests will be listed in the bulletin if you desire.

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 LeAnn Korsmeyer (LKorsmeyer@diojeffcity.org) Only first names of those affected by the virus will be shared.

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, October 5	Noon	+ Joe Kever
Tuesday, October 6	Noon	Communion Service
Wednesday, October 7	Noon	Communion Service
Thursday, October 8	Noon	Communion Service
Friday, October 9	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday, October 10	5 p.m.	+ Segundo Sabio
Sunday, October 11	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, October 11	11 a.m.	+ Harland Standerfer
Sunday, October 11	5 p.m.	+ Max Gadau
Sunday, October 11	8 p.m.	CM Benefactors

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

PARISH FINANCES

September 26/27

Offertory*	\$8,463.78
Month-to-Date	\$93,736.25
Budget for month	\$128,000.00
Variance	- \$34,263.75

**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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CAMPUS MINISTRY

FRESHMAN NIGHT @ NEWMAN

All freshmen are invited to a social, hosted by Campus Ministry, on Saturday, October 10 from 6-8pm, in the Newman Courtyard. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Contact Logan Davis to RSVP!

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

It's not too late to join a small group! Small groups are a great place to meet new people and have discussions about your faith life. Discussion and activities are based around scripture and church teaching, but who knows where the conversation may lead! Find a small group that fits your needs by contacting McKenna at mckenna.kukla@focus.org.

EPHESIANS 3 (E3) WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP



Join us Wednesdays at 9pm, in the Chapel, for Ephesians 3 (E3). E3 is an hour devoted to prayer, a talk, praise & worship music, and fellowship. For more information contact Joe at e3@comonewman.org.

HOLY HOURS

Spend time in prayer with the blessed sacrament Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30-9:30am; Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm. Participate in Power Hour, a sacrificial holy hour, Monday nights at 9:05pm.

BUILDING USAGE

The student lounge has new hours of accessibility: Sundays 5-10pm; M & W 8am-10pm; T, Th, & F 8-5; Closed Saturdays.

The library and classrooms on the second floor are available when the building is open – please use the self-sanitation stations before and after use.

Please refrain from eating in the building, you can store and reheate food in the lounge, but use outdoor areas of the building to consume food. Masks are required, at all times, in the building.



NEWMAN NEWS

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.

DISPENSATION EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER

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 **November 27, 2020** provided that they do one of the following:

- Prayerfully participate in the Sunday or holy day of obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican, **or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.**
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy days of obligation, and recite the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

READING THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Parishioner Dr. Jill Raitt will be holding a weekly online discussion of St. Augustine's Confessions via Zoom. Meetings will be on Wednesdays from September 30 - November 25 from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Discussions will focus on one chapter each week and each chapter should be read ahead of the online discussion. The recommended text is the translation by Maria Boulding. The text is also available online here: <https://www.ling.upenn.edu/courses/hum100/augustinconf.pdf>

Contact Dr. Raitt at raittj@missouri.edu if you are interested in participating!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE HAS STARTED

From Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Columbia Planned Parenthood, 711 N Providence Rd, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help with your on site time, talent or treasure, please contact Kathy Forck 573-821-5130 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo.

ROSARY ACROSS AMERICA EVENTS

The annual Public Square Prayers and Rosary Across America will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, noon, at Hannah Cole Park at the corner of Main and Morgan in Boonville (rain location will be Ss. Peter and Paul church). Rallies will take place with an estimated one million people praying for the nation, peace, conversions, family, and God's guidance. Call 660-621-2787 for information.

A peaceful Eucharistic procession will also be held in Jefferson City on Oct. 10, culminating in benediction and praying the Rosary on the grounds of the State Capitol. More information at facebook.com/Oremus1010 and oremus1010@gmail.com.

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Join CoMo Life Teen for Life Nights on Sunday nights from 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activity building. Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram or join our weekly email list for any announcements or changes to our schedule.

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN

High schoolers can register now for Fall Retreat, which will take place Nov. 6-8 at Sacred Heart Parish! Registration and more info can be found in the weekly CoMo Life Teen emails or by emailing Renee at renee.molner@comonewman.org. Cost is \$25. Teens will go home to their own houses at night, and masks are required.

LIFE NIGHT THIS SUNDAY!

We've got our annual CoMo Life Teen Olympics tonight (10/4)! Join us for a night of games, friends and prizes! From high speed tic tac toe to trivia, we've got games for everyone!

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENT REMINDER

Confirmation students need to turn in their copy of their Baptismal certificate by Oct. 11. These can be sent to Renee either as a paper copy or online.

AROUND TOWN

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus council of Sacred Heart parish is holding a drive-through fish fry dinner on Saturday October 10 at Father Tolton High School from 4-7 PM. Price is \$12.00/dinner. Menu includes a generous portion of fish, green beans, slaw, and our famous chips with orders of more than one dinner. Proceeds will be used to support Catholic education and other ministries in our area. We will also be selling Tootsie Rolls for the benefit of the developmentally disabled.

TUNE IN TO COVENANT CATHOLIC RADIO

Seasons come and seasons go, but our pillar of Faith remains in season and out. Keep your radio set on 94.7 FM, Covenant Network Catholic radio. You are sure to find many educational and inspirational programs to nurture your faith and devotional programs throughout the day and night-time hours to support and enrich your faith life.

WHERE THE
ROSARY IS
RECITED
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BE DAYS OF
PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY.

—ST. JOHN BOSCO

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CEP & EDGE

CLASS RESUMES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

We will not have class today, October 4th to allow our student volunteers to participate in the Awakenings Retreat. Classes will resume on October 11th.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR A SURVEY ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT FOR EDGE:

This is the final week of the God With Us groups. Families should have received an email with options for what's next. If not, please contact Emily!

LAST CALL FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION FAMILIES

If you have a child in 2nd grade or above who'd like to prepare for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion this year, please contact us about getting started at emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

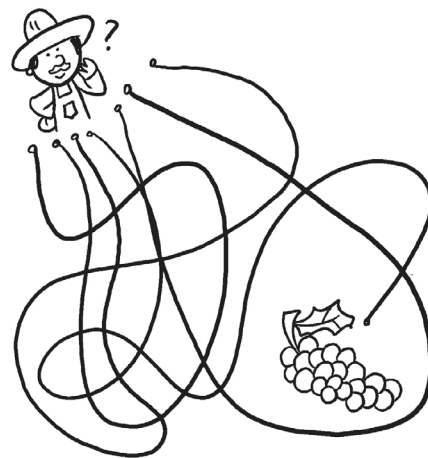
For Kids: Like St. Francis, spend some time thanking God this week for the beauty of creation.

For Parents: With so much that is strange and stressful in these times, take time to focus on what is good. How has God blessed you? What gives you peace? Spend some time outside with your family and the fall weather, or anything you enjoy.



PUZZLE

Help the farmer find the right path to the grapes.



MISSION

I will remember to say, "Thank You," to my family and friends.

HELPFUL LINKS

INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit www.comonewman.org/attend-mass to view the current instructions on attending Mass at the Newman Center.

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.

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.

LOAVES AND FISHES

We will need volunteers to cook AND volunteers to serve at the Loaves and Fishes kitchen. Those who cook will pre-package the meals and then servers will distribute the to-go style meals outside. Masks will be required. If you are not in a high-risk group, please consider helping to serve! Thank you to all those who are signed up to provide food for the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen! (702 Wilkes Blvd). See our website for more information!

FLU SHOTS

It is more important than ever for everyone 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot this year. This will help to reduce the overall burden of respiratory illnesses on the health care system. It will also protect the most vulnerable in our population.

NOTE: The Health Department requires an appointment this year for ALL flu shots. Call today 573 874 7355

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) has been helping the poor in Columbia for almost 15 years. SVDP is staffed by volunteers so 99% of every dollar donated to our 501(c)(3) charity goes directly to help the poor. Eighty-nine percent of our funding is used to pay delinquent rent and utility bills, but all requests are considered. The City of Columbia will begin shutting off service to delinquent accounts on Oct 1. After assisting over 450 families this year, most within the last 4 months, SVDP is almost out of funds.

SVDP is grateful for any support you can offer, whether prayerfully, financially or as a volunteer. Checks can be made payable to SVDP and mailed to Our Lady of Lourdes Church office, 903 Bernadette, CoMo 65203. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support! Vincentians are honored to be the face of Christ to the poor on your behalf.

NEWMAN NEEDLEWORKS

Can you crochet, knit or sew? Newman Needleworks needs you to make baptismal stoles for infants and young children in the parish. Patterns and assistance with cost of materials are available. Questions? Contact Susan Devaney ~devaney.susan@gmail.com or 573 696 1424 OR Jan Pritchard ~jpritcha@socket.net

