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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

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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. and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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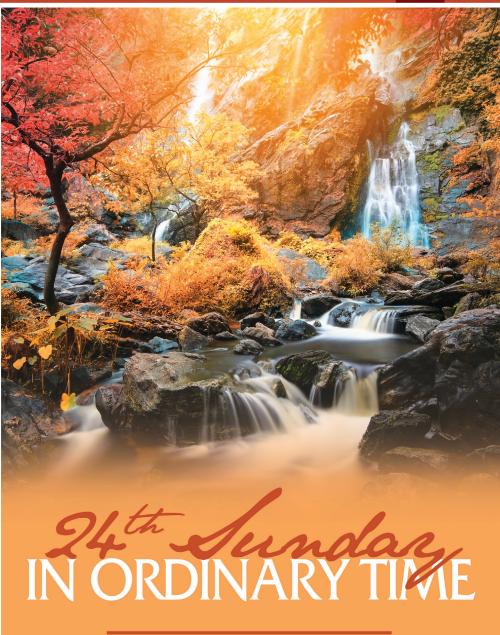


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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



@comonewman"Jesus would have died for me if I was the only person on Earth." - Mary Kaitlyn Condict

Shoutout MK and the E3 Team for a great night last night! If you missed MK's talk, check it out on our Facebook!



"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." - Mt 18:35

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When Christ Becomes Our Guest



MATT HOGG Student Parishioner

n Matthew 22, Jesus tells His disciples a parable in which He Llikens the Kingdom of God to a wedding banquet prepared by a king for his son. The king sends out his servants to those whom he wishes to invite, but all ignore the servants and refuse to come. When the king sends his servants again, they are at best ignored and at worst beaten and killed for their persistence. After sending his army to exact justice, the king orders his remaining servants to go out into

the streets and invite anyone they find to the banquet. The hall is filled and the feast begins, but as the king enters he sees a man not dressed in proper wedding attire. He questions the man, and, receiving no response, orders his attendants to "tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The meaning behind the parable is clear - be prepared for the Kingdom of Heaven at all times. Do not be caught in the inappropriate attire of sin and wear always the wedding attire of holiness. But there is something to be learned in the way that the parable is told as well. Why does Jesus use this particular metaphor, that of an improperly dressed guest, to convey His message?

Everyone understands that events of great significance like weddings call for an increased level of reverence. Because the human being is a unity of body and soul, one of the ways we show that reverence is with our attire. The Catechism states that the Mass, and specifically the Eucharist, is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324). What event could be more significant than our participation in the heavenly liturgy, our reception of the Lord Himself in the Holy Eucharist? Our "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest" (CCC 1387).

In the greater context of our lives of faith, the way we prepare for Mass is a relatively small thing. That said, we would do well to heed the words of our Lord when He tells us that "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much." We should do our best at Mass to have what we wear and how we present ourselves show our respect for the incredible weight and solemnity of the liturgy. As Catholics striving for excellence, how can we better prepare ourselves for the "moment when Christ becomes our guest?"

Matt Hogg

ATTENDING MASS AT NEWMAN

NEW: REMOVING MASS SIGN UPS

With guidance from the local health department and CDC guidelines, we will no longer require sign ups for Masses. Seating will be first come, first served. Please arrive early to ensure a seat at Mass. When capacity is reached, entrance into the Chapel will not be allowed.

DISTANCING AND CAPACITY

Please continue to leave FOUR empty chairs between you and the next household to ensure proper and safe distancing between attendees.

FACE COVERINGS

A face covering is required for anyone ages 10 and older when you are in the building, including the duration of Mass. We encourage and advise children over the age of 2 to wear a face covering as well, in accordance with public health guidelines.

Please continue to refrain from attending mass in person if you are not feeling well. See our website to watch the livestream of our Sunday Mass.

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?



September 20 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145









for our Newman Community

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

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Bishop McKnight's September Prayer Intention: For children deprived of a safe and healthy home, that they experience the love of God through the care and concern shown by Catholics.

"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 www. comonewman.org/prayer-requests/ or call the Parish Office to request prayers. Prayer Requests 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 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, September 14	Noon	† Suzanne Sullivan
Tuesday, September 15	Noon	+ Elfrieda Waltz
Wednesday, September 16	Noon	+ Edita Dino
Thursday, September 17	Noon	+ Bernie Nittler
Friday, September 18	Noon	+ Jose Dino
Saturday, September 19	5 p.m.	+ Betty Lou Heckman
Sunday, September 20	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, September 20	11 a.m.	+ Brother Roman Wilbers
Sunday, September 20	5 p.m.	+ Frances Boessen
Sunday, September 20	8 p.m.	+ Geraldine Vanderfeltz

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

Parish Finances

The September 5/6 parish finance report will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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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.

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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.

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

In the continued interest of the safety of our staff and parishioners and per city ordinance, anyone over the age of 10 entering the building will be required to wear a face covering. We encourage and advise children over the age of 2 to wear a face covering as well, in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please continue to refrain from attending mass in person if you are not feeling well.

PARKING LOT CHANGES THIS FALL

MU has released their lease on our parking lot. As such, Newman has sold some permit parking spaces to students, faculty and staff and has retained visitor spaces. For those coming to Newman for mass, to pray, for meetings, etc, your experience will not be very different. We will have expanded area for visitor parking (marked by yellow parking spaces and new signage). You will still need to sign in during business hours (except if just coming for daily mass). Weekends and evenings will be the same where our lot (and adjacent University parking) will be available.

EXITING THE CHAPEL AFTER MASSES

There are two sets of doors in the Chapel that lead outside towards the parking lot that you may use as well to exit after Mass to prevent crowding in the gathering space. Previously the doors were labeled as emergency exits, but know that they may be used now!

SEASON OF CREATION MASS AT SACRED HEART

The Season of Creation, Sept 1 through Oct 4, is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation. The Care for Creation Team at Sacred Heart Parish would like to invite all St Thomas More parishioners to 5:30 PM Mass, Wednesday, Sept 15, which will have prayers and intercessions relating to the Season of Creation. Following Mass there will be a brief prayer outdoors.

CPS INFORMATION & ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT BACK TO SCHOOL

Sundays (throughout September) at the Sacred Heart Family Center at 2:00. Information in other languages will be available.







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.

COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPLY DRIVE

CoMO Together is raising money to purchase the many additional educational supplies needed for CPS students as they return to school or learn from home during COVID-19. Because supplies, manipulatives, and equipment can't be shared, schools are having to purchase school supply kits, music kits, extra recess/PE equipment, and more. Many PTAs have been asked to help pick up the cost but some PTAs cannot afford to do this.

To promote equitable learning across the district, CoMO Together is collecting donations for the Title I elementary schools in Columbia Public Schools to purchase the additional supplies needed due to COVID-19. Visit comotogether.com to donate!

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!

Young Adult Fellowship

YOUNG ADULTS AT NEWMAN

Calling all young adults (after undergrad-age)! Are you looking for a community of Catholics who are in the same stage of life as you are? Whether you're a graduate student, you're just starting out in the professional world, or you've been in the professional world for a little while now, consider getting involved with Newman Young Adults! Email Renee Molner at renee.molner@comonewman.org for more information and to join our email list.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

AWAKENINGS RETREAT

Registration is now open for Awakenings #40. Awakenings is a retreat held for students and run by students. You'll hear talks from your peers, spend time in small groups, have personal reflection time and of course have a lot of fun!

Awakenings #40 will take place October 2-4. We will meet at Newman at 4 pm on Friday and will finish by 5:30 pm on Sunday. The cost of the retreat is \$25. If you need financial assistance, contact Yvonne Chamberlain (yvonne@comonewman.org) before you register. For more information, please contact the Awakenings Rector, Jefferson Daubitz (jldnpv@mail.missouri.edu). Sign up on our website!

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.

If you cannot attend E3 in-person it will be live streamed weekly on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/comonewmancm/ videos). Past E3 talks are available on our YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/user/CoMoNewmanCenter/videos)

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 reheat food in the lounge, but use outdoor areas of the building to consume food. Masks are required, at all times, in the building.

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.

FIRST SERIES

We're starting our series on Forgiveness tonight (9/13)! We'll be playing games and building community as we talk about how to forgive others and show mercy. We'd love to see you there!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

Confirmation classes for our high schoolers begin today at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Please pray for the freshmen and sophomores signed up for this sacrament this year!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JOB OPENINGS

St. Nicholas Academy is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/ English) administrative assistant to support the Executive Director of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry as well as clerical support for our Vocations Department.

This individual will be expected to take minutes of meetings, compose letters, and will organize events in coordination with our Events Coordinator. It is essential that the candidate have the ability to translate both oral and written communications. Other duties include serving as back-up receptionist for the Catholic Center. Please send resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 21ST ANNUAL BARBECUE

The Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus Barbecue will be on Saturday September 19, 2020. They will be serving pork steak, chicken, brat wurst, baked beans, cole slaw for \$10.00 per plate, slab of ribs \$18.00, cinnamon rolls \$10.00. All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus charitable fund

The barbecue will take place from 11:00am to 5:00pm in the St. Stanislaus School Cafeteria.

CEP & EDGE

CEP WILL BEGIN ALL ONLINE/AT-HOME:

While we are signing families up for in-person, that's just so we'll know how many kids want to meet once CPS opens for in-person learning. We don't anticipate being able to offer in-person CEP until October. We'll be reaching out to families to see if they'd like to schedule Zoom classes in the morning at usual class times or join the afternoon groups. For more information, visit the CEP page on our website or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

EDGE ZOOM GROUPS STARTING

We are starting out year of 6th, 7th & 8th grade programs with 4 week zoom small groups. Parents must give permission before we can send out the zoom link. Sign-ups on the parish sign-ups page or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS:

Kids who are in 2nd grade and up who have not yet received 1st Communion are invited to prepare for the sacraments this year. We'll have two parent informational meetings, one via Zoom on Sunday, September 20th at 1 p.m. and one in-person if CEP is inperson Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:15 p.m. For more contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Forgiveness isn't easy, but it makes you so tired to be mad! Ask Jesus

For Parents: Family in close quarters leads to plenty of fights, but forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves. It takes time and energy to stay mad. Take some time together to talk about all the feelings that come with family fights and how to manage and learn from them.

