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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:

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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This week we celebrated the
feast of The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross.



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?”
Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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FROM THE MOUTHS OF INFANTS...



FR. PAUL CLARK
Associate Pastor

Fr. Mike Coleman was my pastor when I was a little child and he loves to tell the story of a time when my family visited him in a later assignment. When he had my family stand to introduce us to his new parish, I stuck the strings of my hoodie in my nose and started making faces at the congregation, in his words “humiliating my mother.” All I can do is laugh and think of the many times I probably humiliated my parents...especially at Mass. I was a pretty whiny child and loved instigating reactions out of my siblings. I can only imagine the chaos of our family pew each Sunday. Yet, for me, one of the main things I remember from my childhood experience of the Mass was my mother constantly saying “Look, there’s Jesus!”

I see now that was a creative way to say “Shut your mouth and focus,” and she gets major parent points for that, but I distinctly remember being intrigued by the statement. Even as a child, it was allowing me to process the reality of Christ’s presence. I trust my mom...and she says Jesus is here...so he must be. And although with that comes a lot of explanation (“No, I’m not talking about the priest...” “No, not just the image of him on the crucifix, Paul” and whatever other conversations it sparked), it also is the base concept of witnessing the faith: I believe because I trust the one who says it is so. My parents, without a doubt, were the first to witness to me the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, because over and over again, they told me it was true.

I bring this up, because both Fr. Dan and I want to say thank you to the parents who are bringing (and have brought in the past) their children to Mass. You are seen and it is greatly appreciated! It is not an easy task (we were 8 people sharing 1 bathroom growing up and it was NEVER easy to get us all to Mass), especially amid the protocols and fears of a pandemic. I imagine the stress of corralling our children in our worship space probably, at times, feels unbearable. I remember the Catholic Speaker, Katie Prejean McGrady, at the National Catholic Youth Conference last year compared taking her child to Mass with “wrangling a wet alligator who knows how to talk...with no volume control.” But then she followed that statement up by saying “but if the Church isn’t cryin’, it’s dyin’.”

I have been thinking of that quote a bunch the last few weeks as I’ve begun to notice an increase of children at Masses since the parish updated our policy on children attending (All parishioners aged 10 and older are required to wear a mask at all times. Children over the age of two are strongly encouraged to do so per the CDC) and are encouraging children to return. It has been so good to hear them! You see, during the suspension of the public celebration of Mass this spring, one of the most heartbreaking things for me as a priest was the absence of the sound of life.

YOU HAVE BROUGHT FORTH PRAISE

My heart longed to hear the crying of children, the random questions from toddlers and even the continual singing...long after the songs had finished. brought forth praise.”

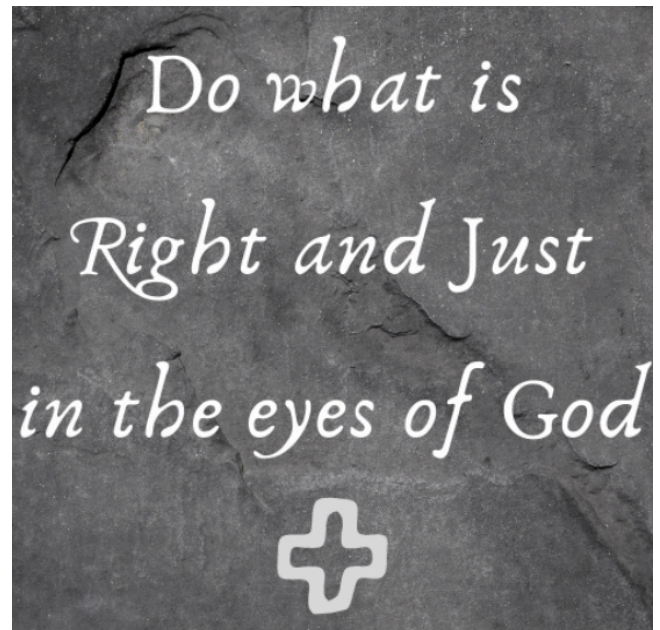
Those audible expressions from children are not only okay, they are **good**! Time and again we are told in Scripture the disposition we are to have in the presence of our Father...and it’s very child-like: free to express emotions to him, safely question and ponder what we’re experiencing, or simply rejoicing in the movements of our hearts.

Parents, thank you for your vocation and for raising your children in the faith. Know that you have the encouragement and support from your priests to bring your children to Mass, regardless of how distracting or disruptive you may think they are. Lucky for all of us, Christ’s sacrifice isn’t dependent on us perfectly focusing. The sound of children at Mass reminds us that the Church is alive and that we are people of life! May we be a parish that supports our families and encourages the sounds of life in our church, for as scripture says **“from the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise.”**

Fr. Paul Clark

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST IN THE EYES OF GOD



September 27 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25
Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32



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' 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 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, September 21	Noon	+ Rogelio Vargas
Tuesday, September 22	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Wednesday, September 23	Noon	+ Fr. Marc Clifford, O.F.S
Thursday, September 24	Noon	+ Dorothy Rost
Friday, September 25	Noon	+ Ed & Virginia Murray
Saturday, September 26	5 p.m.	Donald & Barbara Williams
Sunday, September 27	8:30 a.m.	+ Chris Lively
Sunday, September 27	11 a.m.	+ Barbara Jean Clark
Sunday, September 27	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, September 27	8 p.m.	+ Chad McCoy

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

PARISH FINANCES

September 5/6 Offertory	\$36,848.80
Month-to-Date	\$36,848.80
Budget for Month	\$128,000.00
Variance	— 91,151.20

September 12/13 Offertory	\$19,057.74
Month-to-Date	\$55,906.54
Budget for Month	\$128,000.00
Variance	— \$72,093.46

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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

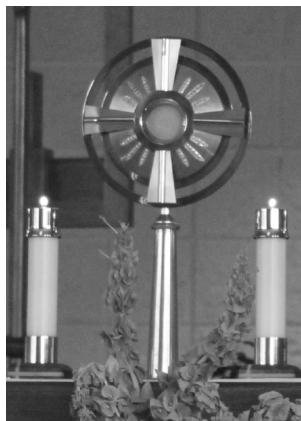
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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.

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.

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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS SEPT. 23

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.

THE
ROSARY
IS THE
"WEAPON"
FOR THESE
TIMES.

ST. PADRE PIO



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.

If you are age 65 or greater, please consider getting the high dose vaccine. It contains a higher dose of the antigen providing a better immune response. This vaccine is available at the Columbia Boone Co Health Dept. There is no cost if you have Medicare insurance. Flu shots are available at the health department, local pharmacies and clinics.

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

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 for Awakenings #40 closes this weekend. 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.

The cost of the retreat is \$25. If you need financial assistance, contact Yvonne Chamberlain (yvonne@comonewman.org), in Campus Ministry, before you register. For more information, please contact the Awakenings Rector, Jefferson Daubitz (jldnpv@mail.missouri.edu).

Visit https://comonewman.breezechms.com/form/Awakenings40_Awakeners to register for the retreat.

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 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.

SERIES ON FORGIVENESS CONTINUES

We're continuing our Forgiveness series tonight (9/20)! Chris will be talking about how to forgive ourselves. We'll be playing games and building community as always! We'd love to see you there!

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 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

St. Joseph in Fayette is hiring a part time DRE (Director of Religious Education) and community/campus outreach person. This person will be responsible to run our PSR, Confirmation, and Adult Education programs. You will also need to have the skills to develop our electronic footprint (web page and social media), with a special focus on Central Methodist University students. All applicants must be Catholic and in good standing with the church. This position is 20 hours a week with starting pay \$13.50 to \$15.00 an hour, depending on qualifications. Contact Fr. Bill Peckman at 573-338-0061

CEP & EDGE

CEP VIA ZOOM IS STARTING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TRY IT

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. Right now we have zoom classes at the regular Sunday Class time of 9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Parents must give permission for kids to join. Contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

EDGE ZOOM GROUPS UNDERWAY

We are starting out year of 6th, 7th & 8th grade programs with 4 week zoom small groups. Early session is 3:30-4:15 p.m. and the later session is 6:30-7:45 p.m. This week is our 2nd session but it's just fine to join now! 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 in-person Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:15 p.m. For more contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: What seems fair to you and me might not be what is fair to God, but God is asking us to remember God has given us all that we need.

For Parents: This reading feels unfair. Some days it feels like God is extremely generous and some days we want more answers, more faith or more hope. Discuss the gospel together this week. What was Jesus telling the apostles? What is Jesus telling us?

