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

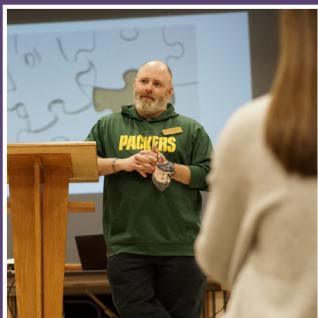
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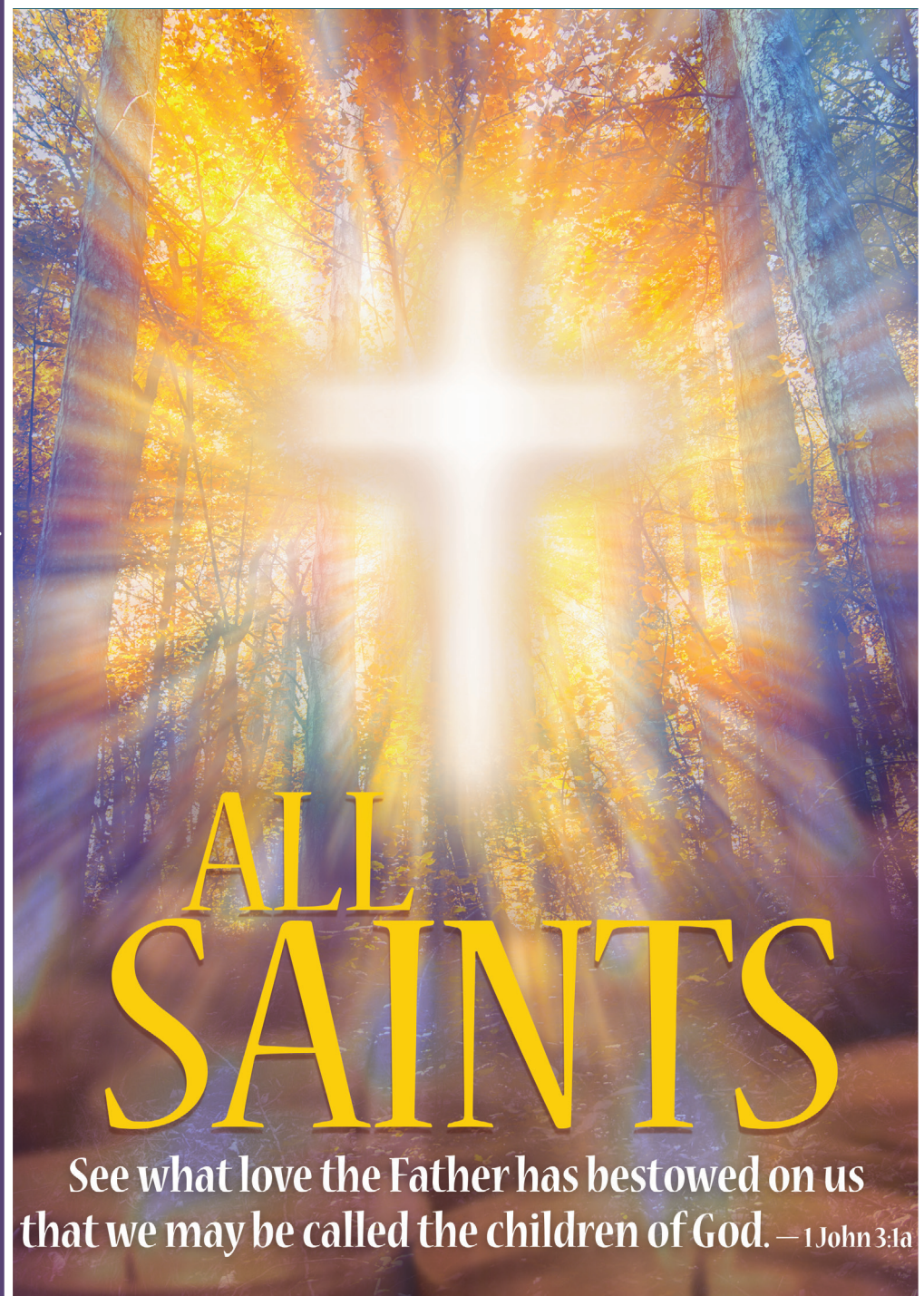


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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



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Just a Monday morning reminder: Even if you were the only person on Earth, Jesus would've died for you. He loves you, and you have worth



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WHO ARE THE SAINTS?



FR. DAN MERZ
Pastor

We were created for communion. Which makes sense because our Creator is an intimate communion of three. I don't think it's possible to be in heaven without having some capacity to enter into and enjoy communion with others. In the monastic tradition, even hermits need first to prove themselves worthy in the community before being allowed to live as a hermit—which is simply striving for communion with the divine alone.

One of the greatest creations of Jesus Christ (in my humble opinion) is the Communion of Saints. With reference to the Communion of Saints, we talk about the Church in three “places”: there's the Church Militant here on earth—still fighting the battle against evil; there's the Church Suffering in purgatory—being purified of any remnant of sin that still clings to them; and there's the Church Triumphant in heaven—they've made it! But it's all one Church! One Body of Christ, one Communion that stretches from earth to purgatory to heaven. And the Holy Spirit flows unhindered through that entire Body.

Sometimes I think of the Communion of Saints as a giant communication network with unparalleled connectivity. And the only thing that slows down the communication is sin, our resistance to the flow of the Spirit. That means the communication in heaven, where there is no sin, must be amazing! How often do I struggle to be understood or to understand another? But the Saints communicate in the Spirit unhindered by even the slightest “drag” of sin. We can only imagine!

Another insight to the Communion of Saints is that it's about running with the right crowd. How many times growing up did you hear your parents question whether this or that acquaintance was a good or bad influence? The people that we hang out with have a definite impact on our behavior and the kind of person we become. When a mediocre basketball team plays an excellent team, the better team tends to “raise the level of play” of the lesser team, and the better team tends to lessen the level of their play. When the Church on earth spends time with the Church in heaven, our conduct level tends to be lifted higher than where we normally walk. Luckily, the Saints in heaven can't be pulled down from their heavenly way of life. It's a win-win situation for us!

In 2 Timothy, St. Paul describes this life as a race, and life on high with Christ Jesus is the prize at the finish line. Those who run marathons will often say how important it is for them to have friends stand along the course of the race who encourage them not to give up, cheering them on to the end. The Saints serve as encouragements, models, and cheerleaders for us as we run the good race. We're continually tempted to give up, and they cheer us on. We get worn out by the trials and struggles that beset us, and they refresh our weariness with their prayers and encouragement. We get confused even about which direction the race goes, and they stand as certain guideposts pointing the way.

WHO ARE THE SAINTS? (CONTINUED)

They also remind us that life is about joy and sharing joy with others, which is what communion means. I love the fact that my journey to God is not about me. We go to God together. And we're surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, the Communion of Saints, every step of the way.

Fr. Dan Merz

TITHING REPORT

September 2020

As a “tithing parish,” the Newman Center contributes 5 percent of the offertory each month to nonprofit organizations. You can read more about the organizations we tithe to at:

www.comonewman.org/tithing

\$295.32	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$246.10	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$147.66	Day Dreams Foundation
\$344.54	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$98.44	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$196.88	Habitat for Humanity
\$196.88	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$246.10	Love, INC.
\$98.44	Spectrum Health Care
\$344.54	St. Francis House
\$98.44	Tiger Pantry
\$196.88	True North
\$295.32	Vitae Foundation
\$246.10	Voluntary Action Center
\$196.88	Welcome Home

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

Now is the acceptable time



November 8 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13





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' November Prayer Intention: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Bishop McKnight's November Prayer Intention: For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

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

Go to our website or this link: <https://forms.gle/UzttQFxrFGKTn2C29> or call the Parish Office to request prayers. Prayer Requests will be listed in the bulletin if you desire.

A STEWARD'S WAY

The Food Bank of Central/NE Missouri is one of our longest tithing partners. We have been sending a portion of our tithe to them since 1997! Serving Central and Northeast Missouri, this agency purchases bulk foods and solicits and receives hundreds of food contributions that it distributes to food pantries, schools, homeless shelters and other agencies to feed about 114,000 needy people every month. In addition to our tithing, parish volunteer groups regularly package foods at the Bank's warehouse and many parishioners aid the Columbia Food Pantry (Bear Creek) directly through our monthly, non-perishable food collections.



Columbia Meals on Wheels: This is a not-for-profit agency that delivers nutritious, hot meals (lunch and/or dinner) to individuals in Columbia who are mostly confined to their homes because of illness, handicap, post-hospitalization period, and care giving for another sick family member in the home or other situation. Meal costs are very reasonable but over 80% of current recipients have incomes below the federal poverty level so financial subsidies are absolutely required. Our tithing is used to subsidize this basic need. The agency relies on 180 volunteer drivers to deliver the meals (and, not incidentally, to check on the recipient if an unexplained disruption occurs) to about 235 people who may use the service temporarily or on a longer-term basis.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, November 3	Noon	Jose & Corazon Occena
Wednesday, November 4	Noon	Josephine Hoban
Thursday, November 5	Noon	+ Barry Cardwell
Friday, November 6	Noon	+ Russ Taylor
Saturday, November 7	5 p.m.	Dinh & Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, November 8	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, November 8	11 a.m.	+ Ralph Young
Sunday, November 8	5 p.m.	+ Rosemary Fechtel
Sunday, November 8	8 p.m.	Campus Ministry Benefactors

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

PARISH FINANCES

October 24/25

Offertory*	\$12,743.62
Month-to-Date	\$100,110.83
Budget for month	\$100,000.00
Variance	+ \$110.83

**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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CAMPUS MINISTRY

QUARANTINE SUPPORT

If you or a friend are in quarantine and would like support from our Catholic Campus Ministry staff (prayer, food, medicine, etc.), fill out our [Catholic Campus Ministry Quarantine Support form](#). Any questions, contact Logan Davis, our Resident Campus Minister at logan@comonewman.org.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

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.

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOURS

Did you know the sacrament of Reconciliation is offered daily during Holy Hour? This is in addition to Tuesday and Saturdays at 4pm! Holy Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30-9:30am; Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm. Power Hour is Monday nights at 9:05pm.

CAMPUS MINISTRY THANK-A-THON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All that we offer students at Newman comes from the financial support of parishioners, parents, alumni, and friends. Their generosity allows us to provide access to the sacraments, retreats, bible studies, the Student Lounge, Ephesians 3 - and more! Campus Ministry needs YOUR help so that we can show our gratitude for the opportunities our benefactors provide.

We are looking for volunteers who will commit to calling a small list of our benefactors to just to say thank you. You can call from your cell phone at home on your own time. We provide plenty of training before you make your first call! All calls must be made by November 20, but anyone who finishes their list by November 13 will get a gift card to a restaurant of their choice (Chick-fil-A, Andy's, or Chipotle).

Contact JoAnn Shull at joann@comonewman.org with questions or to sign up!

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.

VIRTUAL DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANK:

Join us from home Friday, November 13th for 10 rounds of trivia, 5 questions each round. Teams should all be able to meet in one home and can be up to 8 people. This is adult, student, and family friendly! Cost is \$30/team and the grand prize is \$100 to Shakespeare's Pizza. Sign up on the Parish or Student Sign-up pages or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org. This event will be planned and run by Newman's EDGE Middle School ministry.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our next training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held Monday, November 2nd from 7-9pm in the Church. If you are interested in attending the training or have any questions, please RSVP to Mary Mertes via email at mary.mertes@comonewman.org.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE TABLE

We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death" (Order of Funerals). During the month of November, we remember our deceased family, friends, and benefactors. All are invited to participate in remembering and praying for those who have gone before us.

- **November Remembrance Table:** We will have a table in the Church for resident and student parishioners to put pictures of deceased loved ones. Pictures may be left in the sacristy prior to November 1. Please put your name and phone number on the back and remember to pick up the pictures at the end of November. If you have a digital picture for the digital picture frame, please email a jpg version of the photo to muscliturg@comonewman.org. Be sure to include the name of the deceased and their birth/death dates.
- **Book of Names of Those Who Have Died:** The "Book of Names of Those Who Have Died" will be on the Remembrance Table in the Church for resident and student parishioners to include names of family and close friends who have died this past year.

MARY IN SCRIPTURE ADVENT CLASS WITH FR. DAN

Catholics believe a lot of stuff about Mary, the mother of Jesus. How much of that is rooted in Scripture? Here's your chance to find out! Fr. Dan will be teaching an "Advent" class called "Mary in Scripture." It will meet four Thursdays in the Newman church at 8pm: Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 10. We hope to livestream it, too, if you're not able to be present in person. Other Christian denominations often criticize us about the Blessed Mother. Come see if they're right! We guarantee you'll learn something!



COMO LIFE TEEN

HALLOWEEN/ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY THIS SUNDAY!

The CoMo Life Teen Halloween/All Saints Day party is tonight (Nov. 1)! Join us at the Sanders' farm for candy, a bonfire and baby goats. Wear a costume, as there will be a costume contest. Contact Renee for the address.

NO LIFE NIGHT NEXT WEEK!

Please note that we do not have Life Night on Nov. 8 because of Fall Retreat. We'll see you all Nov. 15!

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REMINDER

Confirmation students, please remember to send Renee a copy of your Baptismal certificate if you were baptized in a church other than Newman or Sacred Heart. Thank you!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NEXT WEEKEND

Jefferson City Marriage Encounter will be hosting a COVID friendly Marriage Encounter weekend November 7 & 8. Fall in love with your spouse all over again and rejuvenate your marriage with a weekend away to grow closer together and with God. Register for the event at www.jeffcityme.com.

TOLTON'S BLAZE OF GLORY MOVING ONLINE

Due to limitations on large gatherings, the 2020 Blaze of Glory Gala will be moving to an online auction this year. While we will certainly miss the fellowship and community building (and dancing!) that this event provides, we are excited about the opportunity to reach supporters around the country that normally may not have been able to participate. Thanks to our friends at Atterberry Auction and Realty, the online auction page will open on Saturday, November 7 and will close on Friday, November 13. For more information, visit www.toltoncatholic.org/blaze-of-glory.

ADULT EDUCATION & DEVOTION (AED) CONTINUES

The next Adult Education & Devotion is this Wednesday, Nov. 4th, at 7pm over Zoom. The Zoom Link is found here: <https://bit.ly/3otpq9J>. The topic is on "Stewardship Is Discipleship." Fr. Stephen Jones is speaking.

ELECTION DAY AFTERNOON OF ADORATION AND PRAYER

Join us at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday, November 3rd from 2pm-5pm for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for a fair and safe election. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:15pm and 4:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm and there will be Benediction before 5:30 mass.

CEP & EDGE

CEP BEGINS IN-PERSON LEARNING BUT ZOOM/AT HOME STILL AN OPTION

We are resuming CEP classes in-person at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays for kids Prek-5th grade and on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. for kid in 2nd-5th grade only. If you're interested in joining us, or want to hear more about covid safety procedures, please contact Emily Shull!

EDGE SMALL GROUPS IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM

We now have a small group meeting OUTDOORS at 3:30 on Sundays. There will still be zoom groups at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. . It's ok to join anytime! For more, contact Emily Shull

STILL NEED HELP WITH TRIVIA PROJECT

We're still writing questions and looking for help on November 13th, the night of our event! If you are a 6th, 7th & 8th grader and you can help, please do! Writing questions is NOT in-person, but help on the day of the event will be in-person. For more contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Do something with your family today to celebrate your favorite saint

For Parents: Saints call us to greatness but we can be just as holy if we cling to God and we care for one another generously. This week, celebrate your favorite saints or call and thank a person who has been a source of inspiration and has cared for you, someone who shows you how to live a holy life.



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

TEACH
BLESSED
COMFORTED

FILLED
MERCY
PURE

PEACEMAKERS
REJOICE
REWARD

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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

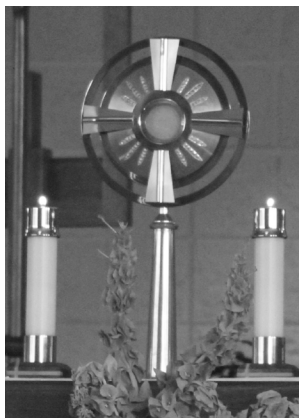
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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 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 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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are now collecting non-perishable items for our local Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri! You can drop off your donations in the tall bin in the chapel entryway of St. Thomas More Newman Center. The Food Bank is not accepting volunteers at this time.

CITIZENSHIP RESOURCES

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful: [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#) our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT

Visit <https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2020/09/27/the-times-that-try-our-souls/> to read Bishop McKnight's statement titled "The Times that Try our Souls"

