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NEWMAN NEWS

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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: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS:

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

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



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Join us Thursday, December 3 and
10 at 8 pm in the church to hear Fr.
Dan's Mary in Scripture Advent series!

First Sunday of
ADVENT



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WATCH FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD



test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

MARY IN SCRIPTURE CLASS WITH FR. DAN RESUMES

Fr. Dan's "Mary in Scripture" Advent class will continue this Thursday, December 3 at 8pm in the church:

Catholics believe a lot of stuff about Mary, the mother of Jesus. How much of that is rooted in Scripture? Other Christian denominations often question us about the Blessed Mother. Come see if they're right! We guarantee you'll learn something! It will be livestreamed on our Facebook page if you cannot attend in person.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

ADULTS: Homilies on each Sunday's readings
Journey Through Advent: Cycle B by Bishop Robert Barron

KIDS: Daily videos for the whole season
Brother Francis: The Days of Advent

Get your account at or visit the parish or student sign-ups page of the Newman website www.formed.org/signup

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare for the Glory of the Lord



December 6 | Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85

2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8





WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

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

For those who are sick:

Fred & Betty Weisel

Ron Branch

David Hurt

For our beloved dead:

Bill Davis

Gary Winter

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.

To make a prayer request, go to our website www.comonewman.org. Prayer Requests will be listed in the bulletin.

A STEWARD'S WAY

This week's highlighted parish tithing partners are two organizations that provide a variety of services to individuals in need, tailoring their response to the needs of the person.



Volunteer Action Center is a "jack-of-all-trades" resource for people who don't know where else to turn. Sent by churches, social agencies, police, neighbors and strangers, the poor come for food, shelter, transportation, utilities help, health care and many other needs. VAC assesses the family situation, offers referrals to other social services, provides small amounts of money for immediate needs, gives bus tickets for local and occasional stranded-traveler problems. Our tithing is specifically targeted to the FISH (Faith in Service to Humanity) fund, originally a coalition of the downtown churches who recognized the need for this kind of help many years ago. They are one of our longest running partners, Newman has been tithing to the Voluntary Action Center since 1997.

Spectrum Health Care, formerly known as "Rain" (Regional Aids Interfaith Network) of Central Missouri, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping economically disadvantaged people living with HIV/AIDS. It serves 37 counties in Missouri offering housing and utility expenses, health care resources, medication assistance, and referrals for dental and mental health needs. It also has a special Emergency Food Voucher program to provide additional access to food beyond what the food pantries can do. It supplements the state food stamps program to allow the ill client to purchase more nutritious or more specialized foods necessitated by his/her health condition. Our tithing is devoted specifically to the Food Voucher program.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30	Noon	+ Lucy Isabel Francis
Tuesday, December 1	Noon	+ William Napoleon
Wednesday, December 2	Noon	Rose Marra
Thursday, December 3	Noon	+ Maude Fann
Friday, December 4	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Saturday, December 5	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, December 6	8:30 a.m.	+ Matthew Forsyth
Sunday, December 6	11 a.m.	+ Consetta and Jack Immegart
Sunday, December 6	5 p.m.	+ Van Di
Sunday, December 6	8 p.m.	All Parishioners

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

PARISH FINANCES

November 14/15

Offertory*	\$14,742.66
Month-to-Date	\$71,386.19
Budget for month	\$104,000.00
Variance	- \$32,613.81

*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

CANDLELIGHT MASS NEXT WEEK

Join us for a candlelight Mass at the 5 p.m. or 8 p.m. Masses next weekend!

COME LEARN DIFFERENT FORMS OF PRAYER

Are you curious about what prayer is, or are you looking to learn a new way to pray? Join us to learn about different prayer methods, in a 15-minute mini workshop. Sessions will take place following daily Mass, in the Disciples room, Wednesdays (when MIZZOU is in session) beginning December 2. Contact Yvonne Chamberlain (yvonne@comonewman.org) for more information.

SENIOR SENDOFF

College seniors: you should have received an email from JoAnn Shull, Director of Development, that provides specific details about all Senior Send-off activities we have planned for you.

In case you missed it, we are requesting photos of seniors for the Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. Please email your photo (in your cap and gown or whatever photo you choose) to troy@comonewman.org, by Thursday December 10.

SEEK 2021 CONFERENCE

SEEK21 invites attendees to encounter Christ in a personal, intimate way through the sacraments, prayer, speaker sessions and fellowship.

The mission of SEEK is to help facilitate a deep, lasting encounter with Jesus Christ. SEEK helps “bridge the gap” for attendees at all stages of the faith journey to know God’s love more intimately and to understand/commit to the lifelong Catholic mission for which they are made. SEEK21 will bring thousands of people together from all over in a way we’ve never experienced before.

This will be held here at the Newman Center from February 4-7. The cost will be \$25 with the code “Missouri”. The registration fee will include a swag bag, T-shirt and meals. For more information and registration visit <https://seek.focus.org/>.



NEWMAN NEWS

#GIVINGTUESDAY THIS WEEK!

This year, #Giving Tuesday falls on December 1. Newman will be raising funds for two important projects:

1. Funding for the SEEK Conference, which will be held on-site at Newman with virtual connections for keynote addresses and breakout sessions. Funds will help reduce student costs for the conference as well as providing for meals, worship, sacraments and other logistical needs.
2. Funding the new Martha Trauth Social Justice Education Endowment Fund. This fund has been newly created by parishioners John Gahl and Kate Trauth. Martha, Kate's mother, was a strong follower of the Church's teachings on social justice. This fund in her memory will provide funds for social justice programming at Newman.

By the generosity of donors, all gifts made on Giving Tuesday will be matched! Give online at comonewman.org/givingtuesday or through Venmo (@comonewman with comment #GT).

2021 CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS

Pick up a free copy of your 2021 Catholic Extension "Devotions to Our Lady" wall calendar in the Gathering Space. Thank you to Bear Creek Family Dental for sponsoring the calendars for our parish!

PARISH COUNCIL BYLAWS REVISION

The Parish Council at its December 1 meeting will consider adopting revised bylaws governing the council. The proposed changes can be reviewed on the parish website (click ministries, then click on "Parish Council" and there will be a downloadable PDF), on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space, or at the Parish Office. Comments or questions may be emailed to Secretary, Patrick Pullins, at patrick.pullins@gmail.com. Parishioners may also attend the December 1 meeting, contact Patrick for the Zoom link or to register to attend in person (in-person attendance will be limited due to social distancing measures).

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN RESUMES THIS SUNDAY

Join us for Life Night tonight (Nov. 29)! We'll be talking about why it's important to take care of our mental health and how that corresponds to our faith. We meet from 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activity Building most Sundays. Please note that this is subject to change with rising Covid-19 cases. Check the email, GroupMe and/or social media (@comolifeteen) for the most up-to-date information.

CONFIRMATION PRAYERS & REMINDER

Please continue praying for our Confirmation students as they continue on in this journey! If you have not turned in your copy of your Baptismal certificate or your sponsor form yet, please do so.



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DECREE FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT

DISPENSATION EXTENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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 further notice**, 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.
- The faithful still have the obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy and "to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185)

INTERFAITH GARDEN END-OF-SEASON REPORT

The volunteers at the Interfaith Garden would like to once again thank Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri for your \$1000 grant which was given to us in March of this year. We were able to use the money to buy a large garden cart, a wheelbarrow with dolly (see picture below, with the old and broken one in the background), and concrete blocks to build a raised bed. We even had some money left to buy organic compost to fill one of the new raised beds. As a result of your generosity and the hard work of our volunteers, we were blessed with a bountiful harvest (1530 lb.) of organically grown fruit and vegetables, all of which were donated to local food pantries at this time of pandemic when people need our produce more than ever.

CEP & EDGE

NO CEP OR EDGE TODAY BUT BACK DEC 2ND & 6TH:

We will NOT meet today to allow family time for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will have in-person CEP Dec 2nd & 9th for Wednesday and Dec 6th for Sunday.

EDGE ZOOM GROUPS DEC 6TH & 13TH (NO IN-PERSON GROUPS)

We plan to have our 3:30 & 6:30 zoom groups for Advent prayer and Christmas games but haven't had many families meeting in-person so all events will be zoom only until the new year.



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KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: How can you prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent?

For Parents: We make careful Christmas preparations for gatherings, food, pictures and greeting cards, but what will your family do to carefully prepare your hearts for Christmas this year?



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

WATCH
READY
TIME

COME
MASTER
EVENING

MIDNIGHT
DAWN
MORNING

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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



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.

SALVADORAN COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE

It's that time of year again! Newman Volunteer Corps is selling Salvadoran Coffee and Chocolate! Coffee and Chocolate from last season will be discounted at 50% off while supplies last. Contact Jaynie at nvc@comonewman.org to order ahead!

We will be selling these in addition to newly ordered items at regular price after every mass on the weekend of December 5th-6th, so mark this in your calendars! These are both great Christmas gifts to give to your family & friends as you head home for the holiday season.

THE GIVING TREE RETURNS TO NEWMAN

The Giving Tree is back at Newman this Advent! Through the Giving Tree, many children will be able to celebrate Christmas with a gift to unwrap on Christmas morning. We have opted to add a couple additional ways to participate this year, starting Saturday, November 14th:

The Usual Way: Please take a tag off of the tree and return your unwrapped gift next to the tree in the Gathering Space (with tag attached) by Sunday, December 13th.

Donations: We have set up a method by which you can donate money at the link below. Be sure to select the correct fund (labeled "Giving Tree") and we will purchase gifts on your behalf. There are fees associated with this method (approximately 3%) and we would greatly appreciate it if you could include the fees in your donation. <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/give/online>

Direct To Church Delivery: If you are ordering gifts for the Giving Tree online, you may have them delivered directly to The Newman Center at 602 Turner Ave, Columbia, MO, 65201. To assist with assigning the gift to the correct person, please use the Message option available for most online orders to note the family number/name on the gift tag.

All gifts, no matter the method you give, must be at The Newman Center by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you so much!



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