

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER 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. (NEW)

Saturdays: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &

Friday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.\*\*

\*\*when MU is in session

## 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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## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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## REFLECT ON TODAY'S GOSPEL



When doing student reportcards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to

what is really significant and important.

We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants.

Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence.

If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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## FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### MARY IN SCRIPTURE 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 question us about the Blessed Mother. Come see if they're right! We guarantee you'll learn something!

### FORMED MOVIES, BOOKS AND MORE FOR ALL AGES FREE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) or parish and student sign-ups page
2. Enter Newman's Zip Code 65201 & Select Newman Center
3. Provide your full name and email address
4. Stream, read & listen!

## A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

Come share in your Master's joy



November 15 | 33rd 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.

For these special intentions:

*Fred and Betty Weisel*

*Bill Davis*

*Ron Branch*

*Gary Winter*

*David Hurt*

*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*

*To make a prayer request, go to our website or click [HERE](#). Prayer Requests will be listed in the bulletin.*

## A STEWARD'S WAY

This week's highlighted tithing partners serve individuals suffering from abuse and neglect.

**Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home** is "A Safe Place to Be a Child" for abused and neglected children between the ages of 6 and 14. Children at Coyote Hill benefit from a positive educational atmosphere, adequate access to health care, quality food, good parenting, exposure to a Christian foundation, and many other aspects that give the children the opportunity to witness the value of a positive, family-focused environment. Children who are at the highest risk for abuse and neglect usually live in families where the parents were also abused as children. Without this positive intervention, the cycle of abuse is likely to perpetuate to the next generation. Coyote Hill Children's Home works hard each and every day to break those vicious cycles of abuse and replace them with future cycles of success – success as spouses, parents, employees, and members of our communities.

**True North** is a private, non-profit agency devoted to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Serving men, women and children, it offers emergency and transitional shelter, crisis intervention, counseling and support, court and hospital advocacy. It operates a hotline available toll-free in Missouri providing information, support and safety planning. Outreach education to the community about the prevalence, prevention and human toll of domestic violence is another major service. Our tithing is specifically used for aid to individuals (medical, transportation, apartment application fees, etc.) and to subsidize the maintenance/occupancy of the shelter.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9	Noon	+ Albert Del Corro
Tuesday, November 10	Noon	+ Cliff Thomeczek
Wednesday, November 11	Noon	Fr. Thomas Saucier
Thursday, November 12	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Friday, November 13	Noon	Lucille Wasinger Grelle
Saturday, November 14	5 p.m.	+ Segundo Sabio
Sunday, November 15	8:30 a.m.	+ Dorothy Brandt Marra
Sunday, November 15	11 a.m.	+ Rita Sutter
Sunday, November 15	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, November 15	8 p.m.	+ Roy and Mary Jones

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

## PARISH FINANCES

Oct. 31/Nov. 1

Offertory*	\$11,440.08
Month-to-Date	\$11,440.08
Budget for month	\$104,000.00
Variance	- \$92,559.92

*\*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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### Pastoral Staff

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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](mailto:logan@comonewman.org).

### JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

Find a small group that fits your needs by contacting McKenna at [mckenna.kukla@focus.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:joann@comonewman.org) with questions or to sign up!

### MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Missouri Catholic Conference has cancelled their annual assembly; instead, they invite you to enjoy this MCC for the Capitol podcasts. Episodes cover topics ranging from immigration, pro-life and religious liberty. Podcasts can be accessed via the MCC podcast section or [mocatholic.org](http://mocatholic.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](mailto:lisa.rose@comonewman.org) to learn about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process.

### 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 [musicliturgy@comonewman.org](mailto:musicliturgy@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.

### REGISTER BY NOV 11: VIRTUAL DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT

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](mailto:emily.shull@comonewman.org). This event will be planned and run by Newman's EDGE Middle School ministry.

### REVISED CONFESSION TIMES

Please note the change in times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will now be heard from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and it will be available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. when MU is in session.



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### NO LIFE NIGHT THIS SUNDAY

Please note that we do not have Life Night on Nov. 8 because of Fall Retreat. We'll see you all Nov. 15! We appreciate all of the prayers for the teens who attended Fall Retreat!

### 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. We have class November 15 at 1:30 p.m. See you there!

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### TOLTON BLAZE OF GLORY AUCTION IS LIVE!

Tolton Catholic's 2020 Blaze of Glory online auction is now LIVE! Bidding will close down on Friday, November 13 at 10:00 p.m. There are lots of great auction items to bid on including dinner with Bishop McKnight, autographed memorabilia, and several exciting vacations! Every bid also earns you a chance to win a mystery package from KT Diamond Jewelers! In addition, there will be a fun college football squares game. We hope we can count on your support as we blaze new trails this year! For more information, visit [www.toltoncatholic.org/blaze-of-glory](http://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>.

### CALLING ALL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School is looking for people interested in being a substitute teacher. We offer flexible schedules and are willing to work around your availability. Please email Fr. Tolton at [office@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:office@toltoncatholic.org) or call 573-445-7700 for more information and to apply.

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a bi-lingual Director of Faith Formation/Youth Ministry to provide direct support for and development of parish-based youth ministers in the outreach and evangelization to faith formation and pastoral care of their youth.

Two administrative assistant positions are available at the Chancery and there are several openings in our Catholic schools. For more information, visit [diojeffcity.org/employment](http://diojeffcity.org/employment).

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has the following career opportunities available: Director of Refugee Resettlement, Refugee Health Promotion Coordinator, Housing Counselor and Financial Education AmeriCorps Member. Job descriptions and application details can be found at [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers/](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers/)

## CEP & EDGE

### INDOOR CEP FOR PREK, K & 1ST BEGINS TODAY:

We tried to be outside for our littlest learners so kids could have a break from masks but it's been too cold! We're moving the Prek-1st Class to the MPR on Sundays but we do ask that kids wear masks during class.

### EDGE SMALL GROUPS & TRIVIA HELP STILL NEEDED:

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. . We'll finish up our trivia categories from 3-3:30 p.m. for the early group and from 7:15-8 for the later group.

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** God wants us to be praying and helping always! Today is the day to show your love for God!

**For Parents:** The message to be vigilant and to be faithful is especially important now. Those suffering from the pandemic and economic downturn still need our help and we all need to cling to God to keep our hope alive. What will your family do this week to be ready for the Lord now?

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

VIRGINS  
LAMPS  
FOOLISH

WISE  
OIL JARS  
BRIDEGROOM

WEDDING  
DOOR  
WATCH

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## HELPFUL LINKS

### INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit [www.comoneyman.org/attend-mass](http://www.comoneyman.org/attend-mass) to view the current instructions on attending Mass at the Newman Center.

### VIEW THE LIVESTREAM MASS

Visit [www.comoneyman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass](http://www.comoneyman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass) (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

### PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

Visit [www.comoneyman.org/public-health](http://www.comoneyman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit [www.comoneyman.org/prayer-resources](http://www.comoneyman.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.comoneyman.org/parish/support/offertory](http://www.comoneyman.org/parish/support/offertory). If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at [angie@comoneyman.org](mailto:angie@comoneyman.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@comoneyman.org](mailto:reception@comoneyman.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](mailto:devaney.susan@gmail.com) or 573 696 1424 OR Jan Pritchard ~[jpritcha@socket.net](mailto: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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Despite the helpline (573-424-1022) being closed for 3 days due to a temporary lack of funds, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul again received a record number of requests for assistance last month. THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation and allowed SVDP to reopen quickly! The total assistance given in the month of October is over \$21,000!

To contribute, please make checks to SVDP and mail to the OLL parish office at 903 Bernadette Dr, 65203. We volunteers are VERY grateful for your trust and support! Visit the website at [svdpcomo.org](http://svdpcomo.org) or contact Joanne Slama at [joanne.slama@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.slama@gmail.com)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Newman cooks and serves at Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen here in Columbia. The meal for Loaves and Fishes will be cooked at the Loaves and Fishes site (702 Wilkes Blvd). Masks and gloves will be required for both cooking and serving. Please bring your own mask if possible; if not, masks will be available. Gloves will be available, and do not be afraid to change gloves when needed. Wash hands thoroughly before using gloves. Contact Jaynie Vanatta at [nvc@comoneyman.org](mailto:nvc@comoneyman.org) to sign up!

