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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.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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What a day! The contributions from students, parents, alumni and parishioners made a HUGE impact on our goals - thank you for supporting the Newman Family! #GivingTuesday



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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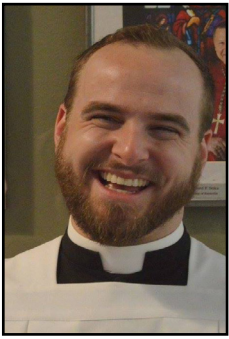
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EXPECT MORE THIS ADVENT



FR. PAUL CLARK
Associate Pastor

This past week I found myself shopping for chicken soup for a certain sick pastor... I guess I never realized how many options there are for canned soup. I went directly to the section of the aisle with the Campbell display and searched for soups of various chicken flavors amid the overwhelming amount of Campbell and store-brand options that were piled in front of me. After I filled the top part of my cart with homestyle chicken and noodle, healthy option chicken and noodle, chicken and rice, chicken and stars, and even a can of soup where the noodles are shaped like characters from the movie Frozen, I started to leave the aisle and realized that the options for soup actually continue past the Campbell/generic label section. What I thought was just the baked beans section was actually Progresso and a whole bunch of other hearty soup options. Now I am not saying that Campbell's Chicken Noodle is a lesser soup...but I was definitely limiting the scope of what was available. What if God is desiring to give me a hearty reality, full of flavor and meat and vegetables, and I am focusing on chicken broth with a few noodles and a couple small chunks of processed meat? What if the great things he has planned for me just look like baked beans out the corner of my eye? What do I need to do to step back and recognize the magnitude of God's desires for me?

This may be a jump, but this is why I love the Advent season. It is a time that is meant to stretch us and prepare us – to widen our hearts to receive more fully the promise; to look at our experiences from a bigger perspective; to have our expectations blown out of the water! The Christmas Story is so unexpected, it makes sense that we would need to prepare. It reveals things about our God and the way he works, how his plans are so much bigger than what we can plan for ourselves. Look up! Look around! Bethlehem, shepherds, a manger? This was so unexpected, but so perfect. A baby would free us, not a warrior? The story of salvation is a lot to take in, because honestly, it is not how we as humans would plan it. Yet, if we allow ourselves the time to observe the many aspects of it and ponder the mystery of how it came to be, we come to know the greatness of our God more fully and the beauty of his desires for humanity. As we try to control and plan our own lives, how often would we actually be better off abandoning ourselves to God's plan for us...allowing him to provide and guide us in ways that may be a little unexpected for us?

This season is given to us to widen our perspective and see how the Incarnation is not only a single moment in history, but is still remains a magnificent reality with eternal fruits experienced daily by God's sons and daughters. Our preparation for Christmas then becomes, not only for the celebration of the birth of Christ, but also a preparation for the Second Coming of Christ and every moment in between that he is made present in our lives.

EXPECT MORE THIS ADVENT

The time we put into Advent, into intentionally widening our hearts and minds to the mystery, directly relates to our ability to enter into the Christmas Season and receive the great promises from our God. Don't settle this Advent season, expect more – expect to grow and be transformed. Let's allow the mystery to stretch us, so that we may have the capacity to receive more than we were planning.

Fr. Paul

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT NEWMAN

Our Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:
December 24 (Vigil): 3pm*, 5pm, 7pm, Midnight*
December 25: 8 am, 10 am

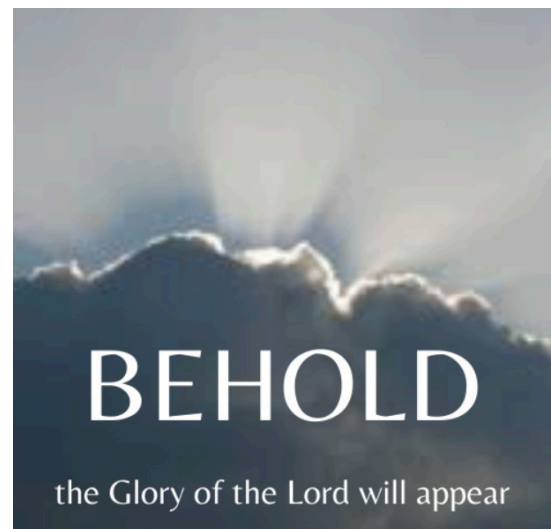
**Livestreamed masses*

As we prepare for the holiday season and celebrating the birth of our Lord, we are excited to see many members of our community at Mass this Christmas!

If you are planning to attend a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass at Newman, please sign up for a Mass time. The link to the sign up can be found on our website and weekly email.

This will help out our entire community as we try to accommodate as many people to attend Mass as we can!

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



December 20 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5; Psalm 89

Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



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:

Tom Taylor

Joan Pottinger

Barbara Cope

For our beloved dead:

Gary Winter

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention: For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.

A STEWARD'S WAY

END OF YEAR GIVING

Did you know that 30% of charitable giving occurs in December and 10% of giving occurs in the last three days of December? So, if you're still working out your 2020 charitable contributions, you're not alone! As a reminder, to be credited as a 2020 financial contribution for tax purposes, your donation must be received at Newman by Thursday, December 31, 2020. Anything received after 12/31/20, regardless of the date, must legally be listed as a 2021 contribution. Remember, online transactions often take 1-2 days to process, so a gift made on 12/31/2020 may or may not appear on your 2020 statement.

As the tax climate continues to change, please keep yourself educated and aware of the ways that you can give which may be tax advantageous for you. This could mean giving appreciated stocks, through your required minimum distribution, or other assets. Please remember that these options may take several business days to process.

In 2020, the CARES Act created a universal charitable deduction which is an above-the-line deduction and will be available to taxpayers who take the standard deduction. In addition, the CARES Act lifts the cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, increasing it from 60% to 100% of AGI for 2020. Any excess contributions available can be carried over to the next five years. For details, consult your tax advisor.

If you would like to talk through your options or need assistance, please contact the office and we would be happy to help. Regardless of how you choose to give and even how much you choose to give, know that the Newman Center is committed to stewarding you and your gifts. As we look toward 2021 in hope, we look forward to how the Spirit is moving our community to bless us with His abundant love! "The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 1:14



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, December 15	Noon	+ Wanda & Gary Winter
Wednesday, December 16	Noon	+ Albert Del Corro
Thursday, December 17	Noon	+ Ninfia Herico
Friday, December 18	Noon	+ Marie Lien
Saturday, December 19	5 p.m.	+ Thomas & Timothy O'Day
Sunday, December 20	8:30 a.m.	+ Bernie & Lila Nittler
Sunday, December 20	11 a.m.	+ Thomas K. O'Day
Sunday, December 20	5 p.m.	All Parishioners

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

PARISH FINANCES

December 5/6

Offertory*	\$47,825.66
Month-to-Date	\$47,825.66
Budget for month	\$185,000.00
Variance	- \$137,174.34

*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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CAMPUS MINISTRY

HAPPY FINALS WEEK

Good luck on finals! Remember the classroom and library on the second floor are available for you to study in this week.

If you need to rest your brain for a bit, take a break and refresh with your creative juices; stop in the student lounge to decorate a holiday ornament!

CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAMS PAUSED FOR BREAK

Just like you, all CM programs are taking a break for a while. See you in January! We will return to our regularly scheduled programming beginning January 17, 2021. Until then have fun, be safe, and continue to strive for sainthood.

TOTUS TUUS

Are you a Catholic young adult interested in bringing the Gospel to kids and teens across our diocese? Please consider applying to be a Totus Tuus missionary. Download the materials at diojeffcity.org/totus-tuus/ and return your application to khartman@diojeffcity.org. We do hire on a rolling basis, so the earlier the better! The application packet includes a job description, application, and instructions for a letter of recommendation. Totus Tuus Missionaries serve from May 27 – Aug 1. This is a full-time, paid position.

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

OLIVE WOOD CARVING AND CRAFT SALE

A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is visiting our church on Saturday and Sunday December the 12th & 13th. They are coming to our Church to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.

If you would like to support these people, you can buy their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so you can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land. Visit their website at www.shepherds-field.com to learn more

YEAR END GIVING INFORMATION

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Watch your email mid-January for annual contribution statements, they will come from Angie Claas - Angie@comonewman.org. Our system sends these to the email address of the person listed as "Head of Household". If you don't see it, check your spam folder. You can check/edit the email address your statement will be sent to by logging into your account or if you haven't set one up, visit <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/login/create>. Here you will be able to view your giving history as well as make sure your contact information is up to date. Statements will be printed and placed in the gathering space for those who don't have an email registered with us.

If you have questions on how to give through your IRA, annuity, or other non-cash assets, please contact JoAnn Shull at joann@comonewman.org or by calling the office. These gifts often take longer to process so please begin these options now if you're interested in giving in this tax year.

MARY IN SCRIPTURE CLASS LAST MEETING

Fr. Dan's Mary in Scripture class will conclude at a new time and day: **Wednesday, December 16 at 7 p.m.** in the church! It will still be available via livestream on the parish Facebook page

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saint Nicholas the Real Story (for Adults/older kids) or for kids: Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

Visit the website under parish or student sign-ups page of the Newman website to get started!

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN IS ON WINTER BREAK

CoMo Life Teen is currently on our winter break! Check our social media and/or emails to stay updated with any pop-up Zoom events or news.

CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL NOT MEET IN PERSON

Confirmation class will not be in-person today (Dec. 13). Students, please check your email to find your assignment that must be done in place of class.



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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)

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING AT TOLTON CATHOLIC:

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School currently has an immediate opening for a full-time Math position teaching Algebra II, Geometry and Statistics. Applicants should send a resume to Rose Lloyd at rlloyd@toltoncatholic.org.

CEP & EDGE

IN-PERSON CEP FINISHED FOR FALL SEMESTER

We're planning to wait until Wednesday January 20th & Sunday, January 24th to resume in the hopes that CPS plans will be settled.

CEP ZOOMERS PLEASE REPLY ABOUT DEC 20TH

Please reply to your regular email to let us know if you'd like to meet on zoom for a Christmas lesson Dec 20th OR we can send that info to parents to do at home.

EDGE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON ZOOM TODAY (12/13)

Both 3:30 & 6:30 Zoom groups will meet today for a little prayer and a lot of fun. NO IN-PERSON Group until the new year.



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KIDS' CORNER

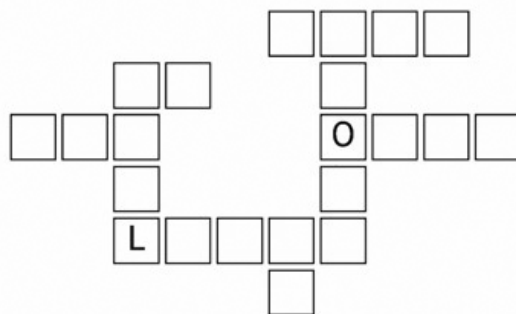
For Kids: We are joyful because Christmas is coming soon! How will you share God's Joy this week?

For Parents: John was a clear sign that God's help was coming soon. Even in a time of stress and uncertainty, how have you seen Christ present in your life and in the world? Share some of these moments of hope and blessing as a family to celebrate Gaudete Sunday.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
He came only to tell about the light.



HELPFUL LINKS

INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit 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 (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

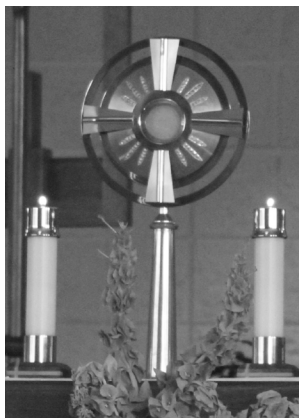
Visit www.comoneyman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit 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. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at angie@comoneyman.org.

NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



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.

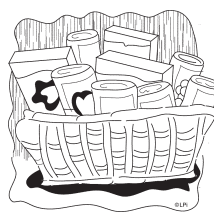
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL UPDATE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) needs your help! Our bank balance is down to \$4000. November 2020 was our largest month of assistance ever - \$31,948 to help our local neighbors in need. If you have already made a donation - thank you so much! If you are searching for a way to help the poor this holiday season, you can make a check out to SVDP and mail to Our Lady of Lourdes office: 903 Bernadette, Columbia MO 65203. Our helpline (573-424-1022) is open weekdays to take messages from those in need from 8:30am - 9:30am. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers!

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.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Sept/Oct Total: 289 pounds
November Total: 134 pounds

Thank you for your donations! Donate at the bin in the Turner Street entrance.



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