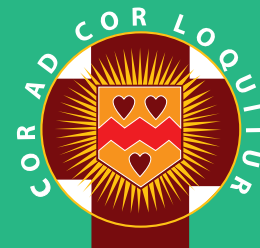


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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.*
5 p.m.

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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"This is life giving hope; in spite of our imperfections, we have the confidence in God that we will be resurrected." Missed Sam's E3 talk? Check it out on Facebook.



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

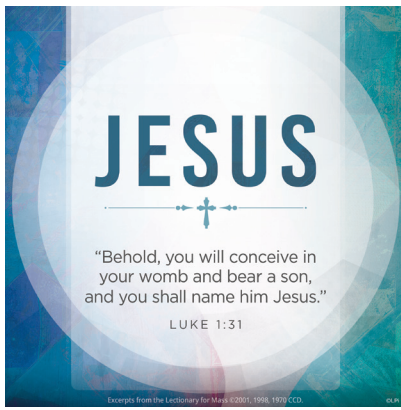
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WE CRAVE GOD...



he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself.”

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hard wired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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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!

SECOND COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

There will be a 2nd collection at all of the Christmas Masses benefiting Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement.

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



December 27 | The Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm ;128
Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40



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

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

Even in these difficult times, your stewarding of the gifts the Lord has given you have done great things in our faith community:



The **Martha Trauth Social Justice Education Fund** will be formally established in early 2021, thanks to the generosity of parishioners on Giving Tuesday. In fact, this was our most successful Giving Tuesday with more than \$27,000 in gifts in one day, to the new endowment and to the student SEEK Conference at Newman.

Even in the midst of low in-person attendance, Newman parishioners still showed up for the **Giving Tree**. Between gifts dropped off in-person and monetary donations made online, we were able to support the same number of families through the Voluntary Action Center as last year.

Religious Education volunteers have adapted their commitments to both online and safe in-person events. These ministries require much dedication, and our volunteers went the extra mile this year.

Advances in technology have allowed Newman ministries to extend outside of our building – streamed masses and faith formation events as well as bible studies and other meetings have kept our community united, even when apart.

We are grateful for the ways in which you have made this possible. Whether through your time, talent, or treasure, your gifts have brought these ministries to life. As we look to 2020, we hope to continue to meet the needs of our parish family as we respond to how the Lord is calling us as a parish to be stewards of our gifts!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 21	Noon	+ Timothy Owen O'Day
Tuesday, December 22	Noon	+ Ninfa Herico
Wednesday, December 23	Noon	+ Richard A. Heimberger
Thursday, December 24	3 p.m.	Tom Taylor
Thursday, December 24	5 p.m.	+ Robert Chamberlain
Thursday, December 24	7 p.m.	+ Keith Payne
Thursday, December 24	Midnight	+ Gary Winter
Friday, December 25	8 a.m.	+ Lou Wappel
Friday, December 25	10 a.m.	+ Rosemary Eicholz
Saturday, December 26	5 p.m.	The Wassinger Family
Sunday, December 27	8:30 a.m.	Charles Wilson
Sunday, December 27	11 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, December 27	5 p.m.	+ Delilah Beck

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

PARISH FINANCES

The December 12/13 finance report will be published in next weekend's bulletin

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

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/>.



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YEAR END GIVING INFORMATION

To be credited as a 2020 financial contribution, your donation must be received by St. Thomas More Newman Center by Thursday, December 31, 2020. Anything received after 12/31/20, regardless of the date on the check, must legally be listed as a 2021 contribution.

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.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas (for Adults/older kids) or for kids: (book) Christmas with Bernadette by Emily Ortega

See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org for assistance!



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.



Contact - Renee Molner
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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

DATES TO RESUME CEP & EDGE

We're off until the new year, but keeping the health of your families in our prayers!

Zoom CEP resumes Sunday, January 10th

Wednesday In-Person January 20th

Sunday In-Person January 24th

EDGE Resumes January 24th



Contact - Emily Shull
emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: What will you do to thank God for your family in these last days of Advent?

For Parents: What can you do to make these last days of Advent about prayer, service and family and enjoy the calm and stillness of the Advent season?



PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow.



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

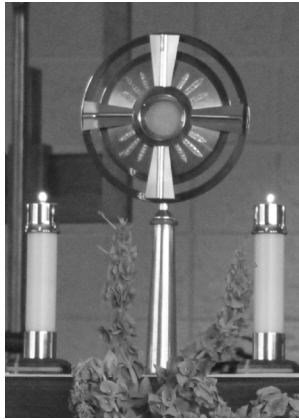
Visit www.comoneyman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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



ROOM AT THE INN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Room at the Inn, Columbia's emergency winter shelter, is back this season! It will open on December 13, 2020 at 7 PM. Their expected date to conclude shelter services will be March 14, 2021 at 7 AM.

Due to the COVID pandemic, Room at the Inn will operate from two locations this year. The shelter will remain at these two locations for the entirety of the shelter season. The Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepherd Blvd., will serve as our primary 'mass care' shelter site. This location will provide a warm and safe place to sleep for approximately 33 guests. The Eastwood Motel, 2518 Business Loop 70E, will serve as Room at the Inn's second location. This site will provide shelter for those in isolation and/or quarantine, as well as beds for our medically at-risk guests.

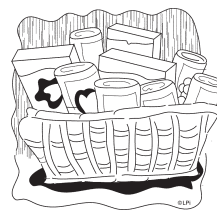
The sign-up genius to volunteer is LIVE! It looks a little different - you will note that the sign ups have been consolidated to include the Unitarian location, the Eastwood location and laundry.

They anticipate a shelter season unlike any other. We encourage everyone to check their website or their Facebook page for the more current information and needs. We thank you in advance!

Please visit the Parish signups page on our website to volunteer!

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.



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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