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**NEWMAN NEWS**



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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.

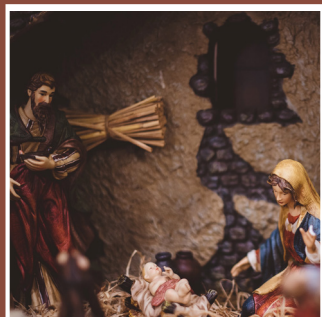
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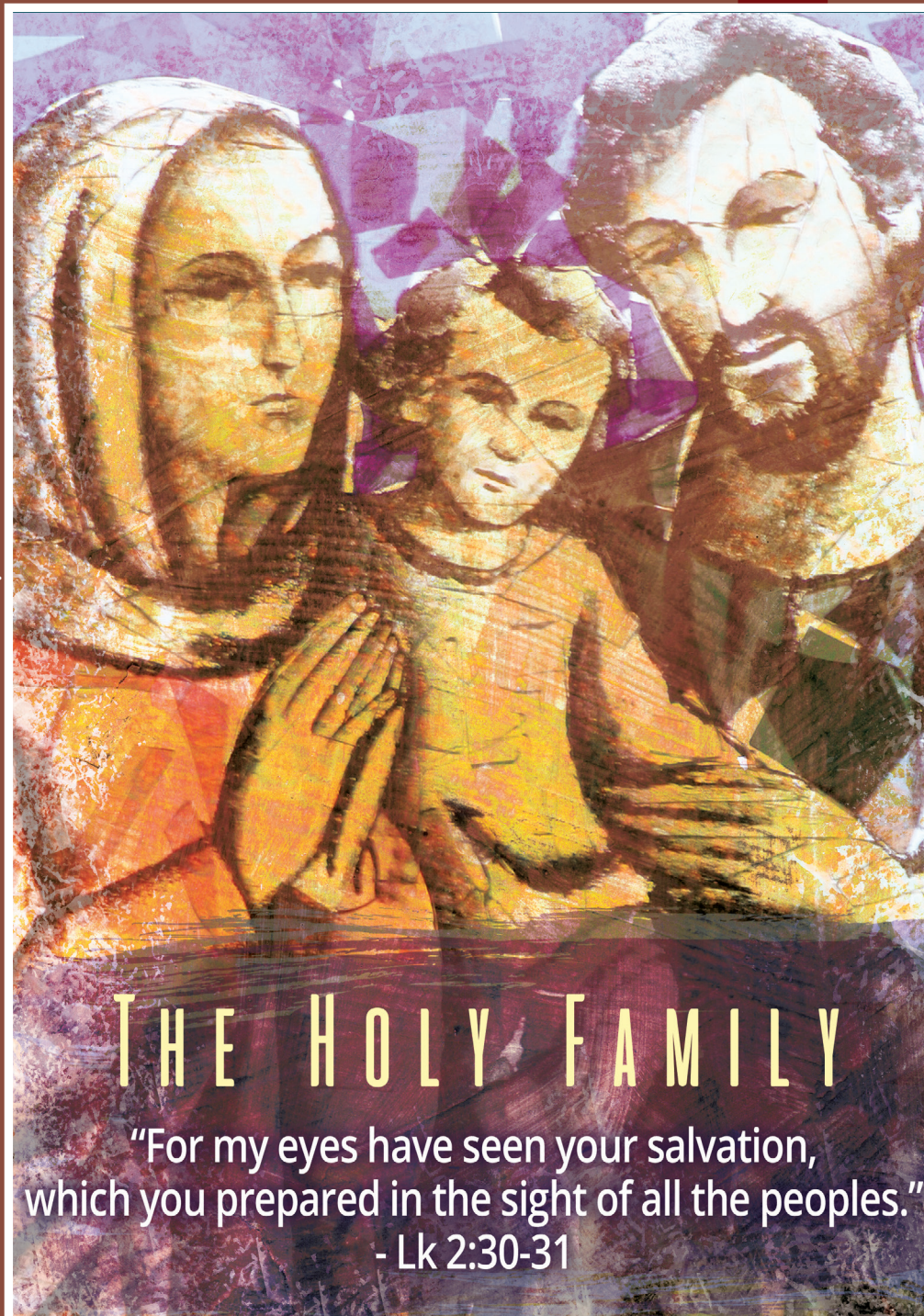


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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Merry Christmas from the  
Newman Center!!



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## OUR HOLY FAMILY



**FR. DAN MERZ**  
Pastor

**T**he feast of the Holy Family is an important feast! Because we all belong to a family. Even if your parents are deceased and you have no other living members, you belong to the Church family here at Newman. And maybe you haven't thought of it, but you belong to the Holy Family, too. You're a disciple, and every disciple is beloved by Christ. And on His Cross, Christ entrusted the beloved disciple to His Mother. That includes you and me. From the Cross, Christ joined us to His family!

Don't NOT stop and think about what that means. Every child has the right to say to their father, "You owe me. You owe me protection, and to provide food, shelter, clothing, basic necessities, not to mention love and care. You owe me to teach me boundaries and survival skills, and to give your example of trusting and loving my mother. But every father can also say to his children, "Ah, and you owe me: respect and obedience, and love and care, too." When we realize that we belong to the Holy Family, we realize that the same dialogue is also true of us and St. Joseph...and of us and God the Father! How awesome is that? And a bit frightening! It should put some "holy fear" into each of us!

We can do the same exercise toward our mothers, right? "Mom, you owe me, too. You owe me your nurturing, so that I grow in wisdom and stature and in favor before God (Lk. 2:52). You owe me to learn how to be relational (because we all learn what it means to be human first of all from our mothers). You owe me to learn how to reconcile, to ask for forgiveness and how to forgive. You owe me your sacrificial love and your example of faith and prayer; and your example of how you love and respect my father." And our mothers can easily respond, "And you, my child, owe me respect and love, devotion and obedience, and a willing and docile heart." Again, exhilarating and scary, but beautiful and inspiring, because we can have such an exchange not only with our earthly mothers, but with the Blessed Mother, herself!

As we celebrate Christmas as a Church family, I want to say how blessed and honored (as well as awed and humbled) I am to be your Pastor; how blessed and honored I feel to belong here. And my prayer is that you grow in your own sense of belonging here, too. We're all brothers and sisters in this messy and sacred family of the Church! **Merry Christmas!!**

*Fr. Dan*

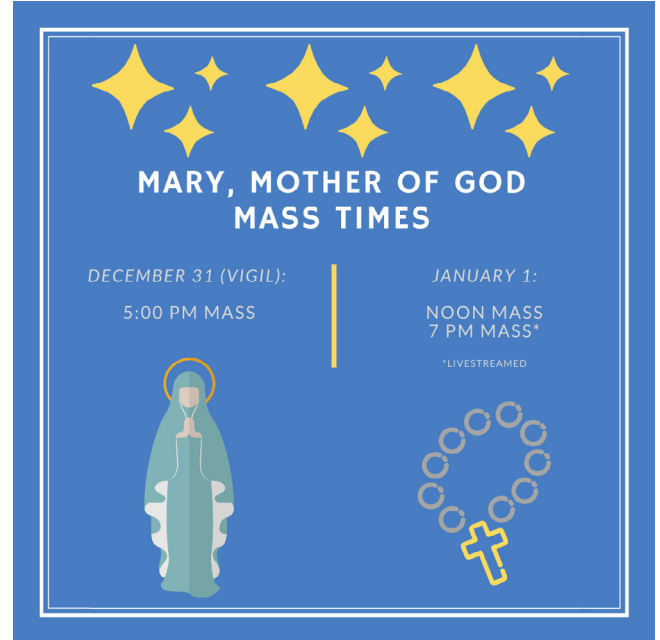
## FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

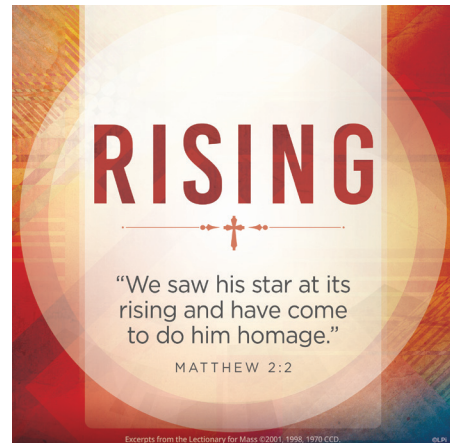
On January 1, 2021 we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This feast is a holy day of obligation and we will have Masses on December 31 (vigil) and January 1. The schedule is as follows:

December 31: 5 p.m.

January 1: Noon and 7 p.m. (Livestreamed)



## A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



**January 3 | The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



## 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

For our beloved dead

*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

Next weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when the magi visited the Holy Family bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Traditionally, these gifts are seen as representing Jesus's identity, gold given to a newborn king, frankincense denoting his priesthood, and myrrh, a spice used to prepare bodies for burial after death, representing the ultimate sacrifice he would offer for us. This presents an opportunity for us to reflect on what we have to offer Jesus during this season of giving. As we enter into in this Christmas season, let's continue to celebrate the coming of Christ and consider how we receive him into our lives.

## TITHING REPORT

November 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](http://www.comonewman.org/tithing)

\$351.29	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$292.74	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$175.64	Day Dreams Foundation
\$409.84	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$117.10	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$234.19	Habitat for Humanity
\$234.19	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$292.74	Love, INC.
\$117.10	Spectrum Health Care
\$409.84	St. Francis House
\$117.10	Tiger Pantry
\$234.19	True North
\$351.29	Vitae Foundation
\$292.74	Voluntary Action Center
\$234.19	Welcome Home

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28	Noon	+ Robert Kronschnabel
Tuesday, December 29	Noon	+ Walter Artinger
Wednesday, December 30	Noon	+ Theresa Woehr
Thursday, December 31	Noon	+ Mary Ann Fitzpatrick
Thursday, December 31	5 p.m.	+ Michael Dinsmore
Friday, January 1	Noon	+ Ann Brunnert
Friday, January 1	7 p.m.	+ Arlene Wildhaber
Saturday, January 2	5 p.m.	+ Sylvia Ondarza
Sunday, January 3	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, January 3	11 a.m.	+ Gary Winter
Sunday, January 3	5 p.m.	+ Ralph Von Gogh

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

## PARISH FINANCES

December 12/13

Offertory*	\$38,580.92
Month-to-Date	\$86,406.58
Budget for month	\$185,000.00
Variance	- \$98,593.42

*\*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

### 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/](http://diojeffcity.org/totus-tuus/) and return your application to [khartman@diojeffcity.org](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Formed Now: Adventus (a visit to the Holy Land and sites related to the birth of Christ) or for kids: (book) The Suitcase by Jane G Meyer. See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact [emily.shull@comonewman.org](mailto:emily.shull@comonewman.org)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

This year especially, the Red Cross is still very much in need of blood. Newman will host our winter blood drive on **Sunday, January 24, from 8 until 1 in the MPR**. We will be practicing extreme measures to keep everyone safe up in the donation room.

Like last time, COVID-19 antibody testing will be performed on all donations. All donor sign-ups will be done electronically. More information will follow. Please mark your calendars.



## 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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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### 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](mailto:rlloyd@toltoncatholic.org).

### 2021-22 TOLTON CATHOLIC ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

The deadline for 8th Graders to apply for the 2021-2022 school year is January 15! To apply to Tolton Catholic, complete the online application form (available at [www.toltoncatholic.org](http://www.toltoncatholic.org)) and pay a non-refundable \$65 application fee. Next, submit the student's most recent grade card and any recent standardized test scores to the school office. Questions? Contact Laura Sasser at [lsasser@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:lsasser@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  
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## KIDS' CORNER

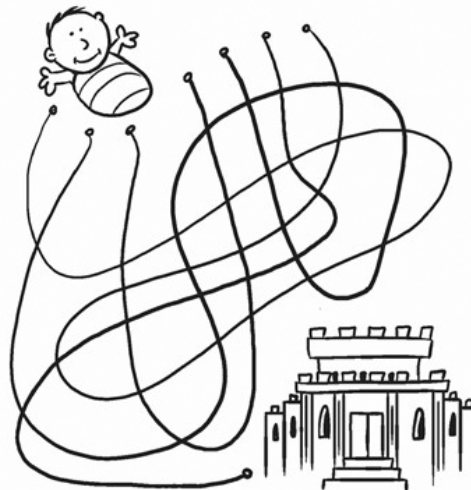
**For Kids:** Pray for your family on this Feast Day!

**For Parents:** Take some today for your family to pray in thanksgiving for the great gift of your family and all your extended family, especially those you can't see in-person this year.



### PUZZLE

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.





## 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



### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are 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.

### ROOM AT THE INN IS BACK THIS SEASON!

Room at the Inn, Columbia's emergency winter shelter, is back this season! 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.

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.

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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Newman cooks and serves at Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen here in Columbia. We have been short handed and we are serving more people than ever before. We especially need those who are not in a high-risk group to serve (college students, young adults, students looking for Confirmation hours).

Visit the Parish signups page or email Jaynie Vanatta to sign up and get more details. Thank you in advance for your help!

### GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Giving Tree! Once again it was a great success and the generosity of our community was greatly appreciated, especially this year!



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