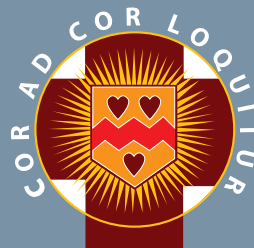


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MASS TIMES

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.

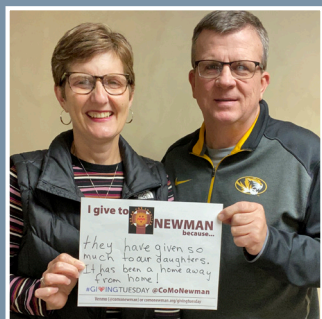
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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

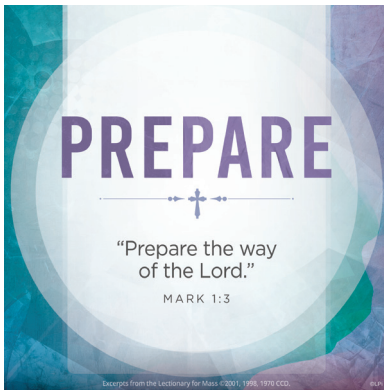
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PREPARING WITH PATIENT ENTHUSIASM



necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice; all anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again?

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FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

MARY IN SCRIPTURE CLASS WITH FR. DAN RESUMES

Fr. Dan's "Mary in Scripture" Advent class will wrap up Thursday, December 10- 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

For daily Advent Reflections for adults or kids sent to your inbox visit If you don't have an account yet, visit formed.org/adventformed.org/signup

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

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

Rejoice, the Glory of the Lord will appear



December 13 | Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11; Psalm: Luke 1

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



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

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

As we approach the holiday season, we highlight our final two parish tithing partners. This time of year is especially difficult for those without a safe place to sleep and Habitat for Humanity and Welcome Home are two local organizations working to help them.



Dedicated to providing affordable housing to income-eligible families, **Habitat for Humanity** creates a strong partnership with potential buyers who must complete 200-350 hours of sweat equity to be allowed to enter into a twenty year, no interest, no profit mortgage with the agency. Homes completed in Columbia number 124. Some African refugee families, resettled here by our diocesan Refugee and Immigration Services, have been able to earn a Habitat home. Newman parishioners volunteer in building the homes, helping the families meet the requirements, assisting in the homes' dedication celebrations! Tithing funds are used specifically in advance planning: purchasing building permits and other city/county fees.

Welcome Home is a private, not-for-profit agency founded years ago by Vietnam veterans to provide transitional housing, support and outreach to homeless veterans. It coordinates with Truman Veterans Hospital and the VA to see that the veteran receives medical and mental health services, and help in establishing eligibility for veterans' benefits, food stamps, permanent housing and other assistance. It offers professional counseling, support and the camaraderie of other veteran residents in this very special environment. Our tithing is used in support of the overall mission of the agency.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham & Anne Dong
Monday, December 7	5 p.m.	+ Gary Winter
Tuesday, December 8	Noon	The Wassinger Family
Tuesday, December 8	7 p.m.	+ Steve Snedden
Wednesday, December 9	Noon	+ Sr. Rosemary Russell
Thursday, December 10	Noon	+ Theresa Hall
Friday, December 11	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Saturday, December 12	5 p.m.	+ Hanh and Dinh Nguyen
Sunday, December 13	8:30 a.m.	+ Michael Dinsmore
Sunday, December 13	11 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, December 13	5 p.m.	+ Mary Louise O'Day
Sunday, December 13	8 p.m.	Campus Ministry Benefactors

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

PARISH FINANCES

November 21/22 Offertory	\$34,882.47
November 28/29 Offertory	\$11,464.08
Month to Date	\$117,732.74
Budget for Month	\$104,000.00
Variance	+ \$13,732.74

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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

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!

NEWMAN YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Calling all young adults at Newman! Anyone post-undergrad to 35 years of age is invited to join our young adults group for a virtual trivia night at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10. No need to make a team - we'll be utilizing breakout rooms on Zoom. We'd love to have you join us! For more information or to join our email list/GroupMe, contact Renee Molner at renee.molner@comonewman.org.

THE GIVING TREE RETURNS TO NEWMAN

Giving Tree gifts and donations need to be dropped off by NEXT SUNDAY, December 13!! There is still a need for assistance, below are ways you can get involved:

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!

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



COMO LIFE TEEN

ZOOM LIFE TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS SUNDAY

Join us for Life Night tonight (Dec. 6) over Zoom as we have our annual Christmas party! We'll be playing games and raffling off prizes, so don't miss out! Life Teen will then be taking a winter break, but we'll be back in the spring with a new series and the same great community.

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

Confirmation students have class next Sunday (Dec. 13) from 1:30-3 p.m. We'll be talking about the Mass with Fr. Paul Clark. Please turn in your copy of your Baptismal certificate and/or your sponsor form if you haven't already. Thank you!



Contact - Renee Molner
renee.molner@comonewman.org

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

LAST FALL CEP CLASSES IN-PERSON DEC 6TH & 9TH

Last in-person Sunday session today (Dec. 6) & Wednesday session this week on the 9th.

CEP ZOOMERS MEET TODAY & REPLY ABOUT DEC 20TH

2nd-5th will meet on zoom at 2 p.m. for Advent lessons. 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 ADVENT SMALL GROUP TODAY & CHRISTMAS FUN NEXT WEEK

Both 3:30 & 6:30 Zoom groups will meet Dec 6th & 13th. NO IN-PERSON Group until the new year.

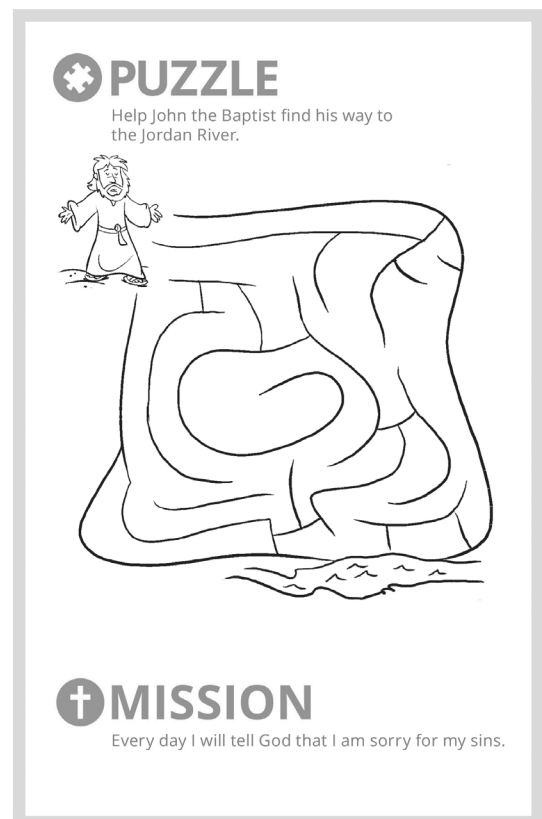


Contact - Emily Shull
emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: John tells us to get ready. What will you do this week to get ready for Jesus?

For Parents: The 2nd reading tells us that the Lord does not delay but he gives us the time we need. Talk as a family about God's timing in your life.



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

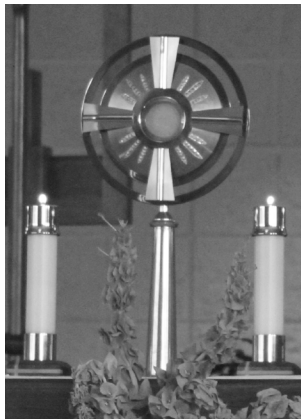
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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.

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!



Contact - Jaynie Vanatta
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