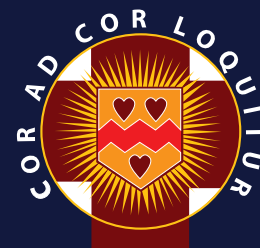


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5 p.m.

SATURDAY: 5 p.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon*

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Tuesdays: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

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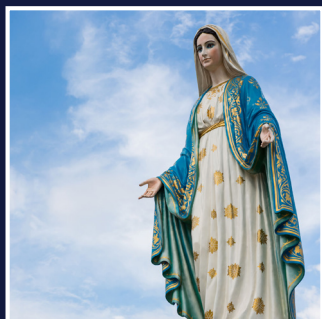
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Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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FR. DAN MERZ
Pastor

Shortly after my arrival as your Pastor in July, several people mentioned to me how good it would be to foster greater communion between the resident parishioners and the student parishioners. I can see our name listed in many ways around the building, and as a new Pastor, I was becoming curious to learn what exactly I'm Pastor of!

Not long after Bishop McKnight was ordained as the fourth Bishop of our diocese, he asked every parish in the diocese to look at their parish logo (or for many parishes, to develop a logo) as

well as to reconsider (or for many parishes, to consider) their branding and name. So, for example, in one of my previous parishes, St. George in Linn, we revised our logo, and in the process made a minor adjustment regarding name. The parish remained St. George Parish, but the school was no longer St. George School, but St. George Parish School—to make it more clear that the school is a mission of the parish—and truth be told, one of the primary missions of the parish.

In my new assignment at Newman, I've been talking and listening closely to staff, resident parishioners, student parishioners, reading up on a little history, and even talking on the phone with Fr. Mike Quinn, who was Pastor here for over 20 years in the 80s and 90s. I've been trying to understand what a Newman Center is and how that relates to the parish. Let me share a bit of what I've learned. First, the history.

In 1881, the first parish in Columbia, Sacred Heart, was established. In 1903 Fr. William Randall organized Catholic college students into the "Glennon Club," which met at Sacred Heart. In 1948 Msgr. John Flood affiliated this student group with the National Newman Club Federation. The name "Newman" comes from John Henry Cardinal Newman, the famous Anglican priest and scholar who taught at Oxford University and gave up a distinguished career at both Oxford and within the Anglican communion in order to become Catholic. He was ordained as a Catholic priest and toward the end of his life was named a Cardinal. He died in 1890, and Pope Francis canonized him a saint on Oct. 13, 2019—very recently!

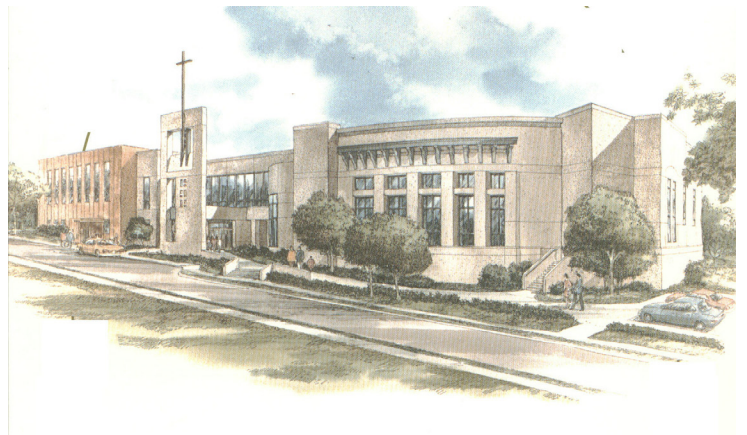
The Newman Club met at Sacred Heart parish until new land was purchased on the university's campus in 1962. A new building was erected with the first Mass celebrated on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 1963. Strictly speaking, what the Bishop did here was to establish an actual parish, and it was named St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. The Newman "Club," at this point the Newman "Center," from a diocesan perspective became St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, but by all accounts, no one called us St. Thomas Aquinas. Everyone considered the new "parish" to be the new home for the Newman Center, and for the first decade membership was limited to college students.

We were created as a parish, but most considered us simply the place where the Newman Center is. In the early 70s, though, our identity as a parish began to assert itself with non-student parishioners.

Let me interrupt the history for a quick explanation according to Canon Law (Church Law) of what a parish is versus a "Newman Center." A parish (canon 515) is a full legal, juridical entity recognized by the Bishop as a portion of the Local Church/diocese. A diocese is known as the Local Church with the Bishop as its head or chief Pastor (the universal Church is actually a communion of Local Churches with the Bishop of Rome—the Pope—as the head or chief Pastor). So, a "parish" is a portion of the diocesan Church that provides the full range of ministry to the People of God, including all the Sacraments, devotions, and pastoral care. In Canon Law, there is no such thing as a "Newman Center." That's why initially, we were called a "Club." The closest to a Newman Center in Canon Law is a Shrine or place of pilgrimage. A Shrine is a place that provides some pastoral care, but not complete pastoral care, because pilgrims make a visit and then they go home. Similarly, students come to the university and are provided pastoral care, and then they go home (on break, over the summer, after graduation, etc.).

Since 1963, we have been a full-fledged parish (St. Thomas Aquinas) whose primary mission has been Catholic Campus Ministry. Strictly speaking, we're a parish, not a shrine (or a "Center"). In 1994, when the new building was dedicated, the Parish Council asked Fr. Mike Quinn if the parish name could be changed from St. Thomas Aquinas to St. Thomas More. Fr. Mike said that most didn't even know the parish was named St. Thomas Aquinas, and in the 90s, St. Thomas More was a very popular saint on the campus. Fr. Mike asked Bishop McAuliffe for permission, and Bishop McAuliffe agreed. Thus, when the Bishop dedicated the new building in 1994, he issued a decree renaming us St. Thomas More. The clarification between a parish and a Newman Center, however, was not resolved, and our resulting "name" has been variously St. Thomas More Parish and Newman Center, St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, The Newman Center, or as most seem to say, simply Newman.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME (CONTINUED)

Some of you are probably wondering at this point: "Where in the world is Fr. Dan going with all of this?" :) Good question! We need to take into consideration the following:

- The request from the diocese to review our "branding" and logo;
- Our own desire for more cohesion and communion in our community;
- The above history and legal clarifications; and
- The fact that St. John Henry Newman has been canonized and is not currently recognized as a saint in our name.

As such, I would like your feedback on our name. What are your questions and thoughts? What do you think our formal name is, and what do you call us? What would you think about using "St. John Henry Newman" as our namesake?

Maybe some of you feel strongly about changing or clarifying some aspect of our name. Maybe some of you feel strongly about not changing anything. Maybe some of you don't feel strongly one way or the other. Most importantly, I want all to feel that you belong and that your voice can be heard. You can fill out a brief survey by clicking [HERE](https://www.comonewman.org/name) or visiting www.comonewman.org/name. You can also reach out to myself via email at frdan@comonewman.org or speak with me when you see me at Newman! Please share your feedback with me before the end of January. By the beginning of February, I'll try to sum up the feedback and offer a response. I look forward to hearing from you!

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Daniel J. Merz

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



January 10 | The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4	Noon	Joe Fick Family
Tuesday, January 5	Noon	+ Special Intention
Wednesday, January 6	Noon	+ Kenneth Zech
Thursday, January 7	Noon	+ Christina Curtis
Friday, January 8	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Saturday, January 9	5 p.m.	Luke Fick
Sunday, January 10	8:30 a.m.	+ Regina Roman
Sunday, January 10	11 a.m.	+ Vi & Jim Leon
Sunday, January 10	5 p.m.	All parishioners

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

PARISH FINANCES

December 19/20

Offertory*	\$28,267.20
Month-to-Date	\$114,673.78
Budget for month	\$185,000.00
Variance	- \$70,326.22

**This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!*

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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 for students 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

PRAY-ERS NEEDED!

The Long Term/Homebound Care Ministry would like to share a listing of people who would appreciate prayers—especially now when keeping in touch through in-person visits is not possible. If you would like to receive this list of people to pray for, send your email address to Susan Devaney at susan.devaney@gmail.com

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Formed Now: Prepare the Way of the King (audio) by Dr. Scott Hahn or for kids (video): Lukas Storyteller: St. Joseph See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact 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.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Please pray for the students participating our Discernment Retreat the coming weekend (Jan. 8-9)! Thank you for the continued support and prayers for our students!!

JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

Are you curious about what prayer is, or are you looking to learn a new way to pray? If so, join us to learn about different means of communicating with God, in 15-minute mini workshops. Sessions will take place following daily Mass, in the Disciples room, on Wednesdays (when MIZZOU is in session). Sessions will focus on Lectio Divina (Jan/May), Ignition (Feb), Devotional (Mar), and Praise (Apr). Contact Fr. Paul Clark for more information. Sessions are open to all!



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' January Prayer Intention: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Bishop McKnight's January Prayer Intention: For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.



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.



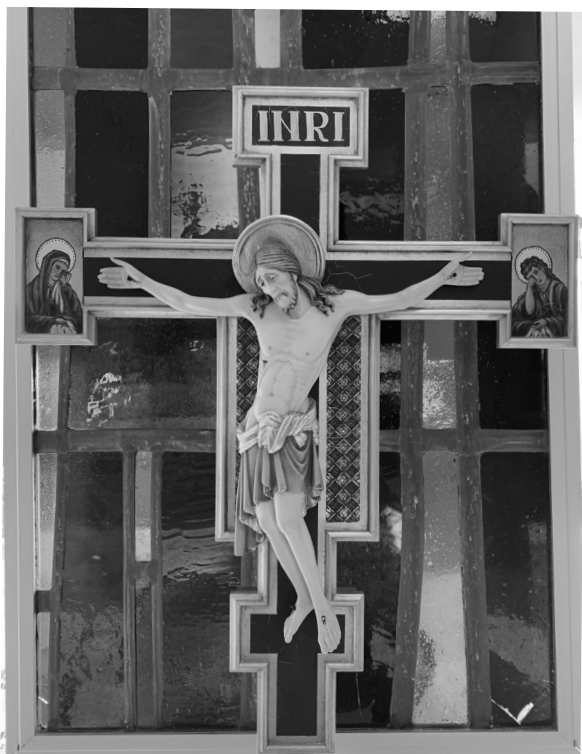
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A STEWARD'S WAY

YOUR STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

Have you noticed the recent addition to the procession at mass? The large crucifix that had been used for many years in the chapel had broken once again. While beautiful, everyone agreed that it was very unwieldy to carry in procession and seemed to contribute to it breaking. Long-time parishioner, Ginny Booker, volunteered to fix it. Once fixed, we decided to make that crucifix the permanent sanctuary crucifix, and to purchase a separate processional crucifix (pictured with this column).

Ginny worked with Fr. Dan on different styles of processional crucifixes that we could buy; they zeroed in on one and then ran it by staff. As an unexpected liturgical expense, Fr. Paul and Fr. Dan invited parishioners to contribute to the purchase. Many stepped forward to donate and it was paid for in a week! Your support - your gifts of time, talent, and treasure - allows us to continue beautiful and prayerful liturgies. Thank you!



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



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KIDS' CORNER

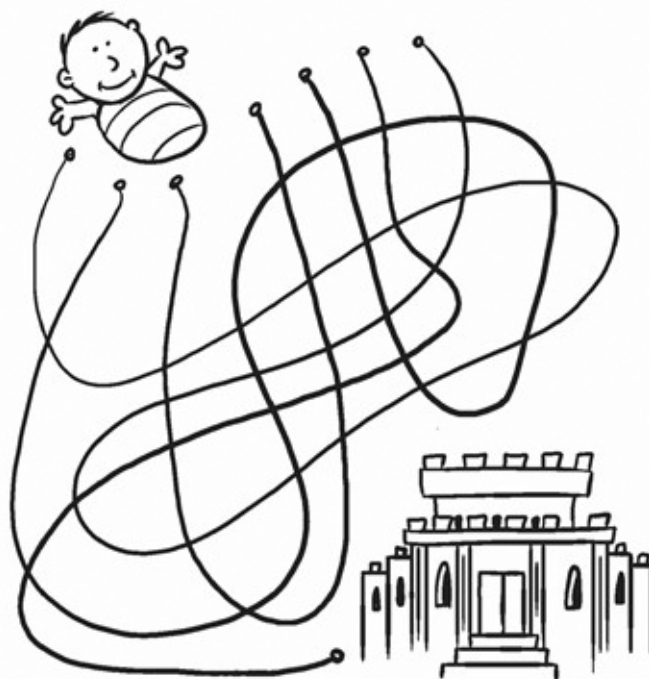
For Kids: What can you give to someone else?

For Parents: The Kings are associated with the custom of giving holiday gifts. Now that your family has exchanged gifts, what gift can you give to help someone outside your family, like donations, or time calling, running errands or cooking.



PUZZLE

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.



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 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 - UPDATE

Just before Christmas, we filled up our truck with all of the gifts and headed to the Voluntary Action Center to drop them off for the families in need! The total amount donated was \$2,402.97 plus all of the gifts that people brought in - WOW! We cannot thank everyone who helped make this happen. Specifically, we would like to give a big thank you to Christine Hogue, our Giving Tree coordinator, for all of her dedication to this program!



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