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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:

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



@angellehall

For all my @comonewman students and alumni...thought you might like to see a snowy Mizzou! Happy Feast of the Epiphany!



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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CALLED AND GIFTED FOR MISSION



SR. KAREN FREUND

*Pastoral Associate/
Spiritual Director*

This wonderful feast of the Baptism of the Lord officially closes the Christmas season. Mark's version, used in today's gospel, says,

"On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

In a few succinct words, Mark draws from both Isaiah and Ezekiel. Mark's listeners were familiar with these prophets, and would have heard their words endorsing the identity and mission of Jesus. Their words hail Jesus as chosen, sent, anointed, empowered, beloved. Later, at the beginning of his public life, Jesus himself also read from the prophet Isaiah as he worshipped with his own Jewish community. His words on that occasion, found in Luke 4:16-22, could actually be called his mission statement. They are echoed in today's second reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

"...You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Through our own baptism, we too are incorporated into the great Paschal Mystery of Jesus. We are gifted with the same Spirit. God nudges us along every day through prayer and grace, sometimes recognized by us only in retrospect. As we come to accept our status as human persons who are both body and spirit, we learn to balance and integrate God's grace with our own efforts. We are challenged to live the prayer of Jesus "that all may be one" in family, community, and global relationships. We also learn to forgive ourselves and others.

Through life's joys and sorrows, in times of peace and solidarity and even through pandemics, we seek to live what we believe. Over a lifetime, God's mission through Jesus inspires our own. Because Jesus' mission is clearly one of justice, ours is too. This present Covid-19 struggle presents real challenges to our usual ways of reaching out. So I offer here one simple, practical suggestion to consider:

We can always pray for one another's needs and concerns. Alfred Lord Tennyson rightly observed, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Our parish Long

Term Care group is organizing a prayer chain. To receive their listing of people and intentions to pray for, or if you yourself want to ask for prayers, please contact Susan Devaney at devaney.susan@gmail.com. She will email this list to you. Bringing our needs to God's heart is an act of faith and love that changes our own hearts as well. It might even help us hear God speaking to us the words he spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved; in you I am well pleased."

Sr. Karen

PARISHIONER FEEDBACK

FR. DAN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you missed Fr. Dan's bulletin column about "What's in a Name?" and our parish identity, please read it on our website at www.comonewman.org/name

At the bottom of that page, there is a link to a brief survey to provide feedback on our Parish namesake. Fr. Dan invites ALL parishioners to fill out the short survey with your thoughts so that he may hear from you! If you have any specific thoughts or questions, feel free to reach out to Fr. Dan directly at frdan@comonewman.org

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



January 17 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42





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 ill:
Lauren Valbracht

For our beloved dead:
Barbara Cope

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.

A STEWARD'S WAY

WHAT ARE YOUR UNIQUE GIFTS AND TALENTS?

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares those gifts with others. You use your gifts every day – in your family, career, volunteering, and free time. But have you taken the time to identify and name your gifts – and give thanks to God for giving them to you?

Discovering our gifts first begins in conversation with God. Hearing how God is calling us to respond begins with prayer. In developing a daily habit of prayer, we become better listeners and more adept at understanding how God is calling us.

We can also use tools to help us discern our gifts and possible ministry areas. A spiritual gifts inventory is one tool that we can use as a guide to discover areas of giftedness and how we might use those gifts to serve God. If you would like to take a spiritual gifts inventory, you can find one online through the Diocese of Wichita (www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/stewardship) and click the link under "Identify Your Spiritual Gifts". This will take you to a Spiritual Gifts Inventory that should take you 15-20 minutes to complete. Once self-scoring your inventory, you will have descriptions of your gifts, along with scriptural references you can use for prayer and reflection.

As we enter our annual Season of Stewardship next week, you can use this inventory as one tool as you discern your prayerful response to our parish for 2021.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11	Noon	+ Ninfa Herico
Tuesday, January 12	Noon	+ Elizabeth Posch
Wednesday, January 13	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Thursday, January 14	Noon	+ Angrla & Stephen Howard
Friday, January 15	Noon	+ Hugo Vianello
Saturday, January 16	5 p.m.	Francy Ryan
Sunday, January 17	8:30 a.m.	+ Richard A. Heimberger
Sunday, January 17	11 a.m.	Lauren Valbracht
Sunday, January 17	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, January 17	8 p.m.	+ Arlene Wildhaber

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

PARISH FINANCES

December 26/27 Offertory	\$18,369.30
January 2/3 Offertory	\$27,750.00
December to Date	\$133,043.08
Budget for December	\$185,000.00
Variance for December	- \$51,956.92
2nd Collection for Diocesan Seminary & Priest Retirement	\$7,035.00

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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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Jefferson City is now accepting applications for the William H. (Bill) Simon scholarship. This is a \$1,000/semester renewable award, open to Catholic students who reside in the diocese, to assist with college tuition, room & board, and textbooks. To learn more and complete your application visit <https://diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Simon-Scholarship-Info-and-App-2021.pdf> The application deadline is March 31, 2020.

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. For more information and registration visit <https://seek.focus.org/>.



NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Lectio: Mark, episode 2 (on John the Baptist) or for kids: Lukas
Storyteller: Saints Anne & Joachim
See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

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, Wednesdays (when MIZZOU is in session). Sessions will focus on Lectio (Jan/May), Ignition (Feb), Devotional (Mar), and Praise (Apr). Contact Fr. Paul Clark for more information.

KEMPER-JAMES LIBRARY IS OPEN!

The Kemper-James library is open again after extensive remodeling. The name has changed to reflect the generous gift from Dr. Elizabeth James, which provided for remodeling, space for Newman Archives, and the opening of a self service library.

THAT'S RIGHT! The library is now self-service. Anytime, the building is open, you may check out library materials. The process is simple. Instructions are posted in the library.

The reference materials and the Newman collection remain in the locked area. They will be available for use at the beginning of the spring semester.

NEWMAN WINTER BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday
Jan 24

MPR | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mark your calendars!! More info on page 6!



COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN IS BACK FOR A NEW SEMESTER!

CoMo Life Teen starts back up for the semester on Sunday, Jan. 17! Join us from 6:45-8:30 p.m. in the Activity building at Sacred Heart. We'll be playing games and hanging out for our Spring Kickoff party!

CONFIRMATION CLASS TODAY (SUNDAY)

Confirmation class on Jan. 10 is at the Chapel at Newman from 1:30-3 p.m. Please don't forget to bring your Saint report. We're excited to see you all again!

CEP & EDGE

DATES TO RESUME CEP & EDGE (ZOOM RESUMES TODAY):

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

KIDS' CORNER

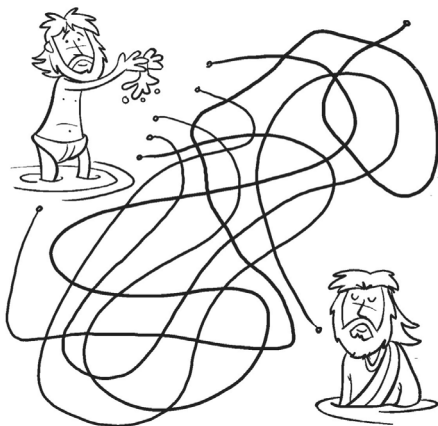
For Kids: How will you celebrate the end of the Christmas season?

For Parents: Today is the last day of the season of Christmas. What will your family do today to have one more day of celebration and togetherness?



PUZZLE

Show John the path to baptize Jesus.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERINGS



Our Christmas flowers this year were made possible by contributions made in honor and memory of the following people:

George & Elayne Busche

Christa & Larry Katz

Susan Katz

Erika Voss

Helen & John Sheehan

John Patrick Dwyer

Manil Hahm

Jungsoon Jun

Juanita Hough

Cathy Hays

Maetha Kendrick

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Barbara Jean Clark

Don Howard

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Mary Ann Kerpash

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Nancy Schmit

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Donald Roys

Fr. Marc Clifford

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Taylor Nicole Sundet

Emil & M. Buella Elsenraat

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Cecil Bestger

Lucille Bestger

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John & Richard Kronk

Natalie Beisher

Julia Darcy

Berniece Doder

A.C. Kelly

Barbara Davis

The parents of David and

Carolyn Wagner

All souls

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

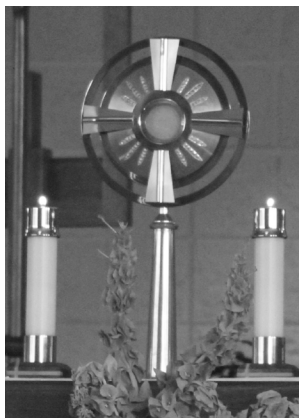
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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!

NEWMAN'S WINTER BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOU

The need for blood doesn't stop during the coronavirus. Now more than ever during these times of uncertainty, we must band together and take care of our community. Your blood donation can aid kids fighting cancer, patients with sickle cell disease and others facing serious illnesses or emergencies.

Newman's winter blood drive is on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 8 to 1 up in the MPR. Because of COVID all donation sign ups must be done on line: You may use your Red Cross blood donor App, go to RedCrossBlood.org, (Sponsor Code: "NewmanCenterMO"), or Call Bob at 445-6737 to get scheduled.

Plus, all donations are tested for COVID-19 Antibodies. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may even help current coronavirus patients! Will you roll up a sleeve to help?



Contact - Jaynie Vanatta
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