

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER NEWMAN NEWS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 24, 2021 | [www.comonewman.org](http://www.comonewman.org)



## SATURDAY MASS TIME

5 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

8:30 a.m.

11 a.m. (livestreamed)

5 p.m.

8 p.m. (livestreamed)

## WEEKDAY MASSES (M-F)

Noon (livestreamed)

## RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

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## OFFICE HOURS:

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and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

## KEMPER-JAMES LIBRARY:

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Reference section open

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
from 10-12 a.m.

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**FR. DAN MERZ**  
*Pastor*

There are a lot of firsts for me here at Newman. First transition during a pandemic (hopefully my last!). First time having an associate pastor to live and work with (I could have done a lot worse!). And - besides my first assignment to Newman - now my first Season of Stewardship.

Our diocesan Director of Stewardship, Fr. Stephen Jones, told me that Newman has a great tradition of stewardship. What makes it great is the deeper understanding that stewardship is holistic! You understand that the first and most important tithe the Lord wants is your very person.

We have a jealous God, who doesn't want to be paid off. He wants to be brought in: brought into how we spend our time; brought into how we use our talents; brought into how we minister our money.

At every staff meeting at Newman, I get to hear reports of our stewardship of your volunteering, of your praying and catechizing, and of your financial gifts. The longer I'm here, the more I learn about what we already do, and even beginning to catch glimpses and insights of a vision of how we can grow our stewardship, of how we can grow this portion of the Lord's vineyard. A wise priest once told me that we must always be more mission than maintenance, because maintenance alone is caretaking the dying, but mission is inspiration for the living!

As we begin this year's Season of Stewardship, our theme is "Who We Are." Who are we? We are given. Given by God; given for others. In 1 Corinthians 4:7, St. Paul reminds us, "What do you possess that you have not received?" In this spirit, we enter into the Season of Stewardship, mindful of what we have received and what we are called to share with others.

And so, I ask you and your family to spend time prayerfully discerning how God is calling you to steward your gifts. Reflect upon the blessings that God has given you this year. How are you called to respond in gratitude?

On the weekend of January 30/31, we will ask you to make a response through your parish intention card. If you're participating in Mass from home, you can mail your card back to the parish or complete it online at [comonewman.org/stewardship](http://comonewman.org/stewardship).

In God's providence, nothing is wasted. In the mission of our Parish, your stewardship of Prayer, Formation, Hospitality, Service, and Treasure will not be wasted either. I'm delighted we're in this mission together. Come aboard, all!

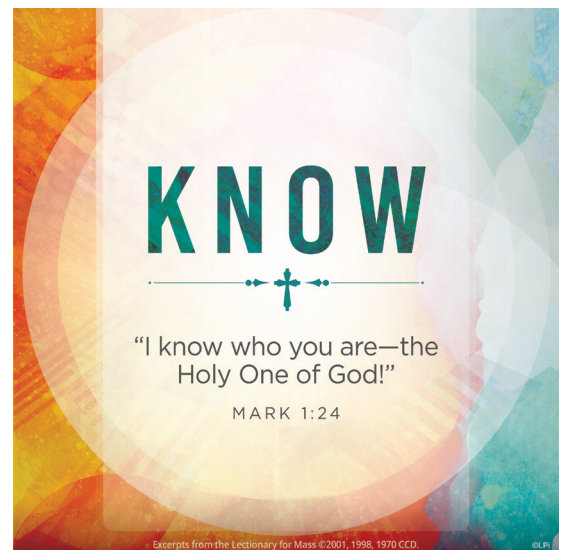
*Fr. Daniel J. Merz*

### CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE!

As we enter into Ordinary Time, we'd like to thank all who gave gifts, food and prayers to the rectory and staff during the Christmas Season. Your generosity serves as a reminder of God's goodness and points to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. Know of our continued prayers for each of you, as we continue to live out our relationship with our Lord.

-Fr. Dan and Fr. Paul

## A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



**January 31 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Psalm 95  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28







## 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 healing and recovery to health:

*Lauren Valbracht, Jean Sundet, Mary Waters, Nancy Howard*

*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

### WHO WE ARE: 2021 SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

In this new year, we are called to discern the ways in which we can incorporate the spiritual practice of stewardship in our daily lives. If you did not pick it up at mass this weekend, please watch your mail for a packet from the parish about our season of stewardship annual renewal process. This mailing is intended to help you to discern how you may be called to engage more fully in our call as disciples to engage in the four pillars of stewardship: prayer, hospitality, formation, and service.

Next Sunday will be "Discernment Sunday" – a time when Fr. Dan will speak at all masses about this call to discernment. This will be a time for each household – and each member – to discern how they are called to participate with their gifts of prayer, service, and treasure in the life of the parish. Not only is this to benefit your own discernment of gifts, but it allows the parish to plan for the future, both in ministry offerings and in financial budgeting.

We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the mission of the parish and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing you – in person or virtually – at Mass next weekend. If you have any questions regarding the annual renewal process, please feel free to contact JoAnn Shull in the parish office. More information can also be found at [www.comonewman.org/stewardship](http://www.comonewman.org/stewardship).



*Who*  
**WE ARE**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 25	Noon	+ Juan Po
Tuesday, January 26	Noon	The Klaus Family
Wednesday, January 27	Noon	The Spratlin Family
Thursday, January 28	Noon	+ Clarence & Frances Falter
Friday, January 29	Noon	+ Mary Ann Fitzpatrick
Saturday, January 30	5 p.m.	+ Alexander C. O'Day
Sunday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	+ Joe Kever
Sunday, January 31	11 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, January 31	5 p.m.	+ Kevin Conley
Sunday, January 31	8 p.m.	CM Benefactors

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

## PARISH FINANCES

January 16/17

Offertory*	\$40,803.15
Month-to-Date	\$78,691.65
Budget for month	\$110,000.00
Variance	- \$31,308.35

*\*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

Pastor | Fr. Dan Merz, S.L.D. | [frdan](#)  
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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### BLOOD DRIVE - A SERVICE PROJECT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD COVID

Are you a student who has recently had COVID? Would you be interested in helping with Newman's Winter blood drive this weekend (1/24)? Our volunteers who have worked past blood drives are older retirees, and are staying home during the pandemic. The Red Cross is experiencing an urgent need for blood right now, and Newman Center hopes to help our sisters and brothers in need during this critical time. We are looking for people to who are resistant to the virus to help with the drive. We need greeters to sign-in donors on the computer, helpers in the donor room, and servers in the canteen; all, volunteers will work to keep surfaces disinfected. If you could do this service by helping with the blood drive, please email Bob at [heinze@missouri.edu](mailto:heinze@missouri.edu).

### FRASSATI BROTHERHOOD

The "Frassati" Brotherhood is a group for college men that strives to create authentic friendships centered on our four pillars of service, prayer, community, and leadership. This entails opportunities for volunteering, spiritual growth, and a variety of social events throughout the year. Join us for the first monthly meeting of the semester on Thursday, January 28, at 8pm in the church.

### 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).

### 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.

### DEAR STUDENTS: NEWMAN'S WINTER BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOU

The Red Cross presently has an urgent need for blood since many older, regular donors are not coming out. Now more than ever during these times of uncertainty, we must band together and take care of our community. Your blood donation can aid folks 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 or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), (Sponsor Code: "NewmanCenterMO") to get scheduled.

## NEWMAN NEWS

### FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Formed Now: 2020 Anchored Bible Conference: Unshakeable  
Hope or for kids: The Jesus Stories

See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact [emily.shull@comonewman.org](mailto: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), Ignatian (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.

### YOUNG ADULTS AT NEWMAN

All young adults at Newman (college grads-35 years old) are invited to join the young adults group for a game night over Zoom on January 28 at 7 p.m. For more information on the young adults group, to join our GroupMe, or to be added to our email list, please email [renee.molner@comonewman.org](mailto:renee.molner@comonewman.org).

### 2020 TAX STATEMENTS

We are in the process of preparing tax statements for 2020. These will be available no later than Friday, January 22. For those with an email address on file, your statement will be emailed to the email address listed for the head of household. If you do not have an email on file, a printed statement (along with your Season of Stewardship information) will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space from January 22-24. Any packets not picked up in person will be mailed to your home on Monday, January 25.

### 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](http://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](mailto:frdan@comonewman.org)



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### NEW LIFETEEN SERIES STARTING

CoMo Life Teen starts our first series of the semester tonight (1/24)! We meet from 6:45-8:30 p.m. in the Activity building at Sacred Heart. We'll look at real issues impacting us as Catholics in today's world, starting with spiritual warfare. Join us for games, community, prayer and discussion!

Next week (1/31), we'll be talking about Christian friendship and the importance of good people who build us up.

Check out our social media for our semester schedule and more info. You can find us on Facebook and Instagram at @comolifeteen.



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## IN THE DIOCESE

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: "NOT A BRUNCH" BUT...

Because of the Pandemic, we can't hold our "Super Brunch" this year, but your Knights of Columbus council has a different special for you! On Sunday, February 7, we will be selling our famous SEC (Sausage, Egg, and Cheese) muffins after the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses while supplies last. Preorder online at [MizzouKnights.org](http://MizzouKnights.org) by Thursday, February 4 to guarantee your sandwiches. All proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

### JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jefferson City Marriage Encounter will be hosting a COVID friendly Marriage Encounter weekend February 13 & 14. Fall in love with your spouse all over again and rejuvenate your marriage with a weekend away to grow closer together and with God. Register for the event at [www.jeffcityme.com](http://www.jeffcityme.com).

### A MESSAGE FROM THE TRI-PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

If you'd like information about the COVID-19 Vaccine, visit

<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/facts/>

To sign up to get the vaccine in Boone County:

Visit <https://www.como.gov/covidvaccine/>

Click on the Red Banner at the Top

Click on Vaccine Information

Click on Sign Up for Updates

YOU WILL GIVE YOUR NAME, AGE, ANY CHRONIC DISEASES YOU HAVE, AND YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

BE AWARE OF SCAM WEB SITES OR EMAILS...DON'T GIVE OUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR BANK ACCOUNT/ CREDIT CARD NUMBER AND DON'T PAY ANY MONEY! REPORT SCAMS TO THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THE BOONE CO SHERIFF.

## CEP & EDGE

### EDGE ONLINE IN JANUARY & ONLINE & IN-PERSON STARTING IN FEBRUARY 14TH

Edge will meet on zoom at both 3:30 & 6:30 Jan. 24th & 31st and 3:30 only Feb 7th. We'll have both in-person and zoom options starting on Sunday, February 14th.

### IN-PERSON CEP STARTS JAN 20TH & 24TH

Wednesday CEP resumes January 20th and Sunday cep resumes January 24th. If you'd like to switch to in-person or hear more about safety precautions, please contact Emily

### 1ST COMMUNION PARENT MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY:

We've decided to move back our usual timeline for 1st Communion this year in the hopes that we'll have fewer covid related restrictions. Parent meetings will be February 14th & 28th both at 1 p.m. and on Zoom. Families who would like to pick-up books to work on at home can begin anytime.



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## KIDS' CORNER

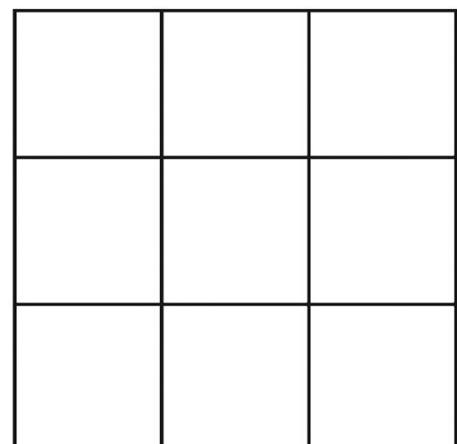
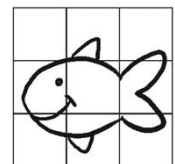
**For Kids:** What would it be like to meet Jesus face to face the way the disciples did? How did they react? Why?

**For Parents:** The apostles left everything when they met Jesus. How are we preparing our hearts to meet him at Mass and in the world? This Sunday of the Word of God is an opportunity to start a tradition of reading Sunday's Gospel together?



## PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



## HELPFUL LINKS

### INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit [www.comonewman.org/attend-mass](http://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](http://www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass) (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

### PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

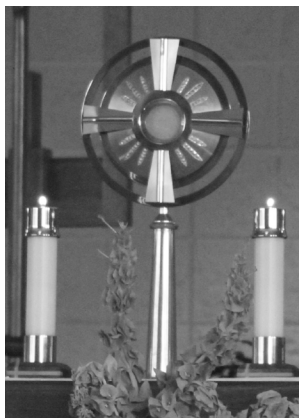
Visit [www.comonewman.org/public-health](http://www.comonewman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit [www.comonewman.org/prayer-resources](http://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](http://www.comonewman.org/parish/support/offertory). If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at [angie@comonewman.org](mailto: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!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YEARLY SUMMARY AND UPDATE

The volunteers at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) would like to thank all of our generous donors who helped us assist the poor this past year. During 2020, the helpline (573-424-1022) was only closed 4 days due to lack of funds, which is exceptional.

Here are just some of the charitable acts SVDP was able to accomplish because of your generosity: buying groceries and getting water turned on for a 64-year-old man recovering from colon cancer and paying rent for a young waitress turning her life around from drugs and working to earn custody of her two boys.

These neighbors in need were all VERY grateful for your help. The total assistance for 2020 was \$190,000 with over 700 households served!



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