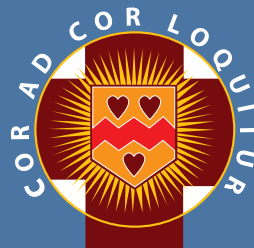


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SATURDAY MASS TIME

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.

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.

KEMPER-JAMES LIBRARY:

Open daily (self-service)

Reference section open

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

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

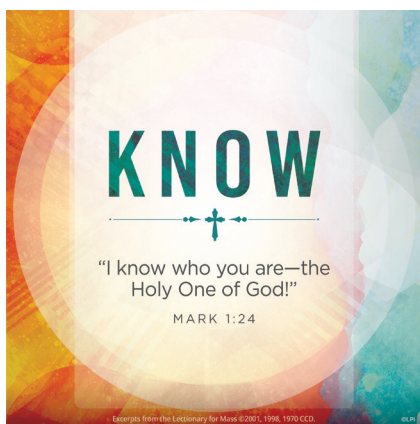
In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want

to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BEEN MEMBERS OF THE PARISH?

I'm a Columbia local, went to Columbia Catholic (now OLLIS), but fell away from regular attendance for a few years. My son and I have been active members of Newman now for the past 15+ years. My dad is also a member of the Newman Center Parish.

WHAT MINISTRIES DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

Currently, I enjoy serving as a lector (my dad is also a lector) and I also take the opportunity to work with the team of amazing volunteers who make and serve dinner through the Loaves and Fishes once a month. For many years, I also helped with Children's Liturgy, specifically with the 3rd and 4th graders.

HOW HAS YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE GROWN THROUGH THE MINISTRIES YOU'RE INVOLVED IN AND HAS THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED YOUR PARISH INVOLVEMENT?

I loved helping with Children's Liturgy not only because the students asked a lot of good questions, but also because the readings and gospel were explained in a way that made it easy to share with the students. Those explanations were helpful for me to better understand what Jesus and the prophets were trying to tell us.

Now as a lector, it's a whole new experience with the readings. As I prepare, I get to think about how to best share the Word with the community and convey meaning through how I present it. It's been a wonderful experience.

Being low-risk for complications from COVID, the pandemic has allowed me more opportunities to be a lector and continue to provide the readings during Mass. With this being a time of change personally, the involvement in the parish has been a welcome constant.



A STEWARD'S WAY

WHO WE ARE: 2021 SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

Serving in a liturgical ministry is one way to steward your gifts at Mass. The great news about volunteering at Mass is that you have a variety of options for service, all which require different gifts!



- **Greeter/Usher:** Especially during the pandemic, Newman is in need of people who are able to greet people as they enter and help people find seats with appropriate social distancing. This requires you to arrive at Mass 20 minutes early and help people find "free" seats if the chapel fills. After Mass, the usher sanitizes the chapel by using a simple sprayer to spray down chairs. Spraying usually takes less than 5 minutes! We are in urgent need of this service; please reach out if you are willing to serve in this capacity. A short "on-the-job" training with an experienced usher is all you need to get started!

- **Sound Board Operator:** This behind-the-scenes role is crucial to allow everyone at Mass to participate! Sound board operators run the slides at Mass while also ensuring that microphones are on and at appropriate volume levels. You do need to have a level of comfort with technology in order to serve in this capacity, but we will also provide training to make sure that you know how to operate the systems in the chapel.

- **Mass Coordinator:** Sometimes also referred to as a sacristan, this person sets up for and cleans up after Mass. In the absence of an altar server and/or deacon, they also will assist the presider.

- **Altar Server:** Do you have children who would benefit from learning more about the Mass? Serving as an altar server allows children to have an important role during Mass that teaches them about the order of the Mass and why we do the things we do. All interested in being a server would receive training and shadowing with an experienced server. This ministry is open to children who are in their 2nd semester of 3rd grade or older.

- **Lector:** Do you love praying with scripture? If so, serving as a lector might be a good fit for you. With training, you will serve by proclaiming the word of God at Mass.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** (previously called Eucharistic Minister): EMHCs serve an important role assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Some also volunteer to bring communion to the sick or homebound.

- **Music Ministry:** While we have a limited schedule right now due to COVID, singing or playing an instrument during mass is another way to use your gifts to glorify God.

If you are interested in any of these roles, you can mark your interest on your Season of Stewardship intention form. If you have already turned it in, you can email mary.mertes@comonewman.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 1	Noon	+ Kenneth E. Goehl
Tuesday, February 2	Noon	+ Mary Kelly
Wednesday, February 3	Noon	Joe Fick Family
Thursday, February 4	Noon	+ Flora Calibay Po
Friday, February 5	Noon	Clem Schulte
Saturday, February 6	5 p.m.	+ Mike Dwyer
Sunday, February 7	8:30 a.m.	+ Pauline & Ay White
Sunday, February 7	11 a.m.	+ Clarence & Frances Falter
Sunday, February 7	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, February 7	8 p.m.	Ceci Maggard

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

PARISH FINANCES

January 23/24

Offertory*	\$20,462.42
Month-to-Date	\$99,154.07
Budget for month	\$110,000.00
Variance	- \$10,845.93

*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

DISCERNMENT NIGHTS AT NEWMAN

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Discernment Nights:

Marriage Night - February, 11 7-8pm, Zoom
Celebri[t]y Game Night - March, 18 7-8:30pm, in the MPR
Graduate Night - April 29, 5-7pm, in the MPR

APPLY TO BE A 2021-2022 NEWMAN INTERN!

Are you interested in serving the Church and gaining valuable ministry experience? Consider applying for one of Newman's internships! Positions are as follows:

-Life Teen Intern (10-15 hours weekly during semester and 2 weeks in summer, \$11.15 per hour)
-Parish Interns (10 hours weekly during the semesters, \$11.15 per hour)

- Communications Intern
- Technology Intern
- Religious Education Intern (Pre-K-5)
- EDGE Intern (grades 6-8)
- Music Intern
- Liturgy Intern
- Service & Justice Intern

Visit website at <https://www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/cmsignup/> for job descriptions and applications!

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.

NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Presence (on the Eucharist) or for kids: Brother Francis: The Bread of Life

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 in February will focus on Ignatian prayer. Contact Fr. Paul Clark for more information.

NEWMAN ANNUAL *VIRTUAL* TRIVIA NIGHT

Virtual Trivia Night February 20th: Annual Trivia Night will be held over Zoom this year on Saturday, Feb 20th at 7 p.m. Funds benefit Tiger Pantry which serves students, faculty & staff experiencing food insecurity. Cost is just \$40 per team of up to 5 adults but your team must be able to meet in the same physical location. Prizes for 1st place is \$150 to Flatbranch Pub & Brewing. 2nd place team receives \$100 to Shakespeare's and 3rd place team receives \$25 to Sparky's and \$25 to Trop's. Register under parish or student sign-ups at comonewman.org or contact Emily or Troy with questions.

TITHING REPORT

December 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

\$516.48	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$430.40	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$258.24	Day Dreams Foundation
\$602.56	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$172.16	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$344.32	Habitat for Humanity
\$344.32	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$430.40	Love, INC.
\$172.16	Spectrum Health Care
\$602.56	St. Francis House
\$172.16	Tiger Pantry
\$344.32	True North
\$516.48	Vitae Foundation
\$430.40	Voluntary Action Center
\$344.32	Welcome Home



COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

CoMo Life Teen is meeting tonight (1/31)! 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, continuing our series with a night on Christian friendship. Join us for games, community, prayer and discussion!

Next week (2/7), we do not have Life Night due to Super Bowl Sunday. Enjoy the game safely with your families!

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

CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Confirmation students, please remember to be working on your letters to the Bishop. Those are due at our Feb. 14 class. We can't wait to see you all then!



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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 by Thursday, February 4 to guarantee your sandwiches. All proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: FOOD FOR FAMILIES

The weekend of February 13-14, members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting cash donations for the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri after the weekend Masses. The council will match the first \$500 of contributions from the parish dollar for dollar. The council will also utilize a Supreme Council matching program to collect an additional \$100 for every \$500 raised. Every \$1 you donate will be turned into over \$50 of groceries by the food bank thanks to these matching programs. Please be generous in your support!

AED IS BACK!

Adult Education and Devotion is gearing up for a new season, and to make it more convenient you'll be able to participate from the comfort of your home on Zoom! So, make plans now to gather with us for the next several weeks. The dates, topics and speakers this semester are as follows. Time is 7pm. Click Here to Join Webinar: <https://bit.ly/3og686f>

Feb. 3 - The Grace of Redemptive Suffering - Fr. Chris Aubuchon
Feb. 10 - Preparing for Lent - Fr. Chris Cordes

The link will also be on our parish sign ups page.

CEP & EDGE

CEP IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM IS UNDERWAY:

If you have a child or children in grades Prek (ages 3&4) through 5th grade who you'd like to participate in Religious Ed classes on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. or on Zoom Sundays at 2 p.m., please contact Emily

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

Edge will meet on zoom at both 3:30 & 6:30 Jan. 31st and 3:30 and we'll be off Feb 7th for Seek & the Super Bowl. We'll have both in-person and zoom options starting on Sunday, February 14th.

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: Jesus did amazing things when he was on earth, but God is still doing amazing things! Try to notice how God is helping this week.

For Parents: The people were overwhelmed by the power of Jesus. Take time each day or each Sunday as a family to talk about good things you noticed. God is present but we sometimes fail to see it.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's gospel

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

quiet	<u>q</u> <u>u</u> <u>i</u> <u>e</u> <u>t</u>
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HELPFUL LINKS

INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit 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 (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

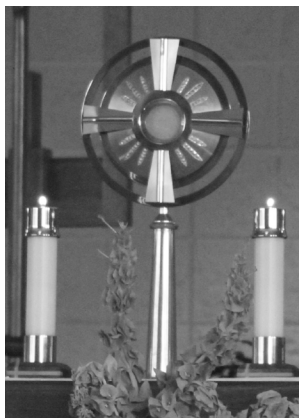
Visit www.comoneyman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit 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. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at 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!

HELP WANTED: LOAVES & FISHES - FEBRUARY 10TH

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Newman cooks and serves at Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen here in Columbia. The meal for Loaves and Fishes will be cooked at the Loaves and Fishes site (702 Wilkes Blvd). Masks and gloves will be required for both cooking and serving. Please bring your own mask if possible; if not, masks will be available. Gloves will be available, and do not be afraid to change gloves when needed. Wash hands thoroughly before using gloves. Sign up by clicking [here](#) or on the parish sign ups page on our website.

BLOOD DRIVE: NEWMAN COMES TO THE RESCUE!

Newman parishioners helped fight the critical blood shortage caused by the pandemic. The Red Cross is thankful for the 62 units of badly needed blood collected at Newman's winter blood drive. Many thanks to our dedicated donors and the volunteers who helped with the drive.



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