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**NEWMAN NEWS**

2nd Sunday of Lent | February 28, 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)

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Tuesdays: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

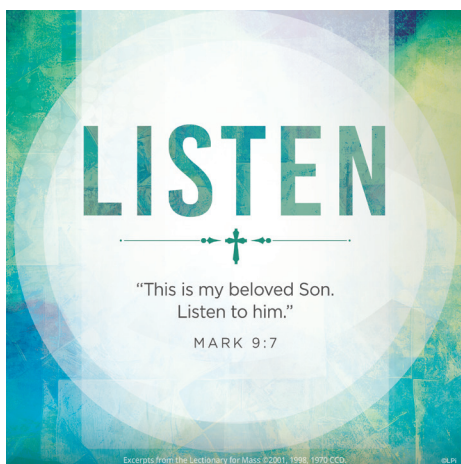
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes.

Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat.

A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual.

For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation.

If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this

is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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## TITHING REPORT

January 2021

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](http://www.comonewman.org/tithing)

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| \$357.77 | Columbia Meals on Wheels           |
| \$298.14 | Coyote Hill Children's Home        |
| \$178.88 | Day Dreams Foundation              |
| \$417.40 | Food Bank of Central/NE MO         |
| \$119.26 | Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run |
| \$238.51 | Habitat for Humanity               |
| \$238.51 | Life Network of Central Missouri   |
| \$298.14 | Love, INC.                         |
| \$119.26 | Spectrum Health Care               |
| \$417.40 | St. Francis House                  |
| \$119.26 | Tiger Pantry                       |
| \$238.51 | True North                         |
| \$357.77 | Vitae Foundation                   |
| \$298.14 | Voluntary Action Center            |
| \$238.51 | Welcome Home                       |



## 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*

*Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention:* Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

*Bishop McKnight's February Prayer Intention:* For parents: may they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared. (Bishop's March Intention coming soon!)



# A STEWARD'S WAY

## STEWARDSHIP THROUGH HOSPITALITY

In times of COVID when thoughts of “hospitality” could be seen as opposed to social distancing, this is not so! Though hospitality can mean shaking hands and seeing a smile, this only just scratches the surface of the true meaning of Christian Hospitality. At its root, hospitality is Christian kindness: to know, see, and care about others, offering them a sense of belonging and welcome.



Mass is often a time that stewardship is most visible. Whether greeting (from afar), or even sharing a “good morning” over the livestream feed, we show hospitality to one another as we gather for worship.

This Season of Stewardship is also at time for our parish to invest time in updating parishioner records and interests so that we can better communicate with and serve each other.

- o How can you show hospitality to others, even in a pandemic? Some ideas include:
- o Sending a card or email to someone who just welcomed a new child, someone who is sick, someone who is grieving, someone who is lonely.
- o Welcome your new neighbors with an UberEats (or related service) gift card.
- o Schedule a phone call to catch up with those people you know who are living alone.
- o Drop off a craft project for families who are virtual schooling or at home with sick kids.
- o Shovel the driveway of your neighbor.
- o Invite someone to attend Mass with you (virtually or in person).
- o Smile, even when wearing a mask!
- o Make an extra gift to a charity who can help those who are struggling during the pandemic.
- o Prayerfully consider how your gifts could be of use in our parish community. Share your interests through the Season of Stewardship intention card, or call the parish office to get connected to a ministry that fits your gifts.

## MASS INTENTIONS

|                    |           |                         |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday, March 1    | Noon      | + Arlene Wildhaber      |
| Tuesday, March 2   | Noon      | + Ay & Pauline White    |
| Wednesday, March 3 | Noon      | Joe Fick Family         |
| Thursday, March 4  | Noon      | + Mary Ann Fitzpatrick  |
| Friday, March 5    | Noon      | Dorothy Rast            |
| Saturday, March 6  | 5 p.m.    | + Gary Winter           |
| Sunday, March 7    | 8:30 a.m. | All Parishioners        |
| Sunday, March 7    | 11 a.m.   | + Richard A. Heimberger |
| Sunday, March 7    | 5 p.m.    | Fr. Simon Michalski     |
| Sunday, March 7    | 8 p.m.    | CM Benefactors          |

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

## PARISH FINANCES

February 20/21

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Offertory*       | \$27,625.23  |
| Month-to-Date    | \$93,609.32  |
| Budget for month | \$125,000.00 |

Variance - \$31,390.68

*\*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**  
Associate Pastor | Fr. Paul Clark | **frclark**  
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### Office

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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### DISCERNMENT NIGHTS AT NEWMAN

The next discernment night is March 18 from 7-8:30pm in the MPR. Come play games and get to know some men and women living in religious life. Sign up now at <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/form/CelebGameNight>



### 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!

### VOCATION/MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are many Vocations opportunities available. Visit <https://www.comonewman.org/campus-ministry/mission-vocations/> to learn about them. Contact [campus.ministry@comonewman.org](mailto:campus.ministry@comonewman.org) with questions.

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our website at <https://www.comonewman.org/lent/> to explore ways to dive deeper in faith during this Lenten season!

## NEWMAN NEWS

### FORMED DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Adults: My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Baron  
Kids: Brother Francis: Lets Learn about Lent

Sign up at [formed.org/lent](https://formed.org/lent)

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

Join us Wednesdays after Daily Mass to learn more about prayer! This month the focus is Ignatian prayer. Sessions will last about 15 minutes in the Disciples Room.

### SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP LAST CALL!

Last Call: Please complete your Season of Stewardship intention card by next weekend. You can mail to the parish or complete online at [www.comonewman.org/stewardship](https://www.comonewman.org/stewardship). Thank you for your involvement and commitment to the parish!

### ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to our Trivia 2021 Teams: We raised \$630 for Tiger Pantry at our Virtual Event! Congrats to 1st Place: Team Knoesel, 2nd Place: Team Cossette and 3rd Place: Team Burns.

### A PRAYER TO ST. JUDE DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly -

(make your request here)

- and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, and loved in all the tabernacles until the end of time. Amen.

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever. Amen

St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. Amen.

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Blessed be St. Jude Thaddeus, in all the world and for all Eternity.



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### LIFE NIGHT THIS WEEK: "EYEWITNESS" SERIES

Tonight (2/28), we'll be starting our "Eyewitness" Life Night series. Over the next four weeks, we'll be looking further into the resurrection of Jesus. We meet 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activity Building most Sundays! This is open to all high schoolers, so bring a friend and join us for a great night of community and prayer.

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

### CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDER

High school Confirmation students, please send your letter to the Bishop to Renee if you have not done so already! These can be emailed or dropped off at Newman. Do not place in an envelope - we'll place them all in one envelope to send to the Bishop.



Contact - Renee Molner  
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## IN THE DIOCESE

### FROM THE TRI-PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY:

If you would like more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccines, visit <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/facts/>

To sign up to get a vaccine in Boone County, fill out this survey at [muhealth.org/covid19-vaccine-survey](http://muhealth.org/covid19-vaccine-survey)

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 County Sheriff.

If you'd like to talk to someone or have questions, contact Susan Devaney at 573 696 1424 or [devaney.susan@gmail.com](mailto:devaney.susan@gmail.com)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES

Your Columbia Knights of Columbus councils are planning to host Fish Frys this year. All fish fries will be DRIVE THRU ONLY. Meals are \$12 and will be served 4:30-7:30 PM. More information and tickets are available online at [MizzouKnights.org](http://MizzouKnights.org).

March 5 - Fr. Tolton HS (3351 E Gans Rd)  
March 12 - Fr. Tolton HS (3351 E Gans Rd)  
March 19 - CKC Hall (2525 N Stadium Blvd)

## CEP & EDGE

### NO SUNDAY CEP OR EDGE MARCH 7TH

We're taking a break for the college Awakenings Retreat because it will be held at the Newman Center this year. Back March 14th

### EDGE IS IN PERSON & STILL ONLINE

Edge is meeting in-person 3:30-4:45 in the MPR. Zoom sessions still offered at 6:30 p.m. Contact Emily with questions.

### 1ST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING FEB 28TH:

If you have a child who's at least in 2nd grade and would live to receive 1st Communion, please have at least one parent join us for a Zoom Parent meeting will be February 28th both at 1 p.m. Contact Emily for the zoom information.



Contact - Emily Shull  
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## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** St. Paul reminds us that if God is for us no one who is against us really matters.

**For Parents:** This week talk about mountain top moments big or small when you felt close to God. They give us strength when we feel doubtful and discouraged.



Find the matching shadow:



## 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

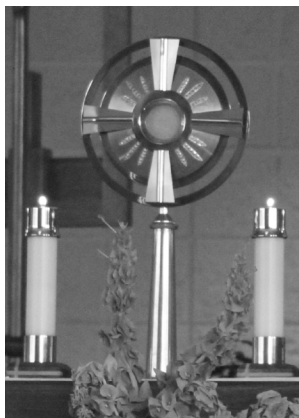
Visit [www.comonewman.org/public-health](http://www.comonewman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### 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.

### MY LIFE CLINIC: SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Our February Personal Care Collection is beginning! This month, we will be collecting items for The My Life Clinic. The My Life Clinic does great work to support women right here in Columbia! When women face an unplanned pregnancy, it is easy to become scared and overwhelmed. My Life offers a caring, non-judgemental space to provide the care women need during this challenging time. They provide free pregnancy testing, prenatal services, STD testing, and consultations. It is their vision that women are supported and secure in their life choice — and the clinic's needs are great during this time. We encourage you to consider donating their most needed items: Diaper Bags, Diapers (size 5-6), Playmats, Bottles with Nipples, Baby Shampoo and Conditioner and Maternity Bras

### HELP WANTED: LOAVES & FISHES - MARCH 10TH

Thinking of doing more service during the Lenten season? Loaves & Fishes is perfect for you!

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 here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cadaf2ea3f58-loaves51> or by visiting the parish signups page on our website.



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