

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER NEWMAN NEWS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 7, 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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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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## STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SERVICE: THE GIVING TREE



**CHRISTINE HOGUE**  
*Resident Parishioner*

I am what is often referred to as a cradle Catholic, meaning I was born into a Catholic family. We regularly attended mass, I attended what we called “religion school” every Wednesday night from K-6 and I began my participation in the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation right on schedule. One of my fondest memories of church from my youth was the Giving Tree that showed up every November. My mother would let me select 2 or 3 ornaments off the tree and then we would go shopping together to pick out just the right gift for each ornament. I was an only child born into a middle-class family; not having the basics of life or not getting Christmas gifts was never a concern I had growing up. The Giving Tree was one of several ways my parents taught me that everyone did not live the same life I was given and that, given much, I was expected to help others. As I grew up, got married and began my own family, participating in the Giving Tree remained an annual tradition in my life and was part of my social responsibility teaching for my child. In 2014, after seven years of being involved with Confirmation and the Life Teen programs, I felt like it was time to do something different. I didn’t feel a strong calling to anything in particular, so I prayed for God to let me know how I might next help my church community. Not long after, I saw the notice in the bulletin seeking someone new to take over the Giving Tree and knew this was it. I reached out to the office and was connected with Jean Murray, who had been managing this task for ten years. We managed it together that year, with Jean imparting all her hard-earned wisdom on the best way to make things work smoothly. For that, I am forever grateful.

The families we sponsor via the Giving Tree are assigned to us from The Voluntary Action Center. In 2017, I started volunteering to assist the VAC during their October registration period for the program. Even though I had no idea which families would be assigned to us, I felt like this activity would give me a glimpse into who we were helping, a reminder of the people behind the names on the ornaments. The conversations I have with those, mostly, women are one of the reasons I keep doing this ministry each year. Their gratitude is deep. The gifts we provide do not solve all their problems, or solve the bigger world problems, but they do provide a spark of joy or a hint of light during a time of year that can be very difficult for many. I have been told more than once, having someone who does not know you at all provide one special day for your family means a lot.

All that said, my reasons for doing are not fully altruistic. I get a lot from this ministry. I pray over the lists each year, asking God to guide me as I decide what to request for each person. I pray over the tree after I set it up each year, asking God to provide for those in need. Then my church community responds in ways I never see coming, every year. As we are all painfully aware, 2020 was.....challenging. The VAC had a record number of families ask for assistance. They were not sure they could find sponsors for all of them as some organizations were having to decrease their usual level of support. I prayed and prayed and didn’t really feel like I had an answer, so I just took a leap of faith and said St. Thomas More Newman Center and Parish would sponsor the same number they had in 2019. With in-person church attendance limited since March, I really wasn’t sure how this would all play out. We brainstormed ideas to expand giving opportunities to those worshipping from home and utilized more social media outlets to let everyone know how they could still help. It was overwhelming to watch this community come together to provide for these families via in-person giving, remote monetary donations, shipments direct to church and other avenues. I lost track of the number of calls and texts I received asking if I needed more. God called this community to provide during hard times and provide they did.

To be sure, there are challenges with collecting, sorting, labeling, ensuring a certain amount of equity between siblings, packaging up per the instructions and delivery gifts for 75 people in a small space, in a short window of time but the tired that comes from these tasks is the best kind of tired. We are called to love and we are called to help. This ministry is such a concrete visual of that calling in action. Below is a picture of the truck loaded up with all of the generous giving from this community.

*Christine Hogue*







## 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 and Dee Meyer*

*Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention:* We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

*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.

## A STEWARD'S WAY

### WHO WE ARE: 2021 SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their renewal cards to the parish. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a reminder letter and/or email will be sent to you. It is important that all parishioners complete a renewal card for your household so that the parish can plan for the future year. This process also helps us to update our records and know who still considers themselves a parishioner. So, even if you do not wish to participate in this program, please respond to confirm your contact information to let us know that you still wish to be listed as a resident parishioner. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Shull in the parish office. You can find more information and complete your cards online at [comonewman.org/stewardship](http://comonewman.org/stewardship).



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 8	Noon	<i>Communion Service</i>
Tuesday, February 9	Noon	Luke Fick
Wednesday, February 10	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Thursday, February 11	Noon	Marvin Mertes
Friday, February 12	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Saturday, February 13	5 p.m.	Jake & Kathleen Oxley
Sunday, February 14	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, February 14	11 a.m.	+ Richard A. Heimberger
Sunday, February 14	5 p.m.	Ceci Maggard
Sunday, February 14	8 p.m.	CM Benefactors

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

## PARISH FINANCES

January 30/31

Offertory*	\$16,605.79
Month-to-Date	\$115,759.86
Budget for month	\$110,000.00
Variance	+ \$5,759.86

*\*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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[www.comonewman.org](http://www.comonewman.org) | All emails end in: [@comonewman.org](mailto:@comonewman.org)

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor | Fr. Dan Merz, S.L.D. | [frdan](#)  
Associate Pastor | Fr. Paul Clark | [frclark](#)  
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Deacon | Gene Kazmierczak | [deacon.gene](#)

### Campus Ministry

Director | Angelle Hall | [angelle.hall](#)  
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Resident Campus Minister | Logan Davis | [logan](#)  
Development Director | JoAnn Shull | [joann.shull](#)

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Director | Kevin Myers, DWS | [kevin.myers](#)  
Assistant Director | Joe Kouba | [joe.kouba](#)  
Assistant Director | Mary Mertes | [mary.mertes](#)

### Faith Formation

Director of Religious Education | Emily Shull | [emily.shull](#)  
Director of Youth Ministry | Renee Molner | [renee.molner](#)  
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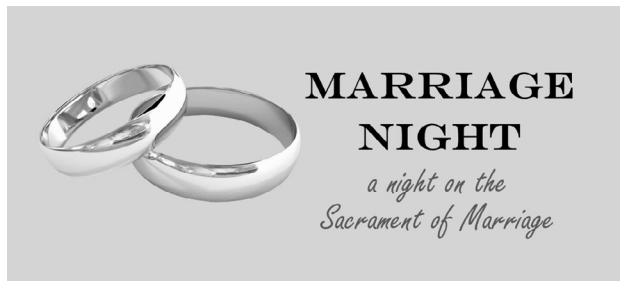
### Office

Receptionist | Janet Kelly | [reception](#)  
Accounts Manager | Angie Claas | [angie](#)  
Communications Coordinator | Troy D'Souza | [troy](#)

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### DISCERNMENT NIGHTS AT NEWMAN

Our first discernment night is on the Sacrament of Marriage, Hear from couples at all stages of marriage. February, 11 7-8pm, Zoom. Visit <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/form/MarriageNight2021> to RSVP



### 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

Lectio: Eucharist or for kids: Prescence for Children

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.

### DISCUSSION ON MARRIAGE WITH FR. PAUL ON ZOOM:

We'll focus our discussion Monday, February 15th at 8-8:45 p.m. on Beloved Session 1: Does Marriage Matter? Make sure to sign up for your free Formed account and watch the short video prior to our discussion.

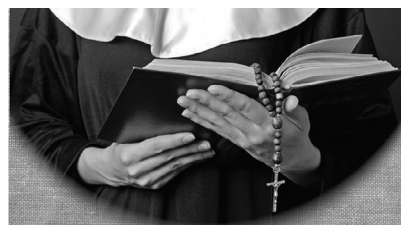
Please register on the parish & student sign-ups page so we can send you the zoom information!

### 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](http://comonewman.org) or contact Emily or Troy with questions.



### PRAY FOR US!

The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns.

[carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com)  
31920 State Highway P  
Clyde MO 64432



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### NO LIFE NIGHT THIS WEEK!

Tonight (2/7), we do not have Life Night due to Super Bowl Sunday. Enjoy the game safely with your families! We'll be back next week to talk about the sin of racism and how we can combat it in our world. We meet 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activity Building most Sundays!

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

### CONFIRMATION REMINDER: LETTERS TO THE BISHOP

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!



Contact - Renee Molner  
[renee.molner@comonewman.org](mailto:renee.molner@comonewman.org)

## IN THE DIOCESE

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN STARTS SOON

The Spring 2021 40 Days for Life prayer campaign will begin on Wednesday, February 17 and run through Sunday, March 28. Volunteers are needed to pray to end abortion on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Columbia. Contact Doris Schmidt at 573-875-6597.

### 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. 10 - Preparing for Lent - Fr. Chris Cordes

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

## CEP & EDGE

### NO EDGE TODAY BUT ONLINE & IN-PERSON NEXT WEEK

We are off for Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 7th. Edge will meet in-person 3:30-4:45 in the MPR starting February 14th, masks and temp-checks required! Zoom sessions still offered at 6:30 p.m. Contact Emily with questions.

### 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.



Contact - Emily Shull  
[emily.shull@comonewman.org](mailto:emily.shull@comonewman.org)

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** Take some time this week to pray for those who are sick and remember that Jesus is with them!

**For Parents:** Jesus shows his power to heal but the first reading reminds us that suffering can overwhelm. Pray as a family this week for those who are sick and those who help. Your prayer is an act of hope and faith.



**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## HELPFUL LINKS

### INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

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

### PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

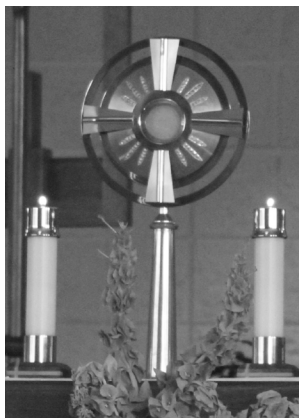
Visit [www.comoneyman.org/public-health](http://www.comoneyman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### PRAYER RESOURCES

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

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### 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to help folks like these in financial need. The group helps assist with paying gas, lodging, rent and utilities for those in need of financial assistance.

If you are able to donate, make checks to SVDP and mail to the Lourdes parish office at 903 Bernadette!

Won't you help us "heal the brokenhearted?" Interested in being a phone volunteer? Email Joanne for an invite to our next Zoom meeting at [joanne.slama@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.slama@gmail.com)



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