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5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

8:30 a.m.

11 a.m. (livestreamed)

5 p.m.

8 p.m. (livestreamed)

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Noon (livestreamed)

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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TRUSTING THE MASTER BUILDER - OUR SISTER PARISH IN PANDEMIC TIMES



ANGELLE HALL
Director of
Campus Ministry

“It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.”*

On March 1, 2020, I shared updates and information in the bulletin on our Sister Parish as we prepared to support them in our Lenten Project as we have done every Lent since 2014. And then, not soon after, we were all grappling with the pandemic. Even so, our parish met and exceeded our goal of \$9500 with a total of \$10,500 in funds donated to our sister parish community. I am amazed and inspired (but not surprised!) at our parish's generosity to our brothers and sisters in El Salvador.

One year ago today, on March 14, 2020, El Salvador entered a quarantine state. Schools were closed, and the classes went to virtual mode. Our sistering partner CRIPDES Sur, who does grassroots work in the community, pivoted to meet the needs of the people. Their commitment to strengthening youth groups and women's groups continued albeit in a different way. Masks and hygiene efforts (and education on their necessity) became a part of their lives as they have become a part of ours. But they continued their efforts to educate youth on their rights and also in cultural activities that provide healthy avenues to spend their time. Youth received traditional dance costumes and two batucada music groups received instruments (Batucada is an African-influenced Brazilian percussive-style). Our women's groups continued to receive training on their microloan groups and gardens. They also participated in workshops and trainings on the violence prevention law and their rights and relevant information on how the pandemic has contributed to violence against women.

And then, our Salvadoran friends were faced with terrible hurricanes Amanda, Cristobal, and Iota. Due to the storms, families were affected with losses of their homes, crops, and material goods. In response, CRIPDES accompanied the evacuation of families to safe places, and temporary shelters were set up. Food, clothing, and biosafety equipment were arranged for the families, and later they accompanied the return to their places; support was arranged for them to re-plant their crops.

Our 2021 Lenten Project continues Newman's longstanding efforts to support our Sister Parish community. On a zoom call in November, Fr. Dan, Emily, Yvonne, and I participated in a webinar that updated us on our sistering community. We learned that family and community gardens were a major factor in sustaining families and communities who were struggling from both COVID and the storms. They continue to uplift families now. Wow! Our consistent commitment and long-term investment in gardens and training over these last 7 years are making a big difference over a long term.

In 2014, it was beyond our vision that the Lord could use

the gardens funded by Newman to provide and care for our Salvadoran friends beyond their perennial struggles, much less those exacerbated by a pandemic and natural disasters. Yet, this is what has happened.

We have a chance to take another “step along the way, an opportunity to let the Lord's grace enter in and do the rest.”* Our goal this Lent is \$9500, with funds directed to gardens and youth training coordinated by the SHARE Foundation, and vocational training facilitated by Fr. Paul Schindler, the pastor at our sister parish. I encourage you to donate either through the envelopes on the table in the Gathering Space, or online at www.comonewman.org/lent.

“We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.”*

*(Prayer by Ken Untereiner, attributed to St. Oscar Romero)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“WHAT'S IN A NAME?” VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS

Back in December I wrote a bulletin column called, “What's in a Name?” in which I shared some of Newman's history as I had learned it at that point.

I also raised the question about our name and whether we should consider a name change. Our staff put together a survey to all our parishioners in order to hear your voice on this. We had about 235 responses. Thank you to all who shared your thoughts with us! I've really enjoyed reading through your feedback! I made a video to sum up that feedback and respond to some of the questions that came up there.

I also wanted to invite you to join me at a virtual Town Hall meeting to further our discussion about a potential name change. There will be two virtual sessions this coming Tuesday:

Virtually (via Zoom): Tuesday March 16 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Please visit our website and click on “What's in a Name?” to watch the video and RSVP to attend one of our virtual town hall sessions.



Fr. Daniel J. May



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 our beloved dead:
Sue Crowley

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 March Prayer Intention: Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



March 21 | 5th Sunday of Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 15	Noon	+ Pete Keim
Tuesday, March 16	Noon	+ Clarence & Frances Falter
Wednesday, March 17	Noon	+ Bernice Bexten
Thursday, March 18	Noon	+ Martha Keener
Friday, March 19	Noon	+ Rose Von Gogh
Saturday, March 20	5 p.m.	+ Max Gadau
Sunday, March 21	8:30 a.m.	The Corry Family
Sunday, March 21	11 a.m.	+ Jose Remo
Sunday, March 21	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, March 21	8 p.m.	CM Benefactors

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

PARISH FINANCES

February 27/28

Offertory*	\$15,555.86
Month-to-Date	\$109,165.18
Budget for month	\$125,000.00

Variance - \$15,834.82

*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

E3 TEAM APPLICATIONS

Do you enjoy attending E3 and want to help it continue to grow and improve? Well you're in luck, because we're now accepting E3 coordinator, team, and band applications for the 2021-2022 school year! As one of the front lines of evangelization at Newman, being involved with the planning of E3 is a great way to meet new people, make new friends, and spread the Gospel to your peers all across campus. Visit our website to apply or contact Logan Davis for more information

DISCERNMENT NIGHTS AT NEWMAN

The next discernment night is THIS THURSDAY 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 on our website on the Campus Ministry Sign Ups page.



SPRING BREAK EXPERIENCE

Looking for a way to spend your Spring Break and Holy Week? Check out Newman's Service Immersion Experience! We are offering some great experiences to serve others in the context of your faith - to see Jesus in them. Our service immersion experience will offer the following over the course of 5 days as we walk closer with Jesus during Holy Week:

- Spend the day meeting those who are homeless with the missionaries of A Simple House in Kansas City
- Learn about Catholic Charities...and serve in their myriad of ministries including disaster relief
- Prayer, sacraments, individual & group reflection at Newman
- Fr. Dan's Bible study on the Passion in the Gospel of John
- Food and transportation provided
- Sleep in your own bed
- Safety and social distancing observed
- A lot of fun!

Registration deadline is March 19th. Cost is \$50, but don't let that be the only reason you don't participate! Register on our website on the Campus Ministry Sign Ups page. For any questions, email Angelle at angelle.hall@comonewman.org.

VOCATION/MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are many vocations opportunities available to individuals considering religious life to learn more about specific orders. Visit the campus ministry section of our website to learn about them. Contact campus.ministry@comonewman.org with questions!

NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Formed Now: Discipleship in the Church
Kids: Brother Francis: Stations of the Cross

See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

Join us Wednesdays after Daily Mass to learn more about prayer! This month's focus is on devotional prayer. Join Cyndi Goehl on Wednesdays (except during MU Spring Break), following daily Mass, to learn more about communicate with God through devotional prayer.

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM: SEEKING FRIENDLY ENGLISH SPEAKERS

We have visiting Korean parishioners who are often in the parish for only a year or two who would like to meet one on one with an English speaker. We're asking volunteers to meet once a week for at least six weeks beginning in March. You can meet in-person or on Zoom. No Korean or teaching experience required! Visit the parish sign-ups page to fill out an interest form to help us pair you with an English learner.

Contact Emily at emily.shull@comonewman.org or Eunsook at esbkwon@gmail.com for more information

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP SERIES BY DR. KEVIN MYERS

The second session of this series will be Thursday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Session 2 dives deeper into the historical perspectives of discipleship outlined in the Early Church, Reformation/Counter-Reformation, and Modern eras. Join us again in the Church or via livestream on our Facebook page!

YOUNG ADULT EVENT THIS WEEK: HIKE AT ROCK BRIDGE

Join the Young Adults at Newman group for a hike at Rock Bridge State Park on Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m.! Subject to change due to weather - get our latest updates by joining our email list or GroupMe. Email Renee at renee.molner@comonewman.org to join/for more information.



COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHT THIS WEEK: WITNESSING THE RESURRECTION

At Life Night tonight (3/14), we're going to look into firsthand witnesses to Jesus's resurrection and what it means to experience that! 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

High school confirmation students, your service hours and service reflection paper are due in class today (3/14). We're excited to be back in person at Newman to explore how our relationships in life impact our relationship with the Lord.



Contact - Renee Molner
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IN THE DIOCESE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYs

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.

March 19 - CKC Hall (2525 N Stadium Blvd)

TOLTON BOARD EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LAY LEADERSHIP

Successfully fulfilling a goal that was outlined in Tolton Catholic's recently-published VISION 2020 Strategic Plan, Bishop McKnight has announced the expansion of Tolton's Board of Directors to include lay membership.

Previously, the Board of Directors was composed of four appointed clerical members, with the school's president/principal serving in an ex-officio capacity. Underscoring the critical importance of laity and clerical co-responsibility for the future growth of Tolton Catholic High School, Bishop McKnight has appointed Mr. Michael Kelly and Dr. Julie Stansfield as new voting members within this expanded governing body. Please see the Tolton Catholic website or the Catholic Missourian for more information about these two new members of the board.

CEP & EDGE

DISCOVER OUR SISTER PARISH AT EDGE

In Lent we are especially focused on our brothers and sisters in El Salvador. Join us at 3:30 in person or 6:30 on Zoom to meet them and find out how we're helping.

1ST COMMUNION BLESSING MARCH 21ST

Kids preparing for 1st Communion are invited to receive a blessing at either 8:30 or 11 a.m. next Sunday. Please also bring your paper chalice so we can remind the parish to pray for you and your family! Contact Emily for more.

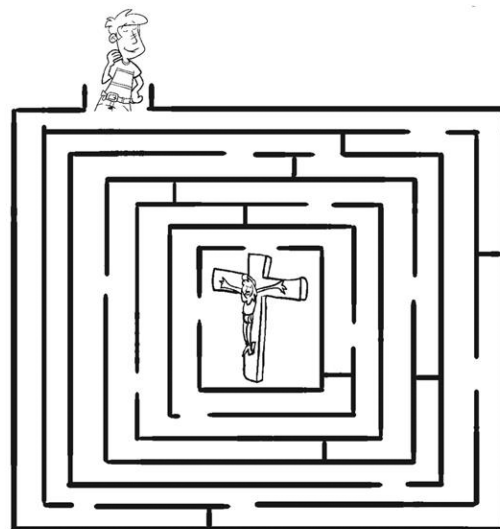


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KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Are you ever ashamed and feel strange talking to Jesus? He is always ready to forgive us when we are sorry!

For Parents: This week is all about light and darkness. How do we live our lives? Are we helping our kids to ask for forgiveness and go to Reconciliation? Do we ask them for forgiveness? God's light is a gift but seeking it requires us to be brave.



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

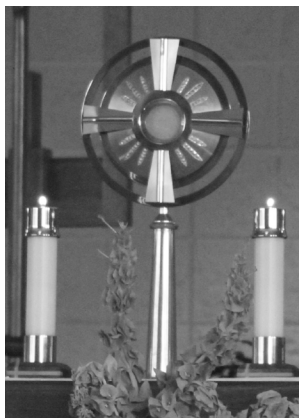
Visit www.comoneyman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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

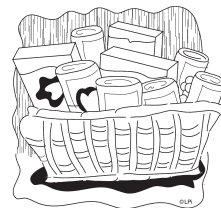
You can learn more about these options or set up an electronic way of giving on our website at www.comoneyman.org/parish/support/offertory. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at angie@comoneyman.org.

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.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

February Total: 107 pounds

Thank you for your donations! Donate at the bin in the Turner Street entrance.

MY LIFE CLINIC: SUPPLIES NEEDED!

We will still 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

VOLUNTEER FOR MENTORING AT-RISK KIDS (MARK)

Mentoring At-Risk Kids (MARK), our tutoring program, will return this March! Weekly sessions will take place on Mondays, from 4-5:30, at Newman! Please Contact Jordan Layton at 573-352-0180 or jordanelayton@gmail.com if you are interested in participating!

SISTER PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

We have been supporting our sister parish in El Salvador since 2014! Through this sistering relationship, we commit to support and nurture; friendship, spiritual companionship, cross-boarder visits, advocacy for long-term solutions to problems of poverty and social injustice, initiatives which promote new leadership, citizen participation and women and youth empowerment. Our goal this Lent is \$9500, with funds directed to gardens and youth training coordinated by the SHARE Foundation, and vocational training facilitated by Fr. Paul Schindler, the pastor at our sister parish. We encourage you to donate either through the envelopes on the table in the Gathering Space, or online at www.comoneyman.org/lent.



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