

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER NEWMAN NEWS

5th Sunday of Lent | March 21, 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.

## BUILDING HOURS:

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## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
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Reference section open

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

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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## WITH GRATITUDE



**FR. DAN**  
Pastor

"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." (Lk. 21:3-4)

In that beautiful Gospel story, the widow has become a model steward. And the reason has little to do with her monetary donation. It has everything to do with her heart of gratitude. We could guess from the story that she could have had many reasons to be angry at life, frustrated with others, disappointed in herself. But she let none of those sentiments get in the way of knowing and loving her God. She could still find and celebrate reasons to be grateful...and therefore reasons to be generous.

As followers of the Master, who has raised up this widow to be a model for Christian living, we follow her by not letting our inevitable ups and downs get in the way of loving God and knowing our reasons to be grateful... and therefore generous.

In my first experience of the Season of Stewardship at Newman, I have found many new reasons to be grateful in the sacrificial giving of so many of you, in your gifts of prayer and devotion, in the gift of precious time for various events and ministries, in the gift of well earned treasure, in the gift of worship and the life of communion. Thank you! These gifts of your faith and love are what truly power our parish and inspire us to keep working for the kingdom.

Thank you!

Your Pastor,

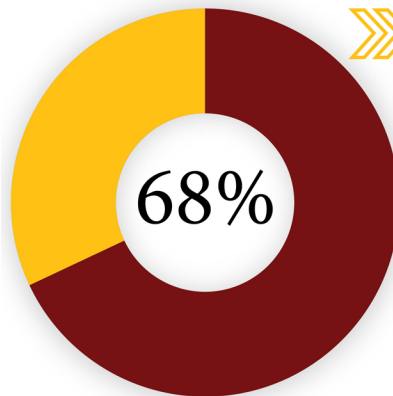
*Fr. Daniel J. May*



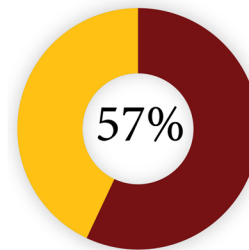
# Who WE ARE

## 2021 SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

### Program Summary Results

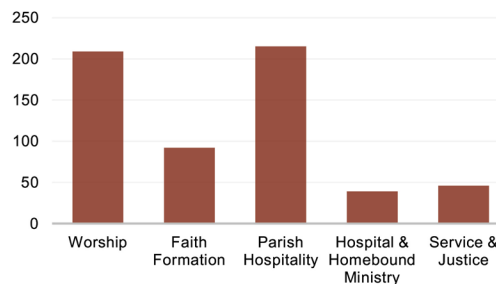


Program participation from those who currently support the parish through service and/or treasure.

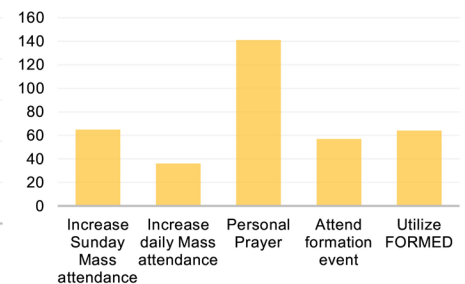


Response rate for all registered households at Newman.

### Gifts of Service



### Gifts of Prayer



### Gifts of Treasure

**8** households said that they have included Newman in their will

**31** households began or increased recurring gifts through EFT or online giving

**8** households joined as new parishioners - welcome!

**21** percent of responding households increased their offertory commitment

If all pledges are fulfilled in 2021, we expect to see a boost of

**\$56,093**

to the Sunday offertory.

**Thank you** for doing your part to advance the mission of the St. Thomas More Newman Center!



## 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 and Jim Tunink*

*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 28 | Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22

Philippians 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 22	Noon	+ Marchea Klang
Tuesday, March 23	Noon	Marvin Mertes
Wednesday, March 24	Noon	+ Hugo & Lucy Vianello
Thursday, March 25	Noon	+ William Dickey
Friday, March 26	Noon	+ Lorina Alexander
Saturday, March 27	5 p.m.	Joyce Spainhower
Sunday, March 28	8:30 a.m.	+ Clarence & Frances Falter
Sunday, March 28	11 a.m.	+ All Parishioners
Sunday, March 28	5 p.m.	+ Charles & Elizabeth Schuster

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

## PARISH FINANCES

March

March 6/7 Offertory	\$42,536.11
March 13/14 Offertory	\$24,224.82
March to Date	\$66,760.93
Budget for March	\$125,000.00
Variance for March	- 58,239.07

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

### NO 8PM MASSES DURING SPRING BREAK

There will not be an 8pm Student Mass on Sunday, March 27th or Sunday, April 4th.

### 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](mailto:campus.ministry@comonewman.org) with questions!

### SAFE TRAVELS DURING SPRING BREAK

Campus Ministry wishes every one a safe and joyous spring break; whether you're traveling or enjoying a staycation!

### SENIOR SEND OFF 2021

Seniors keep your eye open for an email from JoAnn Shull, Director of Development, that provides information about all Senior Send-off activities we have planned for you including the senior survey, exit interviews, graduate cords, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduate Night.

### KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Every Knight joins for a reason: whether to grow in faith, to serve our communities or protect those most in need - we work together to make a difference. There is much work to be done in our world — good work, necessary work — bold acts of heroism, and simple gestures of kindness. Our communities and campuses need our help, and we can't do it without men just like you. Faith and service are the reasons the Knights of Columbus exists, and we invite you to join us in putting our faith into action.

Now through June 30, join Knights of Columbus for free, online. Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and use promo code: MCGIVNEY2020.

When asked if you would like information on a local council, enter council number 7231 so the Newman Center council will receive your information. Email [MizzouKnights@gmail.com](mailto:MizzouKnights@gmail.com) or call/text Patrick Pullins (Financial Secretary) at 573-881-3727 with questions.

## NEWMAN NEWS

### FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Formed Live: Understanding Palm Sunday  
Kids: Lent with Brother Francis (New, 4 Episodes)

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'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](mailto:emily.shull@comonewman.org) or Eunsook at [esbkwon@gmail.com](mailto:esbkwon@gmail.com) for more information

### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP SERIES BY DR. KEVIN MYERS

The final session of the Christian Discipleship series will be March 25th at 6 p.m. Session 3 discusses the theological perspectives of discipleship through the lens of love, specifically the love of God, love of others, and love of the world

### FREE VIRTUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE FROM FORMED

Join some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars on March 27 for a one-day virtual event that will be streamed via Zoom 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Virtual Discussion with other parishioners for those who register at 12:30 p.m. For more information and to register visit [bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org](http://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org) or the parish sign-ups page.



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### LIFE NIGHT THIS WEEK: THE RESURRECTION SERIES

At Life Night tonight (3/21), we're wrapping up our series on the Resurrection! 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 REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

High school confirmation students, please turn in any requirements you might be missing - we're getting closer to our Confirmation date. We appreciate the prayers of the parishes as our teens make this next step in their faith lives!



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

## IN THE DIOCESE

### TOLTON TEACHING POSITIONS OPEN

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School currently has an opening for a full-time social studies instructor (AP experience is preferred) as well as a full-time math instructor (Algebra II, Geometry, and Statistics) for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants should send a resume to Rose Lloyd at [rlloyd@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:rlloyd@toltoncatholic.org).

### 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

### SPRING BREAK CANCELATIONS FOR CEP & EDGE

No CEP or EDGE Sunday, March 28th, Wednesday the 31st and Sunday, April 4th due to Spring Break and the Easter holiday.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT EDGE TONIGHT

Join us in-person or on Zoom for our last night before Holy Week to pray and remember the Passion of Jesus.



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

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** Jesus came to bring us LIFE so we remember his death and resurrection in Spring when new life is all around us. Where do you see signs of new spring life?

**For Parents:** Seeds grow with a power we can't fully see or understand but like the death of Jesus, this thing that looks unremarkable on its face holds the potential for staggering life and growth. You may not grow wheat, but consider how your spring planting can be a way to open up a conversation about today's gospel.



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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## 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

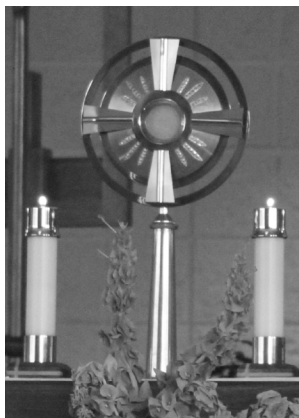
Visit [www.comoneyman.org/public-health](http://www.comoneyman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### 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

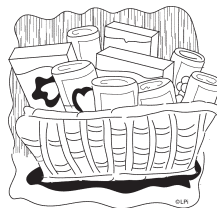
You can learn more about these options or set up an electronic way of giving on our website at [www.comoneyman.org/parish/support/offertory](http://www.comoneyman.org/parish/support/offertory). If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at [angie@comoneyman.org](mailto:angie@comoneyman.org).

## 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.



### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

February Total: 107 pounds

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

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.comoneyman.org/lent).



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