

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER NEWMAN NEWS

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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)

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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## BREATHE IN GOD'S MERCY



What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our

veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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## JASON EVERT AT NEWMAN: APRIL 21



### WHAT IS THE MEANING OF SEX, GENDER, AND THE HUMAN BODY?

The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before.

Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

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## 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' April Prayer Intention:* We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

*Bishop McKnight's April Prayer Intention:* Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

## A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



### April 18 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4

1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12	Noon	+ Harland Standerfer
Tuesday, April 13	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Wednesday, April 14	Noon	+ Ay & Pauline White
Thursday, April 15	Noon	Gene Dickey
Friday, April 16	Noon	Luke Fick
Saturday, April 17	5 p.m.	Rosa Marra
Sunday, April 18	8:30 a.m.	+ Noel Barrett
Sunday, April 18	11 a.m.	+ Jim Tunink
Sunday, April 18	5 p.m.	The Joe Fick Family
Sunday, April 18	8 p.m.	All Parishioners

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

## PARISH FINANCES

March 27/28 Offertory	\$18,018.27
April 3/4 Offertory	\$43,061.15
March to Date	\$113,591.53
Budget for March	\$125,000.00
Variance for March	- 11,408.47
Infirm Priest 2nd Collection	\$1,553.00
Lenten Project	\$7,160.00

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Pastoral Staff

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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### POWER HOUR RESUMES

Power Hour returns on Monday at 9:05pm, in the church.

### SENIOR SEND OFF 2021

Seniors, keep your eye open for an email from Fr. Dan that provides information about all Senior Send-off activities we have planned for you including the graduate survey, exit interviews, Baccalaureate Mass, and senior celebrations. Complete your graduate survey to receive your graduate cord with St. Newman medal!

### JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

We continue this month's focus on Praise as a form of prayer, lead by McKenna Kukla - our FOCUS team director. In May we will revisit Lectio for those who missed it in January.

### 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!

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## NEWMAN NEWS

### FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Ocean of Mercy

Kids: The Witness Trilogy: To Every Nation

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 APRIL FOCUS: PRAISE

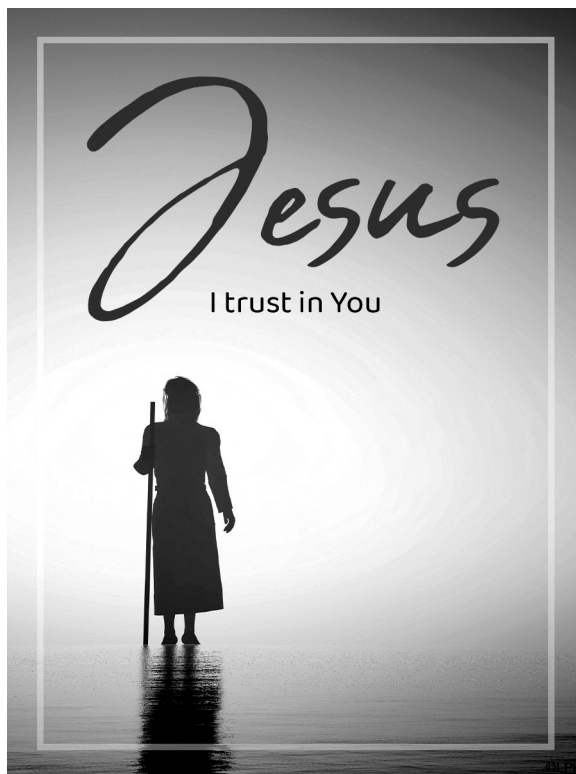
Join us after daily Mass on Wednesday each week, as we focus on Praise, as a form of prayer. In May we will revisit Lectio for those who missed it in January.

### 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.



## COMO LIFE TEEN

### NO LIFE NIGHT THIS WEEK FOR LUKE 18

Join us again next week for our girls/guys night. 8th graders are invited to attend our last two Life Nights of the semester! 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.

### LAST CONFIRMATION CLASS + REQUIREMENTS DUE!

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! Also, we have our last class this weekend (4/11) at Newman from 1:30-3 p.m. Can't wait to see you there!



Contact - Renee Molner  
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## IN THE DIOCESE

### CURSILLO WEEKENDS: WHAT IS LIFE ALL ABOUT?

How life-changing the Covid pandemic has been for all of us this past year. It has challenged us to grow in unexpected ways. Active Catholics are invited to use this as a rare opportunity to explore the deepest meaning and purpose of human life by making a Cursillo (pronounced ker-SEE-yo), a Spanish word meaning a short course. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that starts on a Thursday evening. You will be guided step by step thru the weekend by a priest, deacon and a team of cursillistas (those who have already completed a Cursillo); in a place of seclusion and peace; with all of your needs taken care of; in order to explore the deepest meaning and purpose of life. Many Catholics finish their Cursillo weekend inspired to make changes, tweak their priorities and journey deeper into the mystery of life.

So, if you are ready for a meaningful encounter with yourself, with others, and with God, then contact Marcia Doll at 999-5066 or your parish contact Jackie Cruise at 449-6370 for more information and an application.

Mark your calendar for:

MEN's Weekend: September 30 - October 3

WOMEN's Weekend: November 4-7

both to be held in Moberly, MO at St. Pius X

## CEP & EDGE

### CEP & EDGE ARE BACK!

All regular CEP & EDGE Events resume this week including Zoomers! Sunday CEP WILL meet April 18th which is a change to our schedule.

### EDGE EASTER PARTY IN-PERSON OUTSIDE & ON ZOOM

Join us to share the joy of the season with prayer but also games, prizes and lots of laughs.

### ATTENTION 6TH & 7TH GRADE FAMILIES

Confirmation for your students starting in Fall 2021: Middle school Confirmation will begin this Fall. Join us for info sessions on zoom Monday, April 19th or Thursday, April 22nd both at 7p.m. for information and a chance to shape our program next year! There will also be a last High School Confirmation group next year. Check your email for Zoom info or visit the parish sign-ups page.



Contact - Emily Shull  
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## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** Jesus comes to bring peace & joy. Who do you fight with in your family? What can you do to make peace?

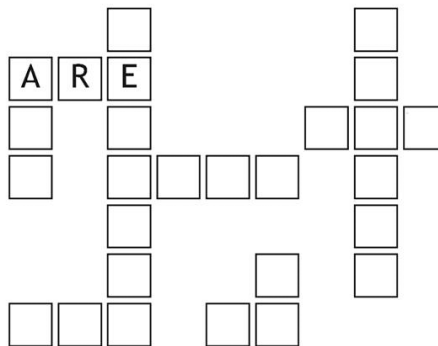
**For Parents:** Jesus gave the apostles a gift--to help the new Church know mercy and forgiveness. Family is a community where forgiveness is often needed and that's ok, so take time this week to make peace.



## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"



## 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

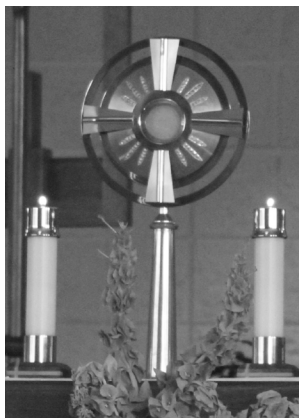
Visit [www.comonewman.org/public-health](http://www.comonewman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### 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.

### 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 SUPPORT

We are still collecting money for our financial goal to support our sister parish. Thank you for your generosity and support so far!

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

### HELP WANTED: LOAVES & FISHES - APRIL 14

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 visiting the parish sign ups page on our website.



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