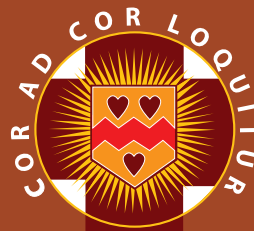


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**NEWMAN NEWS**



3rd Sunday of Easter | April 18, 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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Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Reference section open

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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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## LOOK AROUND WITH EYES OF FAITH



We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or

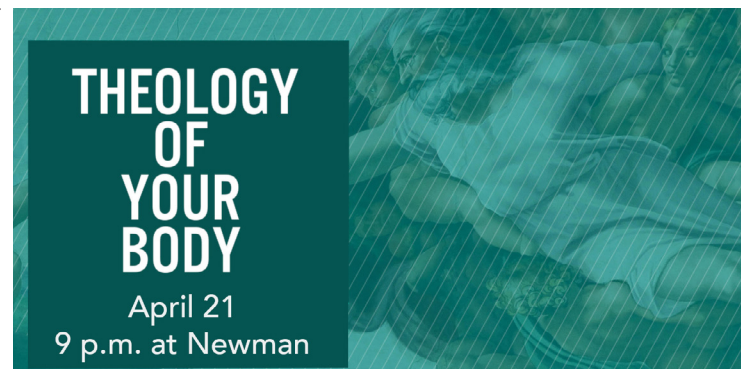
erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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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.

### THIS WEDNESDAY AT 9PM

#### JASON EVERT SPEAKING AT NEWMAN:

Renowned Catholic speaker Jason Evert will be coming to Columbia this Wednesday, April 21 at 9pm to speak on the meaning of sex, gender and the human body. It is FREE to attend!

This event WILL be livestreamed on our Facebook page, but will NOT be available after the event is finished. Be sure to join us in the church or tune in at home!

Jason Evert is a bestselling author of more than fifteen books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than two million people on six continents. He and his wife Crystalina run the ministry Chastity Project and its website, [www.chastity.com](http://www.chastity.com)





## 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.

## EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS



*Our Easter flowers were made possible this year by the contributions made in honor and memory of the following people:*

James Hamilton	Frank & Mary Dinovo
Jean Krogman	Fred Seidt
Hazel Rodgers	The Edward Kramer Family
K.A. Myers	Ed Bier
R. Myers	Shawna Bier
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Lawrence & Christa Katz	Cathy Hays
Susan Katz	Juanita Hough
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The Elsenraat Family	The Schulz Family
Cecil Bestgen	Fr. Charles Pardee
Lucille Bestgen	Barbara S. Davis
Jason Butler	Bessie Dangerfield
Aaron Pedego	
Adam Pedego	

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 19	Noon	+ Harold & Theresa Hall
Tuesday, April 20	Noon	Luke Fick
Wednesday, April 21	Noon	+ Gary Winter
Thursday, April 22	Noon	+ Joan Cady
Friday, April 23	Noon	Marvin Mertes
Saturday, April 24	5 p.m.	+ Laura Pezold
Sunday, April 25	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, April 25	11 a.m.	+ Jim Tunink
Sunday, April 25	5 p.m.	+ Theresa Titus
Sunday, April 25	8 p.m.	All Parishioners

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

## PARISH FINANCES

April 11/12

Offertory*	\$12,267.62
Month-to-Date	\$55,328.77
Budget for month	\$115,000.00

Variance - \$59,671.23

*\*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 | All emails end in: @comonewman.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor | Fr. Dan Merz, S.L.D. | **frdan**  
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Pastoral Associate | Sr. Karen Freund, O.P. | **srkaren**  
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Deacon | Gene Kazmierczak | **deacon.gene**

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Communications Coordinator | Troy D'Souza | **troy**

### 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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### FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: From Slave to Priest Audio Book on Fr. Tolton

Kids: Lukas Storyteller: St. Luke

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.

### KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION CEREMONY

The Newman Center Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Admissions ceremony at 7:00 PM on Sunday, April 25 in the Newman Chapel. The ceremony was recently revised and candidates' family, friends, and the public is welcome to attend and observe. If you are interested in participating in the ceremony, please email [MizzouKnights@gmail.com](mailto:MizzouKnights@gmail.com) or Call/text Financial Secretary Patrick Pullins (573-881-3727) to SVP and learn how to obtain FREE membership through December 2021.

### FR. MIKE QUINN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

This celebration for one of Newman's former pastors will be on June 6, 2021 at Holy Family Parish in Hannibal with a 3:00 p.m. Mass and dinner reception to follow at the Admiral Coontz Armory.

Live Streaming of Mass will be available on the Holy Family Facebook page. Guidelines regarding COVID19 will be followed for this event.

Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and/or reception  
Please RSVP to: [miller@myholysfamily.com](mailto:miller@myholysfamily.com)  
Any questions please call Kathy Kroeger (573)795-1950





## COMO LIFE TEEN

### GIRLS AND GUYS NIGHT AT LIFETEEN THIS SUNDAY

Join us for Life Night tonight (4/18) as we break off into two groups for girls and guys night! This week and next, 8th graders are welcome to join us as they age into the Life Teen group. 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 should have all of their requirements turned in. Please pray for our teens as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next month!



Contact - Renee Molner  
renee.molner@comonewman.org

## IN THE DIOCESE

### 12TH ANNUAL TOLTON GOLF CLASSIC — MAY 3

Registration is open for the 12th Annual Tolton Catholic Golf Classic to be held Monday, May 3, at Country Club of Missouri. Registration opens at 11:00 a.m, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Lunch will be provided before the tournament.

This is a four-person scramble with a number of prizes. \$150 individual registration fee (\$75 half-price alumni registration fee) includes a door prize, golf, cart, lunch, beverages throughout the day, and a 19th hole celebration with food and drinks.

Register your team at [www.toltoncatholic.org](http://www.toltoncatholic.org). Proceeds benefit the Tolton Catholic Tuition Assistance Fund. This is an especially fun way to support Catholic education, so we hope to see you there!



Questions? Contact [lsasser@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:lsasser@toltoncatholic.org).

## CEP & EDGE

### 1ST COMMUNION INTERVIEWS BEGINNING

1st Communion families should have received and email with details and a sing-up for interviews. Please get in touch with Emily with questions.

### EDGE IN-PERSON OUTSIDE & ON ZOOM

As much as possible in-person EDGE will meet in the courtyard from 3:30-4:30 on Sundays and Zoom sessions will continue at 6:30 p.m.

### 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  
emily.shull@comonewman.org

## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** Jesus asked us to share his message that God loves and cares for us. How can you be a witness and share the message and love of God?

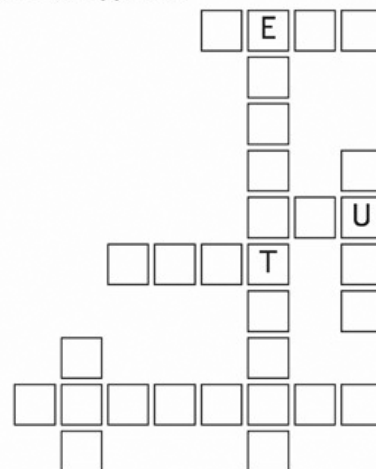
**For Parents:** We're focused on Fr. Tolton this week, a witness for the faith despite great odds. Share his story as a family or the story of another saint who inspires you.



## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You must tell everything  
that has happened.



## 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

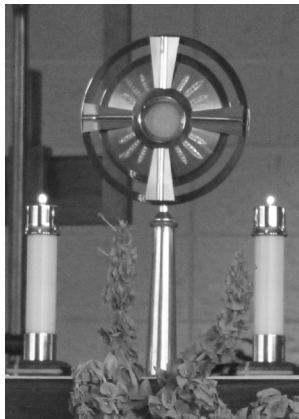
Visit [www.comoneyman.org/public-health](http://www.comoneyman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### 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.

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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Volunteers are starting to see a shift back toward pre-pandemic numbers of calls to the St. Vincent de Paul Society helpline (573-424-1022), likely due to folks receiving tax refunds and stimulus checks. State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) has rent/utility funds for tenants directly affected by Covid. Apply online: <https://www.mohousingresources.com/safhr>.

SVDP's software now reports the number of calls from homeless people, which is a growing problem in Columbia. Love Columbia (formerly Love INC) has hired a staff member just to help homeless clients. Homelessness is the reason for the continued high lodging expense. Our helpline was closed for 2 days in early March for lack of funds. To those who donated: thank you for your support! If you would like to "pay forward" any blessings you received during the pandemic, checks can be made to SVDP and mailed to the Our Lady of Lourdes parish office, 903 Bernadette, 65203. Contact Pres Joanne Slama to be a volunteer [joanne.slama@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.slama@gmail.com).



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