

# ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER NEWMAN NEWS

5th Sunday of Easter | May 2, 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.

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Open daily (self-service)

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear  
fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that  
it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

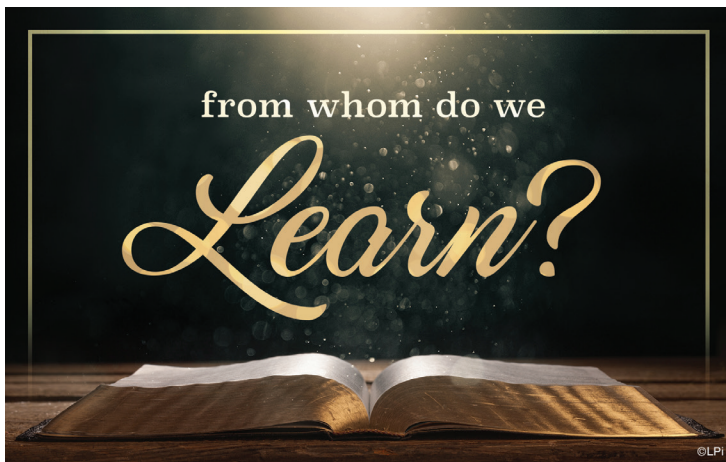
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“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to

remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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### 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



## 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 good health  
Marilyn Brown and Mary Waters

*Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention:* Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

*Bishop McKnight's April Prayer Intention:* May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

## A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



**May 9 | 6th Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 10; Psalm 98  
1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 3	Noon	+ Paulus Huynh
Tuesday, May 4	Noon	+ Arlene Wildhaber
Wednesday, May 5	Noon	+ Richard A. Heimburger
Thursday, May 6	Noon	+ Jillian Goehl
Friday, May 7	Noon	+ Mary Ellen Hughes
Saturday, May 8	5 p.m.	+ Gary Winter
Sunday, May 9	8:30 a.m.	+ Bernie & Lila Nittler
Sunday, May 9	11 a.m.	+ Elizabeth Donnell
Sunday, May 9	5 p.m.	+ Elfrieda Waltz
Sunday, May 9	8 p.m.	All Parishioners

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

## PARISH FINANCES

April 24/25

Offertory*	\$10,977.52
Month-to-Date	\$98,653.53
Budget for month	\$115,000.00

Variance - \$16,346.47

\*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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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### SENIOR SEND OFF 2021 PLANS

Seniors graduating in May or December if you have not completed the senior survey, or your exit interview contact a campus minister today to find out how to do so. You'll receive your graduate cord with St. Newman medal for completing the survey. When you complete your exit interview, you'll get to select one of three prayer books we have chosen especially for you.

Also be sure to Join us for Graduate Night on Tuesday, May 4th for tacos for Lilly's Cantina and margaritas in the Courtyard! RSVP to [campus.ministry@comonewman.org](mailto:campus.ministry@comonewman.org)

### JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

This month we circle back to our focus on Lectio as a form of prayer, led by Yvonne Chamberlain.

### 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!

### SUMMER MISSIONARIES AND MENTORS

The Diocese of Jefferson City is still accepting applications for missionaries and mentors for their youth camps this summer. Grab a brochure from the Campus Ministry bulletin board or in the gathering space.

### CM PROGRAMS ENDING FOR THE SEMESTER

Campus Ministry wishes everyone good luck on finals and a wonderful summer break! Please note the following end dates for our spring ministries:

MARK - Monday, May 3  
E3 - Wednesday, May 6  
8pm Mass - Sunday, May 9  
Power Hour - Monday, May 10  
Journey Into Prayer - Wednesday, May 12  
Morning Holy Hour - Friday, May 14

See you in the fall!

## NEWMAN NEWS

### FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Formed Now: Who is St. Catherine of Sienna

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 MAY FOCUS: LECTIO

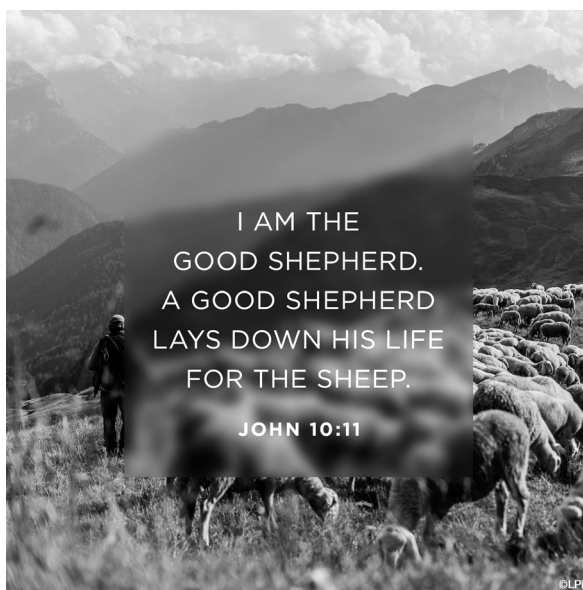
Join us after daily Mass on Wednesday each week, as we focus on Praise, as a form of prayer. In May we will revisit Lectio for those who missed it in January.

### 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

### SUMMER LIFE NIGHTS COMING SOON!

Life Nights have ended for the semester, but that doesn't mean the fun has stopped! Join us for our summer activities over the next few months. We're so excited to meet our incoming freshmen and celebrate our seniors!

Check out our social media for our summer schedule and more info! You can find us on Facebook and Instagram at @comolifeteen. If you're looking to join our email list or GroupMe, email Renee

### LAST CALL FOR STEUBENVILLE SIGN UPS!

Last chance to sign up for Steubenville! We're going to Springfield MO July 16-18 for a weekend with hundreds of other Catholic teens, taking part in the sacraments, talks and small group discussions. The cost is \$260, and scholarships are available. For more information (including Covid precautions) and to sign up, go to the link shared on our Facebook page.

### Summer Schedule 2021

**June 10** — Midway Mini Golf at 7 p.m.

**June 20-25** — Totus Tuus in the evenings at Newman

**July 1** — Service Project: Litter Team Cleanup at 7 p.m.

**July 16-18** — Steubenville (or substitute)

**July 27** — Souls & Goals at Lourdes at 7 p.m. (Other yard games will be available if soccer isn't your thing!)

**August 12** — Bonfire + Movie Night at 7 p.m. at Newman's courtyard

**September 12** — Fall Kick Off Party

### Bible & Breakfast Schedule

Newman Courtyard, 10 a.m.

Join us for Bible Study: Living Out the Gospel  
(Bring your own Bible; we'll provide breakfast)!

**June 4** — The Word of God

**June 18** — Daily Prayer

**July 9** — The Sacraments

**July 23** — The Holy Spirit



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## CEP & EDGE

### 1ST COMMUNION FAMILY EVENTS

Plan to join us May 16th OR 23rd from Noon-2 p.m. We'll make banners, try the wine and hosts and do a few more activities. Check your email for further details.

### CEP & EDGE WRAPPING UP FOR THE SEMESTER

Our final CEP & EDGE sessions for the semester are May 2nd & 5th. We'll send out summer plans soon!



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## KIDS' CORNER

**For Kids:** Jesus tells us that if we are close to him we will be healthy and strong. How can you grow closer to Jesus this week?

**For Parents:** The vine image is a beautiful one to talk about with kids, that we can be so connected and close to Jesus with the Father and gardner constantly watching over us. Read the gospel together with a viney plant or a picture nearby.



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

vine  
joined  
branch

Father  
pray  
fruit

honored  
gardener  
clean

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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

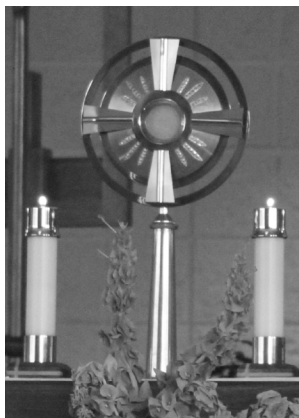
Visit [www.comoneyman.org/public-health](http://www.comoneyman.org/public-health) for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

### 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.

NVC just donated 325 pounds worth of non-perishable food to the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri. Thank you to all who donated -- we are so grateful!

### EARTH DAY THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "Restore Our Common Home" prayer and service event on Earth Day!



### A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

— Pope Francis's Laudato Si'



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