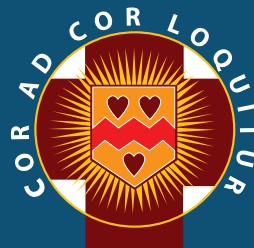


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SATURDAY MASS TIME

5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

8:30 a.m.

11 a.m. (livestreamed)

5 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES (M-F)

Noon (livestreamed)

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS:

Open Daily 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

KEMPER-JAMES LIBRARY:

Open daily (self-service)

Reference section open

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

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

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WITH OPEN ARMS



ANNIKA MEYER
Student Parishioner

It is crazy how fast four years go by in the blink of an eye. As my time at the University of Missouri comes to a close, I can't help but reflect on all that the past four years has brought to me as a student. It seems like just yesterday I was leaving my freshman dorm to head to the Newman Center's Welcome Week Taco Night in August 2017. It was on that day during my first week of college that I knew the Newman Center and the people I met there would become such a huge part of my faith journey throughout college.

Coming into college, I wanted to find a community of people who would help me to strive towards a life with Christ. But what I found at the Newman these past four years was so much more than that. This community is one of constant growth, encouragement and unconditional love. The friends I have met here are constantly raising me closer to heaven. The Newman Center is more than just the building that I spent Sunday nights at for Student Mass or Wednesday evenings for E3. It is where I began to claim my faith as my own.

As someone who was raised Catholic and attended Catholic schools from K-12, coming to college was the first time in my life I wasn't completely immersed in my faith everyday. I knew this would require a lot of strength on my part to keep my faith at the forefront of my life. Meeting new people at Mizzou would require me to be vulnerable with myself and others and not be afraid to share that part of my life with those around me. I strive to live a life for Christ in everything I do and hope that others can see that through my actions.

I am so thankful for all of the Newman Center Staff for always believing in me and reminding me of my capacity to lead others in faith. This semester I felt a call to apply to be Rector of the Awakenings 41 Retreat. Even after I pressed submit on the application and was then selected to serve in that role, I did not feel adequate to stand up in front of an entire retreat and lead others in faith. Thanks to the immense support from my fellow Awakenings staff members and Campus Ministry staff, God showed me how he was using me through that position to open the hearts of others.

As I begin my transition to life after college, I am so thankful for the foundation that the Newman Center has helped build in my faith life. I am confident that I will be able to take my experience I had here as I begin my life after college. I look forward to living a life of Christ everyday and showing others the deep love of God through my actions.

While I am sad to leave this place that poured into my soul these past four years, I know that whenever I return to Columbia in the future, Newman will always be here with open arms to receive me.

Annika Meyer



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 GRADUATES!

At the beginning of the month, we held a Baccalaureate Mass to celebrate our graduating senior class. Seniors, thank you for making Newman a part of your undergraduate experience and contributing to our community. Know of our prayers for you as you begin new chapters in your lives. We cannot wait to welcome you back as alumni!



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' 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 May 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.

NEWMAN DIRECTORY & GUIDEBOOK UPDATES

Does Newman have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record (name, phone number, address) for our annual Guide Book & Directory

If your information was NOT included in the last directory and would like it to be, please call the office so we can make that change.

If your information WAS included in the last directory and you would like it to be removed, please call the office so we can make that change.

The office number is 573-449-5424



As the **foster parent to Jesus**, St. Joseph inspires us to provide for and protect those in our care.

#YearofStJoseph #NationalFosterCareMonth



MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday, May 17 | Noon | Ty Dang |
| Tuesday, May 18 | Noon | + Kenneth Alexander |
| Wednesday, May 19 | Noon | + Theresa Titus |
| Thursday, May 20 | Noon | + Joseph Pedrotti |
| Friday, May 21 | Noon | Marvin Mertes |
| Saturday, May 22 | 5 p.m. | + Lorraine Burgdorf |
| Sunday, May 23 | 8:30 a.m. | + Sue Crowley |
| Sunday, May 23 | 11 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Sunday, May 23 | 5 p.m. | + Catherine Snedden |

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

PARISH FINANCES

May 8/9

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|------------------|--------------|
| Offertory* | \$45,545.18 |
| Month-to-Date | \$74,147.78 |
| Budget for month | \$100,000.00 |

Variance - \$28,852.22

**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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AROUND TOWN

CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMMING

Covenant Network offers informative and inspiring Catholic radio programming. In addition to daily Mass, we also pray the Rosary, the Regina Caeli, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. You will find live call-in shows, question and answer programs about Catholic teaching, music, as well as faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, saints, and Church history. You can listen on the radio, the Covenant Network app on your phone or on our website OurCatholicRadio.org. Tune in on 94.7 FM and find out how Catholic radio will change your life

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Catholic Charities Refugee Services is hosting a vaccination clinic on Tuesday, May 18 from 1:30-5:30 PM for our local refugee and immigrant families in partnership with Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services. We will have translators on site and provide translated materials. To register and request transportation you may contact Lori Stoll at lstoll@cccnmo.org or (573) 540-1125.

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR REFUGEE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

VOLUNTERS NEEDED: Mentors for refugee youth and young adults will meet weekly with their mentee (aged 15-24) during the ten weeks of summer between June-September, exact start date to be determined. Mentors will provide friendship and support to the mentee, doing activities of their choosing together, for example: visiting local parks, walking on trails, bike riding, visiting the library, and providing tutoring. Interested? Contact Diana Twombly at dtwombly@cccnmo.org or (573) 540-1123.

NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: The Bible Collection: Paul the Apostle

Kids: Lost in Peter's Tomb

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The weekend of May 22/23, there will be baskets out for the annual Diocesan Communication & Education collection. Proceeds help with evangelization through media as well as funding scholarships for diocesan priests at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC.

GRATITUDE CELEBRATION FOR SR. KAREN FREUND

In gratitude for her service to the women of our Columbia Catholic parishes, the women are hosting an informal gathering for Sr. Karen on Monday, June 7 at Gordon Shelter House in Stephen's Lake Park (enter from Broadway).

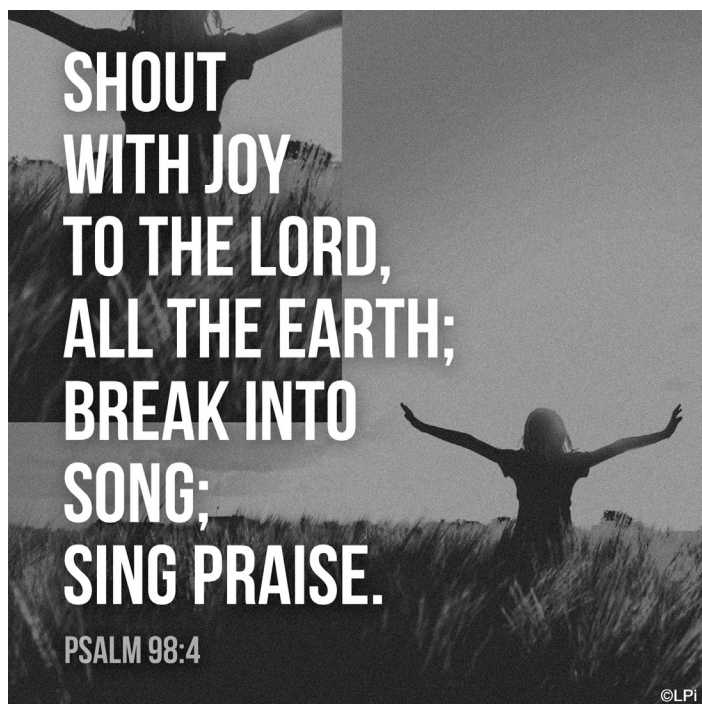
Plan to stop by anytime between 4 and 6 pm. All are welcome! Bring a snack to share. Due to Covid precautions, please bring easy-to-serve individual portions of food, i.e. bananas instead of a fruit salad; cookies or pre-cut bars instead of a pie--that sort of thing.

Drinks and table service will be provided. There are no plans for a "group gift". Masks and social distancing encouraged.

Need more information? Contact Susan Devaney at devaney.susan@gmail.com

COLUMBIA AREA WHITE HOUSE MENS RETREAT

The men's retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center in St. Louis for the Columbia area will be held June 10-13, 2021. In your silence, a hallmark of the St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises, you will journey with the Lord in a renewal of mind, spirit and body. Covid-19 safety measures will be in place. For full details related to the safety measures or to register online, visit www.whitehouseretreat.org. If you register online the group is the Columbia Area Men's Retreat and the captain is Bill Busch. There are fewer spaces available due to COVID so register early to reserve your spot. For other retreat information and/or offline registration contact Bill Busch at 573-874-1212.



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!

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

High school Confirmation took place on May 15. Please pray for our newly confirmed as they continue on their faith journeys!

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



Contact - Renee Molner
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CEP & EDGE

1ST COMMUNION FAMILY EVENTS TODAY OR NEXT WEEK

Today, May 16th OR May 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

Sorry for the delay, but we'd like to know what CPS rules for summer school will be before all events are released! We'll make sure to get you the calendar before school is out!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY BACK JUNE 13TH

Kids ages 3 up to rising 5th graders are welcome to join us at Children's Liturgy at the 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses! We are also in need of volunteers. Please contact Emily for information about covid policies or to volunteer!

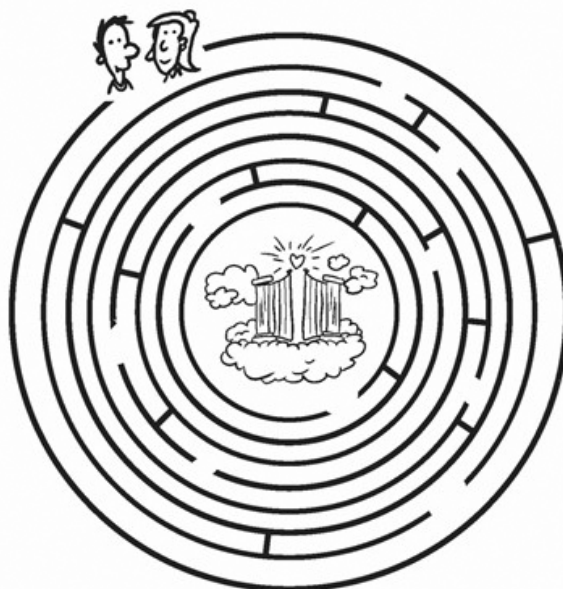


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KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Jesus is always with us, but it can be hard to believe. Thank Jesus for being with you when someone is kind or you see something beautiful!

For Parents: The apostles needed another member to rely on. Who are the people who you rely on? What can you do this week to show them you care?



HELPFUL LINKS

INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit 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 (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

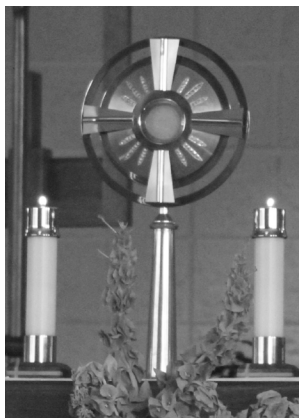
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit 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. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at 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.

VITAE PRO-LIFE DINNER IN COLUMBIA

Join the Vitae Foundation's Annual Pro-Life Dinner on Tuesday, June 29th in Columbia! It will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites at the University, 1225 Fellows Boulevard. The Luncheon is from 12:00-1:30PM and the dinner is from 7:00-9:00PM! The keynote speaker will be Mia Love. If anyone is interested in attending or sponsoring a table of 10 (for students, young adults, staff, or others who may not otherwise be able to afford it), reach out to Fr. Dan at frdan@comonewman.org. The dinner will be following Columbia health guidelines. You can register on the parish sign ups page

Sign Up Now!

Saturday, June 5

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Serving Columbia, side by side.

Sign up at ForColumbia.com

Registration deadline is May 24

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