

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. (Student Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES (M-F)

Noon (livestreamed)

ADORATION

Tu, Th, F: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

(Confession also offered)

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.



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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PARISH PASTORAL PLAN UPDATES



PATRICK PULLINS
Parish Council President

As you may recall, in early 2020 the Newman Parish community undertook an effort, at the direction of the diocese, to develop a pastoral plan. The Diocese referred to this campaign as "Better Together." The bishop then used these plans as inputs in promulgating a pastoral plan for the diocese as a whole, entitled "A Steward's Journey: Our Call to a Greater Communion." The plan was promulgated by the Bishop (at the Newman Center during February's SEEK Conference) on February 6, 2021 and is available here: <https://diojeffcity.org/pastoral-plan/>.

In September, the Bishop asked each parish in the diocese to revisit their pastoral plans in light of the Diocesan Plan. In furtherance of this effort, the Bishop has provided 15 questions in 4 categories he would like each parish to consider to help focus their existing plans and make revisions if needed. The 15 questions cover the categories of The Spirituality of Stewardship, Co-Responsibility, The Parish as a Sanctuary of Mercy, and the Parish as a Center of Charity.

Fr. Dan and parish leaders have formed 15 committees of parish staff, lay leaders, and ministers to look at the questions and provide the Parish Council with recommended responses to the questions asked and also any changes to the existing parish plan that should be considered in light of the review.

We are also inviting you, as members of the parish, to review these documents and provide your input as well. Please provide any questions or comments to Mary Malone, Newman Center receptionist (reception@comonewman.org) by October 14. Mary will forward the information to the appropriate group for their consideration. The individual committees will make recommendations to the Parish Council for its consideration and approval at the October Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Dan in the Newman office or email me at patrick.pullins@gmail.com.

NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: The Franciscan Way with Fr. Augustino Torres
Kids: Francis: The Knight of Assisi

See the parish website to get your account set up or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

MONTHLY Q&A WITH OUR PRIESTS START OCTOBER!

Do you have questions about your faith or anything related to the Catholic Church? Have you ever wondered, "Who can I ask?" or "This seems like a silly question, but I'm really curious!" Join us from 7-8pm in the church on the third Thursday of the month, starting October 21st, for a monthly Q and A with a Priest. In the meantime, start submitting questions!! We will gather them together and give the priests time to review them prior to the gathering so they can research any stumpers! Submit questions on our website (click "parish family" from the main page) or through the link in our parish email.

HOMECOMING ALUMNI TAILGATE

Join us on Saturday, October 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Newman Courtyard for an alumni tailgate! We will have food, drinks, and a great place to hang out before the game! Due to the increasing popularity of the tailgate, we will now be charging a small fee of \$10 for admittance to the tailgate. This is so that we can continue to be good stewards of our resources and focus our finances on student ministry.

Your ticket to the tailgate will include a meal from Big Daddy's BBQ Food Truck (did anyone say pulled pork nachos?!), non-alcoholic beverages, local beer, wine, and a signature drink (for those 21+). Cost for guests ages 16+ is \$10. Children are free. If you are a Legacy Fund donor or monthly donor, please see your email for a special ticket discount.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the tailgate. Those who volunteer to work a shift will receive a free ticket to the tailgate and a discount on their game ticket. Email lori@comonewman.org if you are interested in volunteering for a shift.

PERPETUAL ADORATION INTEREST FORM

One of our parishioners, Cyndi Goehl, is putting out a spreadsheet interest form to gauge availability and interest for perpetual adoration in Columbia with all three parishes. If you are interested, please see form in the parish email. If you do not receive our weekly parish emails, contact troy@comonewman.org

COMO LIFE TEEN: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

LIFE NIGHT OCTOBER 3: LIFE TEEN OLYMPICS

Join us for Life Night tonight (Oct 3)! We've got our fourth annual CoMo Life Teen Olympics Night - come ready to compete and win prizes! We're so excited for community, prayer and games. In following CPS guidelines, we'll require masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. We'll do as much outdoors as possible. We're excited to have our food ministry back - we'll be starting the night with dinner! Next week, we'll be continuing our series on personal vocations. Hope you're ready for a great fall!

FALL SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

Check out our social media for our fall 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

CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Confirmation students, please remember that if you were not baptized at Newman or Sacred Heart, we need records of your Baptism from the Church at which you were baptized. Our next class is Oct. 10. Thank you!



Contact - Renee Molner
renee.molner@comonewman.org

COLLEGE MINISTRY

JOURNEY INTO PRAYER: OCTOBER 6 AT 8:30 PM

Your personal prayer life is important. Whether you don't know how to start or dive deeper in your conversations with God, Journey into Prayer can help. We have designed fifteen-minute mini-workshops and this month's focus is on healing prayer.

SAVE THE DATE: AWAKENINGS RETREAT OCTOBER 29-31

Awakenings is a retreat held for students and run by students. It's for students of all ages, levels of faith, majors, personalities, and backgrounds. You'll hear talks from other students, spend time in small groups, have personal reflection time, and of course a lot of fun! Visit our website and click "Current & Prospective Students" to sign up and learn more!

MIZZOU CATHOLIC HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

If you're a Mizzou student and want to participate in homecoming festivities with Mizzou Catholic, here are some upcoming events:

Decorate the District: Thursday, October 7th
Homecoming Parade: Saturday, October 9th

Contact Emma Heinickle if you want to participate or have any questions! To learn more or to sign up, visit Mizzou Catholic's page in Engage.

CEP & EDGE

SEEKING PRAYER PARTNERS FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

We have about 40 middle school students preparing for Confirmation this year and we're looking for people who can share a couple of short notes, and generously share prayers for our students. This is a wonderful ministry for busy people and for those who can't volunteer in-person at the moment and is a great gift to our students.

EDGE WATER GAMES & SMALL GROUP GAMES

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us at EDGE Sunday, October 3rd at 6-7:30 p.m. We're trying to squeeze in a last goodbye to summer weather with some water games but if it's cooling down we'll do those at the end so no one gets too chilly!

LAST 1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Families with a child who is at least in 2nd grade and interested in preparing for 1st Communion are invited to join us TODAY Sunday, October 3rd at 12:30pm. Childcare is available



Contact - Emily Shull
emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS CORNER

For Kids: This week pray for all those who are married so they will know God is close.

For Parents: Families know that relationships are never easy but we can pray this week to remember the promises we've made to care for our families and ask God to help us to serve each other generously.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

	Jesus	husband	divorce
	Moses	wife	papers
	law	married	joined
Jssue	<u>J</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>s</u>
marrdie	—	—	—
dvrcoe	—	—	—
Mssoe	—	—	—
hsbndua	—	—	—
jndoie	—	—	—
wfie	—	—	—
lwa	—	—	—
pprsae	—	—	—

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

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 church entryway of our parish.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND MISSOURI

Pope Francis and the US Bishops have stated that capital punishment is no longer morally admissible. The state of Missouri is planning to execute Ernest Johnson this Tuesday, Oct. 5th, for the killing of three convenience store workers here in Columbia in 1994. His culpability in this heinous crime is not in question, but there are other objective things to consider that are in line with our Catholic beliefs. In 2002 the Supreme Court declared that it is unconstitutional for people with intellectual disability to be executed, and Mr. Johnson objectively meets all standards for this. He also suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome and was subjected to unimaginable neglect and abuse as a child.

The Missouri Catholic Conference has submitted a clemency application to Gov. Parson on behalf of Mr. Johnson, asking the governor to commute his sentence from death to life without parole. You can add your voice to those calling for clemency by contacting Governor Parson and letting him know that Ernest Johnson meets all standards of intellectual disability under Missouri law and should be ineligible for execution. You can call 573-751-3222 or contact the governor's office by email.



Contact - Emily Niehaus
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Welcoming Afghan Refugees

→ Text "WelcomeMO" to 91999 to support Catholic Charities work with Afghan refugees

Catholic Charities - welcoming refugees to mid-Missouri for more than 40 years



IN THE DIOCESE

OLLIS KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

OLLIS begins accepting names for the kindergarten list for 2024-2025. Go to the OLLIS website and find the application. Complete the application and submit it with the \$40 application fee to OLLIS office beginning Oct. 1st. Be sure to tell your family members of this important date. They are still accepting applications for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES 33RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

The 33rd Annual Oktoberfest is back! This event, brought to you by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, will be held this Sunday, October 3rd, from 11:30am-5:00pm. It promises to be a fun-filled day of food, music, games, and — most importantly — community! Live music from Zach Simpson and Scott Denson will lift your spirits while you enjoy delicious food and a refreshing drink under the shaded beer tent. The kids will stay entertained with carnival games and a bounce house, while enjoying cotton candy and root beer floats. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fellowship at Our Lady of Lourdes!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SILVER ROSE RUN

The three Columbia Knights of Columbus councils will be jointly hosting a stop of the Silver Rose Run at Sacred Heart parish at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 6. The Silver Rose program, under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

The Missouri Catholic Conference offers its Annual Assembly this year in a virtual format. As Catholic teaching informs us, there is a broad spectrum of issues important to the Catholic faith. This spectrum is highlighted in the varying episodes of MCC from the Capitol; topics include pro-life concerns, refugee resettlement, race relations, housing crises, and more. Learn more at www.mocatholic.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

In Columbia, people are gathering to pray over the next 40 days outside Planned Parenthood. If you or a group would like to sign up and join them in prayer on location you are welcome to sign up up here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/columbiamo>

Prayer and Fasting call also be done remotely! On the site there are also daily devotionals that could be used remotely with your group of young people throughout the next 40 days. This can be a great time to commit to prayer and fasting for the injustices in our world.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 4	Noon	Edith Dino
Tuesday, October 5	Noon	+ Kevin Conley
Wednesday, October 6	Noon	+ Bernice Bexten
Thursday, October 7	Noon	+ Rosemary Fachtel
Friday, October 8	Noon	+ Ryan Malone
Saturday, October 9	5 p.m.	+ David Hurt
Sunday, October 10	8:30 a.m.	Everett Jenkins
Sunday, October 10	11 a.m.	<i>Special intention for Alana</i>
Sunday, October 10	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, October 10	8 p.m.	CM Benefactors

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



"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." 2 Maccabees 12:46

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Bishop McKnight's October Prayer Intention: For our local church of the Diocese of Jefferson City; that we may become a sign and instrument in the world of the presence of Christ through our communion in charity, faith, and the Eucharist.

Submit a prayer request by filling out a prayer card (found at the entrances to the church) and placing it in the offertory basket or going to our website and click the button under "Needing Prayers?" near the bottom of our home page.

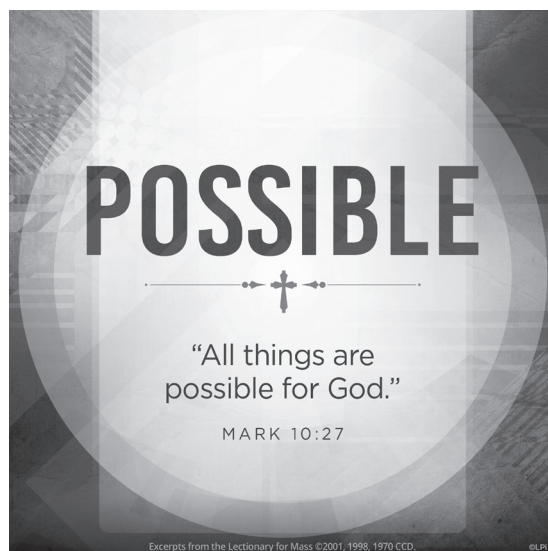
HOSPITALIZED OR IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you or a loved one becomes hospitalized, please notify the Parish Office to inquire about possible services. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals cannot provide information for patients. A Catholic hospital chaplain is also available by request at our local hospitals.

Prayer requests have the option of being listed in the bulletin for two weeks, or you may choose to be shared only with the prayer ministry group. You may also indicate if you want the request to be part of the prayers of the church at Mass.

If you desire to be part of the Newman Prayer Ministry Group, please email Sandy Dirks at sandydirks@gmail.com to be added to the group.

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



TITHING REPORT

August 2021

As a "tithing parish," the Newman Center contributes 5 percent of the offertory each month to nonprofit organizations. You can read more about the organizations we tithe to at:

www.comonewman.org/tithing

\$312.00	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$208.00	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$156.00	Daydreams Foundation
\$260.00	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$104.00	Girls on the Run
\$208.00	Habitat for Humanity
\$208.00	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$260.00	Love Columbia
\$364.00	St Francis House
\$208.00	St Vincent de Paul Society
\$208.00	True North
\$312.00	Vitae Foundation
\$260.00	Voluntary Action
\$156.00	Welcome Home
\$208.00	Women & Infant Relief Fund

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

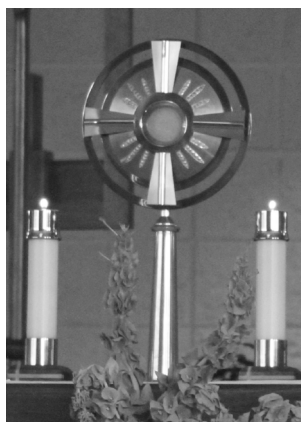
Visit www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

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.

PARISH FINANCES

September 25/26

Offertory*	\$14,894.18
Month-to-Date	\$100,648.32
Budget for month	\$112,000.00
Variance	- \$11,351.68

**This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!*

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