ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 5, 2021 | 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. (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.

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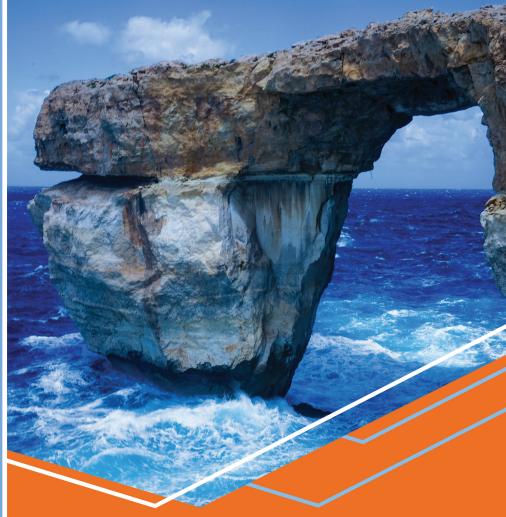
Open daily (self-service) Reference section open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-12 a.m.

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

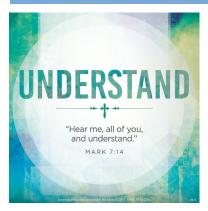
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THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE



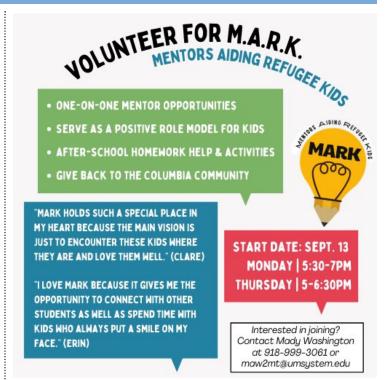
Trom the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with

disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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MARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

College Ministry at Newman Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services to provide after school tutors and mentors for refugee families new to Columbia.

Students: MARK is in need of college student mentors! Columbia Residents: We are looking for adult volunteers willing to help support college-student mentors during the MARK nights.

Contact Yvonne Chamberlain to learn more.



The office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m.

Como Life Teen

FIRST FALL LIFE NIGHT: NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Join us for our first Life Night of the semester on Sept 12! We'll be meeting from 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activity building for a fall kick-off party. 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 each Life Night with dinner!

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



COLLEGE **M**INISTRY

IGNITE FRESHMAN RETREAT SEPTEMBER 10-11

Jf you're a freshman college student, we invite you to join us for a two day retreat on September 10 & 11! You will hear talks about the importance of faith, friendship, and community in college and have lots of time to get to know others who are also new to campus. See the website > Current and prospective students page

E3 FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS - WEDNESDAYS AT 9 PM

Ephesians 3 (E3) is a weekly worship night with a talk, prayer, music and fellowship! Join us every Wednesday at 9 p.m.

NEWMAN **N**EWS

FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Mother Teresa (movie) Kids: Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

Join the Newman Adult Faith Formation on Thursdays from 10-11am to learn more about the Holy Spirit. We will journey through the 12 part Wild Goose series and engage in discussions about them. If you are interested in attending please email rebecca@ comonewman.org so we can arrange for sufficient, socially distanced seating. Look forward to seeing you there!

FOR STUDENS & RESIDENTS: JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

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 to help you explore a vairety of prayer styles and find ones that suit you. The next session will be Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.

CEP & EDGE

REGISTER FOR CEP CLASSES FOR KIDS PREK-5TH

Religious Ed classes for kids age 3 to 5th grade will begin Wednesday, September 8th & Sunday, September 12th. We will require masks while kids are indoors. Click "parish family" on the website or contact Emily for more information and to get registered.

EDGE FAMILY DINNER & GAME NIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders and their families are invited to join us at EDGE Sunday, September 12th at 6-7:30 p.m. for an OUTDOOR taco bar and games so we can get to know each other. EDGE meets Sundays when school is in-session and students are welcome every week!

FIRST CONFIRMATION SESSION NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday sessions for grades 7-12, 2:30-4:30p.m. beginning September 12th. Masks will be required while indoors but we'll be outdoors as much as possible. Not registered? click "parish family" on the website or contact Emily for more information and to get registered.



Contact - Emily Shull emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Jesus healed the deaf man. Who do you know who is sick? Pray for them this week!

For Parents: Sometimes as in today's gospel we get caught up in the small stuff and fail to see the larger point of family rules. Talk as a family about how rules can help if we can try to be kind and commit to focusing on the big stuff and try to let go of things that just get on our nerves.



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DEAF TALK		FINGERS EARS					TONGUE AMAZED		
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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 chapel entryway of St. Thomas More Newman Center.

NEXT NEWMAN NIGHT @ THE FOOD BANK: SEPTEMBER 14

Newman Night at the Food Bank is returning August 20! The Food Bank for Central & Northeast MO is asking we volunteer on the second Tuesday of each month. The hours are from 5:30-7:30. The Food Bank requires all volunteers to set up a profile. If you have questions, or need help setting up a profile, please call Gloria Young at 573-673-3070.

LOAVES AND FISHES SEPTEMBER 8

Thinking of doing more service? Loaves & Fishes is perfect for you! 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.

Visit our website "ministries" page to sign up!





In The Diocese

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEC MUFFIN SALE: SEPT 26

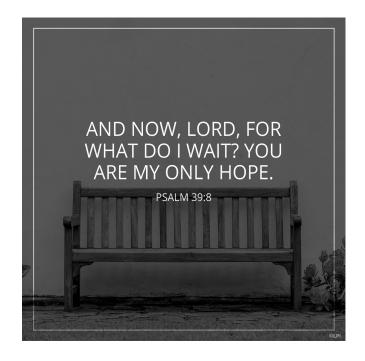
Your Knights of Columbus council has a different special for you! On Sunday, September 26, we will be selling our famous SEC (Sausage, Egg, and Cheese) muffins after the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses while supplies last. All proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

MCC SEEKS COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) is the public policy agency of the Catholic Church in Missouri. The MCC communications director oversees the conference's various methods of communication, including designing its publications: a weekly email newsletter, two printed publications (one quarterly, one bimonthly), and producing the podcast, MCC from the Capitol. He or she is also responsible for managing the MCC's social media accounts, website, writing and photography needs. Contact mocatholic@mocatholic.org or martinj@mocatholic.org with further inquiries.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT PILGRIMMAGE

Cursillo movement of the Diocese Jefferson City would like to invite any and all parishioners to make a pilgrimage to the grotto of the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville Mo on Monday, September 13th. We will be carpooling from our Lady of Lourdes parking lot. Many are planning to leave Sunday afternoon to have time to visit the beautiful shrine and grounds the day before so not to have to drive three hours on Monday morning. You will need to make reservations ASP Holiday Inn Express or Quality Inn-rooms fill up fast. If you wish to join the pilgrimage contact Jane Dunn 573-823-9911 or Alice Neville 573-864-9608.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6 Tuesday, September 7 Wednesday, September 8	9 a.m. Noon Noon	† Jerry Ray Nilges † McCaine Zimmer
Thursday, September 9	Noon	Catherine Snedden
Friday, September 10	Noon	† Charles Wilson
Saturday, September 11	5 p.m.	+ Howard "Duane" McIntire
Sunday, September 12	8:30 a.m.	+ Richard Wolen
Sunday, September 12	11 a.m.	+ Walter Melter
Sunday, September 12	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, September 12	8 p.m.	CM Benefactors

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



We Pray

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

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention: dfsasdfdf

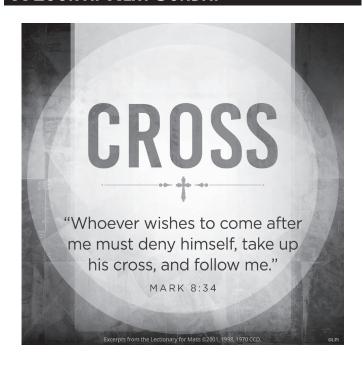
Bishop McKnight's September Prayer Intention: adsfdsads

For healing and recovery to good health: Marilyn Wooldridge Bob Lerch Margie Diggs

For those who have died: Gale Lansman

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.

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



TITHING REPORT

July 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

\$318.35	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$212.23	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$159.17	Daydreams Foundation
\$265.29	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$106.12	Girls on the Run
\$212.23	Habitat for Humanity
\$212.23	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$265.29	Love Columbia
\$371.40	St Francis House
\$212.23	St Vincent de Paul Society
\$212.23	True North
\$318.35	Vitae Foundation
\$265.29	Voluntary Action
\$159.17	Welcome Home
\$212.23	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

August 28/29

\$9,739.03 Offertory* \$95,909.89 Month-to-Date \$115,000.00 Budget for month

\$19,090.11 Variance

*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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