

# 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.

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Open daily (self-service)

Reference section open

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



## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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## UPDATES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**FR. DAN MERZ**  
Pastor

**G**reetings, Newman family! Let me begin by saying how much it fills me with gratitude to be your Pastor. And especially, how grateful I am for the gift that each of you are to this parish and to the Church. The heavenly Father delights in all His children!

There are a lot of things happening at Newman, and I want to try to keep us all informed as much as possible. I'm also always willing and open to sit down with any of you to speak about things at more length. Here are the "things" on my heart to share with you!

**Welcoming Afghan Refugees:** Recently, the three Columbia Pastors met with Catholic Charities. They have agreed to settle 300 Afghan refugees in the Columbia area and are eager for our help. **Newman is asked to form a Refugee Sponsorship Team.** We need to recruit about 10 volunteers for this core "Sponsorship team." Some training is available, and each refugee is assigned a case worker (separate from our team), who serves as a resource for the refugee and for our team. The Afghanis have already begun arriving, so we need to form our team as soon as possible! Please contact -me at your earliest convenience to be part of this important act of justice, hospitality and welcome.

**Social Justice Education Fund:** You may know that the Martha Trauth family have donated funds in her memory to establish the Martha Trauth Social Justice Education Fund (SJ Fund) for the purpose of regularly sponsoring speakers at Newman on different aspects of Catholic Social Justice Teaching. While this was being set up, Gary Winter passed away and left a large and generous bequest to Newman. After prayer and conversations, it was decided to put the Winter bequest into the SJ Fund (which now has over \$400,000 invested) **with the goal of fundraising this amount to \$1,000,000**, the proceeds of which would enable us to hire a full time employee to be the Director of Social Justice for Newman thus enabling us to make a larger impact on the wider Columbia community. I've spoken with Fr. Cordes at Lourdes and Msgr. Higley at Sacred Heart. They are fully supportive of this initiative and are also willing to let us do a one time appeal to their parishioners for this Fund. Let's not be outdone in generosity by Lourdes or Sacred Heart! :) Currently, we are preparing materials, a job description, and scheduling conversations with other important partners, including St. Vincent de Paul Society, Love Columbia, St. Francis House, etc. This is an exciting opportunity! Currently, our Campus Ministry Director, Angelle Hall, is also responsible for our Newman Volunteer Corps, which directs our social justice outreach. Being able to hire a full time SJ minister will enable Angelle to do more campus ministry, which is also a real need. Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions. You will hopefully be hearing much more about this after the start of the new year.

**Other Newman Staff Positions:** Our long time Custodian, Jimmy Carmichael, has retired for health reasons. Thank you for your

prayers for him! We are changing his position to part time and still searching for the right candidate. Our Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, Yvonne Chamberlain, plans to move out of state in December and will be leaving her position with us Dec. 10. Yvonne has been a blessing in many, many ways and we are sad to see her go and send our prayers with her. We have begun advertising for her position. Also, this summer we hired Rebecca Sloan as a licensed professional counselor to do counseling part time (for both student and resident parishioners) and coordinate adult faith formation part time. Within the first two weeks of school, her counseling schedule is full, with more seeking assistance. She readily makes referrals, but we have decided that it is very important to let her **go full time with counseling duties, hopefully starting in January. In the meantime, we will shortly begin advertising to hire a full time Director of Adult Faith Formation.** This position will coordinate outreach to those homebound and in nursing homes, plan and lead initiatives in faith development for our resident parishioners, and (this will be the new important emphasis) promote the formation of small faith groups, bible studies among our resident parishioners. Please keep this important development in your prayers.

**Stewardship:** We are in the second group (cohort) of the diocese in switching to a stewardship model of spirituality and responsibility. Fr. Stephen Jones preached about stewardship at all the Masses Sept. 25-26 (and will do so again Feb. 26-27). We will all be asked to participate in six small group sessions during Lent next Spring and again next Fall. These sessions are intended to help us steep our minds and hearts more deeply in the spirituality of stewardship. Our preparation then leads to implementation in July 2022. **In the meantime, we need to form a Stewardship Council for the parish.** This council will operate alongside our Finance Council and Pastoral Council. We will soon be making available applications for membership on the Stewardship Council. Stay tuned!

**Healing Ministry:** You may have heard that we recently had five prayer teams after our 8pm student Mass and were busy praying over student parishioners for over an hour and a half after the liturgy. We also had a Tuesday evening Mass and afterwards had three prayer teams and prayed over resident parishioners for an hour. Christ healed during His ministry...and He continues to heal today. **We hope to continue and to grow this healing prayer ministry.** Please contact the office if you'd like to be involved!

There are other new things and ideas happening at our parish, but these are the most important for now. One of the inspiring parts of being at Newman are the incredible possibilities we have to share the Gospel, impact our community, and deepen our faith. **Christ is alive and His Holy Spirit is active.** Let's cooperate and open our hearts and lives to His promptings!

*Fr. Daniel J. Merz*

## COMO LIFE TEEN: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

### NO LIFE NIGHT THIS SUNDAY!

No Life Night tonight (Oct 31)! We had a great time on our Fall Retreat! Thank you all for the prayers. Join us for Life Night next week (Nov 7)! 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. As always, we'll be starting the 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



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## COLLEGE MINISTRY

### JOURNEY INTO PRAYER: OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30 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 to help you explore a variety of prayer styles and find ones that suit you. The last October session on Healing Prayer will be Sunday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

### CANDLELIT MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY

There will be a special Mass of remembrance on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, starting at 9:30pm. It will be a candlelit Mass at Sacred Heart Church with Fr Dan as our priest. Please join us for this unique and special celebration of the Mass in honor of all the faithful departed.

### THANK A THON

Sign up to thank our donors who support Campus Ministry and students who benefit. We are asking all students, but particularly student leaders, to sign up for a half hour shift to call donors. Many times these will be voicemails or simple 1-2 minute calls. We have over 450 donors to call, so many hands make light work!



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## CEP & EDGE

### NO EDGE OCT 31ST BUT CEP AS USUAL

We will NOT have EDGE on Oct 31st due to Awakenings retreat which many of our core are planning to attend, but morning kids programs will continue as usual. Contact Emily to make sure you're getting email updates.

### 1ST RECONCILIATION RUN-THROUGH

All 1st Reconciliation Families are invited to join us either Wednesday, November 10th 6:15-7:30 or Sunday, November 14th after 11a.m. Mass.

### CONFIRMATION/NEEDLEWORKS WORKSHOP

Newman Needleworks invites Confirmation candidates who would like to do service hours with Needleworks to a knit/crochet workshop on Saturday, November 6, 2021. We will meet in the Newman Center multipurpose room from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Needleworks will provide knitting needles or crochet hooks and yarn

If you cannot join us on November 6, 2021, you can learn to knit or crochet at the Newman Needleworks regular meetings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. If you have any questions, please e-mail Jan Pritchard at: [jpritcha@socket.net](mailto:jpritcha@socket.net)



Contact - Emily Shull  
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## KIDS CORNER

**For Kids:** Think today about how you followed these rules and when you didn't. Ask God for forgiveness for the times you didn't.

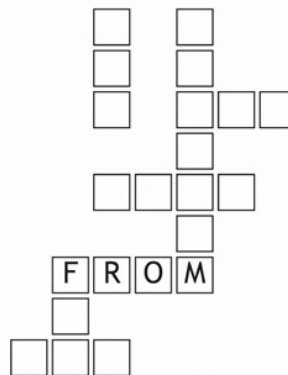
**For Parents:** These two great commandments form the basis of the Examination of Conscience most kids use for Reconciliation. This week think together about how you have lived out the commandments and pray for forgiveness for the times that you didn't. Write it down for find another way to show that we look at our actions against these commandments.



### PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



## 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.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT REFUGEES

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has welcomed the first Afghan refugee right here in Columbia! As the only refugee resettlement organization in the area, they are in need of support.

Additionally, parishioners are indicating a desire for Newman to be more involved in welcoming and supporting the Afghan refugees coming to Columbia. In order to do this, parishioners are needed to lead and coordinate these efforts (either a leader or a co-leader). If you are interested in coordinating Newman's efforts and recruiting volunteers, please reach out to Emily Niehaus at [nvc@comonewman.org](mailto:nvc@comonewman.org). The need is great!

### NEXT NEWMAN NIGHT @ THE FOOD BANK: NOV. 9

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.

Visit our website "ministries" page to sign up:  
[www.comonewman.org/service-justice/](http://www.comonewman.org/service-justice/)

### LOAVES AND FISHES NOVEMBER 10

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:  
[www.comonewman.org/service-justice/](http://www.comonewman.org/service-justice/)

### SERVICE AND JUSTICE MAILING LIST

There is an email list for Service and Justice opportunities through Newman. If you are interested in doing more service or learning about opportunities, please contact Emily at [nvc@comonewman.org](mailto:nvc@comonewman.org)



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### FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: The Catholic Take on Halloween

Kids: The Young People's Book of Saints

See the parish website to get your account set up or contact emily.  
[shull@comonewman.org](mailto:shull@comonewman.org)

### NEXT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Please join the International Women's Group on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 10a.m. to meet, mingle, snack and recognize each other's culture & language. We will meet at the home of Eunsook Kwon, 5706 Thornbrook Parkway, Columbia, MO 65203. Phone: 573-529-6764. No RSVP required. Please consider joining us to make new friends. Call, text or email with questions. Email [esbkwon@gmail.com](mailto:esbkwon@gmail.com)

### JOB OPENINGS AT NEWMAN

Newman is hiring! We are currently looking to fill three positions: Assistant Director for Campus Ministry, Custodian/Maintenance Technician and a Director of Adult Faith Formation

Visit [www.comonewman.org/job-openings](http://www.comonewman.org/job-openings) for full job responsibilities

### NEXT JOURNEY INTO PRAYER: NOV 14

The Sunday morning Journey into Prayer will be November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Aquinas Room. November's prayer focus is the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### All Saints Day



Mass Times:  
November 1 — Noon, 7 p.m.



Catholic  
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

We thank all who have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many blessings God has given us, let us give a portion to the CSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. Through the CSA, we make known the Kingdom of God by helping each other to live our faith and share our Gospel belief. Our gifts to the CSA and ministries it supports are our grateful offerings to God.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 1	Noon	+ Souls in Purgatory
Monday, November 1	7 p.m.	+ Michael Carr
Tuesday, November 2	Noon	+ Theresa Titus
Wednesday, November 3	Noon	+ The Nguyen Family
Thursday, November 4	Noon	+ Joseph Nguyen
Friday, November 5	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Saturday, November 6	5 p.m.	+ Russ Taylor
Sunday, November 7	8:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, November 7	11 a.m.	+ Elaine & Dick Hocks
Sunday, November 7	5 p.m.	Everett Jenkins
Sunday, November 7	8 p.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory

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' November Prayer Intention:* We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

*Bishop McKnight's November Prayer Intention:* For a deeper spirituality of stewardship among all the baptized: That from our gratitude for God's many blessings we may offer our personal gifts and talents in service to the evangelizing mission of the Church.

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.

*We pray for a personal intention of the the 4 Roete grandchildren.*

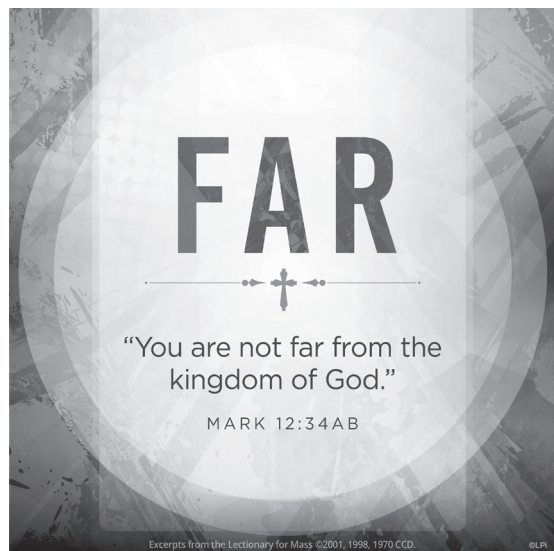
### HOSPITALIZED OR IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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](mailto:sandydirks@gmail.com) to be added to the group.

## A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



## TITHING REPORT

September 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](http://www.comonewman.org/tithing)

\$335.02	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$223.35	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$167.51	Daydreams Foundation
\$279.18	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$111.67	Girls on the Run
\$223.35	Habitat for Humanity
\$223.35	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$279.18	Love Columbia
\$390.86	St Francis House
\$223.35	St Vincent de Paul Society
\$223.35	True North
\$335.02	Vitae Foundation
\$279.18	Voluntary Action
\$167.51	Welcome Home
\$223.35	Women & Infant Relief Fund

## HELPFUL LINKS

### VIEW THE LIVESTREAM MASS

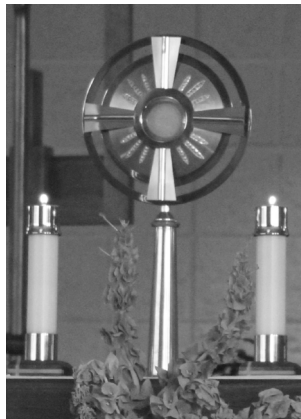
Visit [www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass](http://www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass) (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

### PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit [www.comonewman.org/prayer-resources](http://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](http://www.comonewman.org/parish/support/offertory). If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at [angie@comonewman.org](mailto:angie@comonewman.org).

## PARISH FINANCES

October 23/24

Offertory*	\$9,589.38
Month-to-Date	\$96,223.53
Budget for month	\$127,500.00
Variance	- \$31,276.47

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

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