

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.

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.



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3:16

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"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take

life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: John of the Cross

Kids: Joy Toons! The Brother Francis Song Collection

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

CSA PARISH UPDATE

For the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, our Parish Goal is \$70,380. As of this past Sunday we have received \$42,745.62 Thank you for your continued generosity as we make progress towards our parish goal. If you have any questions about CSA, contact Fr. Dan!

YEAR END GIVING INFORMATION

To be credited as a 2021 financial contribution, your donation must be received by St. Thomas More Newman Center by Thursday, December 30, 2021 as the office is closed on the 31st in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Anything received after 12/31/21 regardless of the date on the check, must legally be listed as a 2022 contribution.

Watch your email mid-January for annual contribution statements, they will come from Angie Claas - Angie@comonewman.org. Our system sends these to the email address of the person listed as "Head of Household". If you don't see it, check your spam folder. You can check/edit the email address your statement will be sent to by logging into your account, or if you haven't set one up visit <https://comonewman.breezechms.com>

Here you will be able to view your giving history as well as make sure your contact information is up to date. Statements will be printed and placed in the gathering space for those who don't have an email registered with us.

If you have questions on how to give through your IRA, annuity, or other non-cash assets, please contact Lori Benson at Lori@comonewman.org or by calling the office. These gifts often take longer to process so please begin these options now if you're interested in giving in this tax year.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

On December 14th at 8:00pm in the Church will be a Service of Lessons and Carols! This traditional service is a powerful evening of prayer, scripture, and song geared at focusing our hearts on the birth of our Lord. Please join us!

Q&A WITH A PRIEST RETURNS!

Mark your calendars! December 16th we will again be having a Priest Q&A session from 7-8pm in the church. This is your opportunity to ask those questions you have always had about faith and Catholicism. To submit questions, visit our website and click "Parish Family" on the home page.

COMO LIFE TEEN: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS SUNDAY!

Join us for Life Night tonight (12/12)! It's our annual Christmas party! We're so excited for community, prayer and games! As always, we'll be starting the night with dinner. We meet at the Activity Building at Sacred Heart most Sundays from 6:45-8:30 p.m. All high school students are welcome.

CHRISTMAS BREAK AND SPRING SCHEDULE

CoMo Life Teen will be on winter break from 12/19 until 1/23. We'll miss you all a lot! Stay in touch!

Check out our social media for our spring schedule release 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

CHRISTMAS BREAK AND SPRING SCHEDULE

Confirmation students have class today (12/12) from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Newman. Come ready for a walk-through of the Mass. We can't wait to see you again!



Contact - Renee Molner
renee.molner@comonewman.org

COLLEGE MINISTRY

END OF SEMESTER DATES FOR PROGRAMS ENDING

E3 - Wednesday, December 8
MARK - Thursday, December 9
8pm Mass - Sunday, December 12 (NO 8pm Mass next week)
Power Hour - Monday, December 13
Daily Holy Hour - Friday, December 17

Good luck on finals and have a great break!

FINALS FOOD AT NEWMAN

Grab a snack while you study for Finals! Food will be available outside the classrooms on the second floor of Newman the week of Finals.



Contact - Angelle Hall
angelle.hall@comonewman.org

CEP & EDGE

FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT EDGE DEC 12

This season, spend a little time with your family and your edge family in Christmas themed challenges and win fabulous prizes! Your whole family is welcome to attend, but if yours can't we'll team you up with other members of your Edge family! This is our FINAL EDGE for the semester!

DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR CEP, EDGE & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Wednesday CEP is finished for the semester and Sunday CEP & EDGE finish up today, Dec 12th. Children's Liturgy continues until December 19th

NEXT CONFIRMATION SESSION DEC 12

We will meet one more time in 2021 for Confirmation 2:30-4:30pm. Both groups should plan to meet in the Gathering Space and we'll get started in the Church. We'll be talking through the Mass, but this session does NOT include a full Mass!



Contact - Emily Shull
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KIDS CORNER

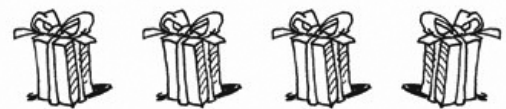
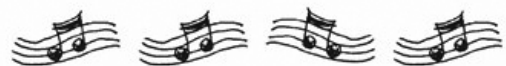
For Kids: John tells us to prepare for Jesus we should help those in need. Who can you help this week?

For Parents: Our parish has been generous with the giving tree and we thank you! This week following John's guidance, make a plan to reach out to someone you know who might be in need in your school family or neighborhood.



PUZZLE

Circle the pictures that are **facing** the **same** way.
Then color in all the pictures.



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. Last month, 244 pounds of food were taken over. Thank you for your generosity!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a desire to serve, but don't have a lot of time to dedicate to ministry? Do you want to bring Jesus (literally!) to those who can't come to him? We are looking for new ministers who would be willing to visit and bring communion to the homebound. Your mission, should you choose to accept, would involve visiting one (or as many as you feel called to serve) homebound individual. These parishioners may be in their homes or in a nursing home and unable to attend Mass, either permanently or temporarily, due to things such as recent surgery. If you are interested, please reach out to rebecca@comonewman.org for more information.

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



Contact - Emily Niehaus
nvc@comonewman.org



IN THE DIOCESE / AROUND TOWN

NEXT NEWMAN NIGHT @ THE FOOD BANK: DEC 14

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/

THE OUR LADY OF LOURDES EPIPHANY CONCERT IS BACK!

After a year off for COVID, the Our Lady of Lourdes Contemporary Group will once again be presenting a "Farewell to Christmas" concert and Christmas carol singalong on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at 7 p.m. (following 5:30 Mass). We will take up a free-will offering to benefit Catholic Charities' work with Afghan refugees.'

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES


O come, all ye faithful! Join us for the sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.

Advent Penance Services

*Come prepare
yourself for the
coming of Jesus*

*Lady of Lourdes Parish:
Dec. 13 | 7 PM*

*Newman Parish:
Dec. 15 | 7 PM*





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13	Noon	+ Alexander & Lucy Lising
Tuesday, December 14	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Wednesday, December 15	Noon	Mike Marquez
Thursday, December 16	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Friday, December 17	Noon	+ Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, December 18	5 p.m.	+ Barbara Halbert
Sunday, December 19	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday, December 19	11 a.m.	+ Deborah Ryan
Sunday, December 19	5 p.m.	Everett Jenkins
Sunday, December 19	8 p.m.	No 8 p.m. Mass until Jan 23

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' December Prayer Intention: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

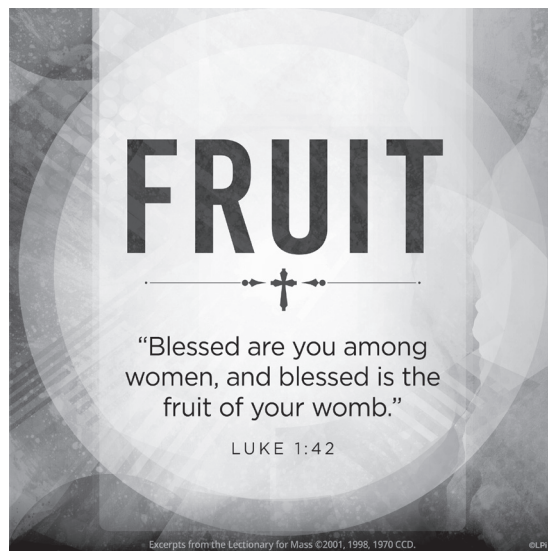
Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention: For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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.

Last week we received word that Fr. Joachim Culotta, who served at Newman for several years, is hospitalized in Chicago with a Covid-19. Please keep him in your prayers!

If you would like to send a card or message, his address is
St. Pius Monastery
1909 S. Ashland
Chicago IL 60608

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



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.

HELPFUL LINKS

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM MASS

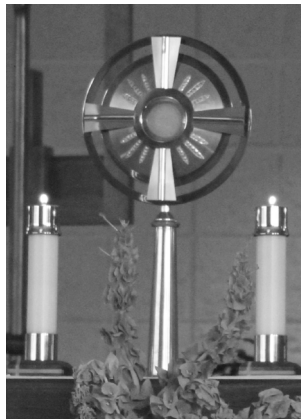
Visit www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

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

December 4/5

Offertory*	\$41,298.65
Month-to-Date	\$41,298.65
Budget for month	\$160,000.00
Variance	- \$118,701.35

**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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