

# 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

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

(Confession also offered)

## RECONCILIATION

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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41-42

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# AN UPDATE ON NEWMAN'S REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

From parishioner Anita Bruzzese:

Advent is a season of watching and waiting and preparing – and that theme is very much present in Newman's efforts to help the hundreds of Afghan refugees coming to mid-Missouri.

By the time you read this, we may already be sponsoring a family from Afghanistan. However, because Catholic Charities gets little notice of what family is arriving or when, we are simply watching and waiting. While we may get a week's notice, the norm has been about 48 hours.

It's an exciting time for those of us who are eagerly awaiting the arrival of this family. Will it be 11 people or five? Will there be cousins and aunts and uncles or children? Will any of them be able to speak English?

We simply don't know. But in preparation, the more than two-dozen people on the newly formed Newman Refugee Committee have jumped into training with Catholic Charities. We're sharing information with one another when we learn of what other community sponsors are experiencing here and around the country. Our ideas and enthusiasm are boundless.

We know that many of you are just as eager to learn what's happening. This is some of what we know so far:

- It's an unprecedented time in refugee settlement. So far, we have more than 217 Afghan refugees in Columbia, with dozens more due in the coming weeks. There are only five case workers to handle all the refugees coming to mid-Missouri, whether they're from Afghanistan or another country.

- The community response in mid-Missouri has been so positive that the White House task force, "Operation Allies Welcome," is heralding us nationally as a model for refugee settlement.

- Most of the Afghan refugees helped the U.S. in some way while American troops were in Afghanistan, often serving as interpreters, embassy guards, cooks on American bases or worked with the CIA. (By the way, the people are "Afghans." The money used in Afghanistan is "Afghanis.")

- The goal of Catholic Charities is to make the refugees self-sufficient economically and help them adjust to life in the United States. Support by Newman Parish and Catholic Charities will last for about six months – by then the refugees will hopefully have developed a sense of belonging. Already, Catholic Charities has been able to request other family members be brought to the area to be closer to relatives who also have recently arrived.

- Catholic Charities not only helps set up housing for refugees, but also helps them find jobs, get health care, obtain necessary documentation, enroll children in schools and help adults find English-language classes. Newman volunteers will be critical in transporting these refugees to various places, ensuring translators are available and supporting the case worker in whatever needs to be done.

- Most of the Afghans will be suffering some kind of trauma. They may have lost family members or been victims of violence, as well as being uprooted from their homes and perhaps moved several times before coming to mid-Missouri. They may suffer physical ailments because of their trauma, such as headaches, back pains, stomach aches, painful memories, nightmares and difficulty concentrating. Loud noises may startle them easily and something like New Year's fireworks may be very difficult for them to handle. Family members left behind are still very much in danger.

- They want to experience life again. Despite their trauma, we have been told they're looking forward to seeing things like Christmas lights!

While as of this writing we don't know anything about the Afghan family we Newman parishioners will sponsor, what we do know is that this parish and other churches in town have eagerly jumped in to help – with time, talent and treasure. More than 40 people from five churches attended a recent Catholic Charities training session hosted by Newman and shared a commitment of service to refugees. In addition, Newman parishioners have been very generous, with more than \$13,000 collected so far in online donations, cash, check and gift cards. These contributions will be used in the coming months to help our Afghan family (or families). As we hear in Leviticus: "Do not take advantage of foreigners in your land; do not wrong them. They must be treated like any other citizen; love them as yourself, for remember that you too were foreigners in the land of Egypt."

Newman Parish has already taken these refugees into their hearts, and we look forward to sharing more information with you in the future, including how you may help.

## NEWMAN NEWS

### 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

### BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

Have a baby/expecting a baby? Our regular bi-monthly Baptism Prep Class will be held on Monday, Dec 20 at 7 pm. The class will be via zoom and will take an hour or so. Please email Deacon Frank: frank.ruggiero@comonewman.org to register and get your zoom credentials. Canon. 851/2 states: The parents of an infant to be baptized and those who are to undertake the function of sponsor are to be instructed properly on the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations attached to it. If you have attended the class within three years of your child's baptism date, you need not repeat the class, but you would be most welcome to join us.

## COMO LIFE TEEN: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

### LIFE TEEN ON WINTER BREAK!

Life Teen is on winter break until January 23. We'll miss you all a lot! Stay in touch! 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

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



Contact - Renee Molner  
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## COLLEGE MINISTRY

### HAVE A GREAT BREAK!

Safe travels this winter and have a great break! Campus ministry programs will resume the week of January 23



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### CHRISTMAS RESALE - THANK YOU!

Thanks to all those who volunteered and donated to the Christmas Resale this past weekend. We raised \$1,360!! Items that didn't sell were graciously received by The Wardrobe and will be going out to families in need this week. The funds raised will go to renovate the sound board/livestream area in the chapel to make it more functional for volunteers and more attractive for our worship space. We'll bring back the Christmas Resale in two years -- December 2023.



### SECOND COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

There will be a 2nd collection at all of the Christmas Masses benefiting Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement.

## CEP & EDGE

### LAST WEEK FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY & JAN SCHEDULE

CEP, EDGE & Children's Liturgy will resume January 9th & 12th. Best wishes for a safe and blessed Christmas season!

### CONFIRMATION UPDATES

No more sessions in 2021 but we're in the office until CPS is out, so please get in touch with questions about forms, sponsors and service.



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## KIDS CORNER

**For Kids:** Pray using Elizabeth's words in the Hail Mary or Mary's Magnificat

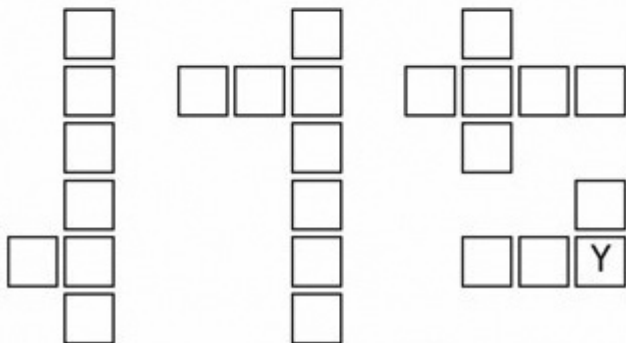
**For Parents:** Elizabeth & Mary were filled with joy and shared that joy together. Take at least a few minutes out of your prep time to enjoy family time.



## PUZZLE

Fit the following words from today's Gospel into the empty squares below.

The infant in my womb leaped for joy.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:nvc@comonewman.org)

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING 2022

Don't miss this transformative virtual annual gathering for leaders in Catholic social ministry and advocacy! This year, we will pray, learn, and advocate together on our Catholic vision for the post-pandemic world and call to bring justice to the margins. The application deadline is January 10th.



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LORD,  
MAKE US  
TURN  
TO YOU.  
PSALM 80

## IN THE DIOCESE / AROUND TOWN

### 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.'

### 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!

### TOLTON CATHOLIC ADMISSIONS DEADLINE — JAN 15

The deadline for incoming 8th graders to apply to Fr. Tolton Catholic High School for the 2022-23 school year is fast approaching! We encourage you to fill out an application for your 8th graders as soon as possible. The deadline is January 15, 2022, but the earlier the better! Please use this link to get started: <https://toltoncatholic.org/apply>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sasser at [lsasser@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:lsasser@toltoncatholic.org).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 20	Noon	Natale Serafani
Tuesday, December 21	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Wednesday, December 22	Noon	† Richard A. Heimbürger
Thursday, December 23	Noon	The States Family
Friday, December 24	5 p.m.	Everett Jenkins
Friday, December 24	7 p.m.	† Mary Rinne
Friday, December 24	Midnight	† The Wassinger Family
Saturday, December 25	9 a.m.	† Fr. Don Kemper
Saturday, December 25	5 p.m.	Everett Jenkins
Sunday, December 26	8:30 a.m.	† Michael Carr
Sunday, December 26	11 a.m.	Clemie Slif
Sunday, December 26	5 p.m.	The States Family

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' 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.

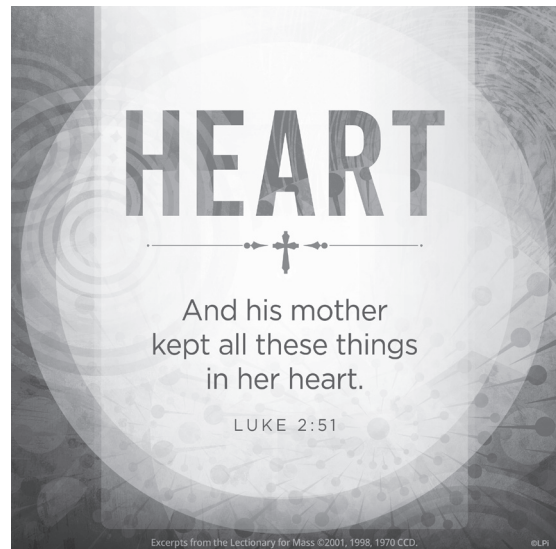
*Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention:* For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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.

Fr. Dan has an update on Fr. Joachim: "He is out of the hospital and back at the Priory. He thinks he is past the infection but is very weak and tires easily. Recovery will be slow, he thinks. He is able to respond to emails and I'm sure would enjoy cards!"

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

## HELPFUL LINKS

### VIEW THE LIVESTREAM MASS

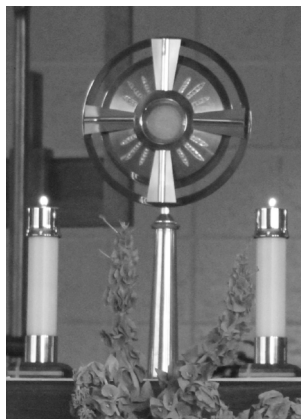
Visit [www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass](http://www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass) (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

### 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

December

*The December 11/12 finance report will be published in the next bulletin*

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