

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES (M-F)

Noon (livestreamed)

ADORATION

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Lk 2:51-52

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A CHRISTMAS UPDATE!



FR. DAN MERZ, SLD
Pastor

Come, let us adore. Let us adore the babe, the son of Mary. Our own St. John Henry Newman, as he was growing in his Catholic faith, gave the following reflection on that babe, the son of Mary, "He came by a new and living way; not, indeed, formed out of the ground, as Adam was at the first, lest He should miss the participation of our nature, but selecting and purifying unto Himself a tabernacle out of that which existed. As in the beginning, woman was formed out of man by

Almighty power, so now, by a like mystery, but a reverse order, the new Adam was fashioned from the woman. He was, as had been foretold, the immaculate 'seed of the woman,' deriving His manhood from the substance of the Virgin Mary." Remember, O Christian, your dignity. It's good for us simply to wonder, to be amazed, but most importantly, to receive the beautiful news of God revealing Himself...to you and me.

On a comparatively mundane note, I would like to reveal to you where we are with the name change request. On Wednesday, December 1, Bishop McKnight signed the letter that has subsequently been sent to Rome, to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, which requests the approval of the Congregation to change our parish patron to St. John Henry Newman and to change the title of our church to St. John Henry Newman. It was a well written letter (the work of two canon lawyers) and includes abundant documentation of the process we have gone through to demonstrate the positive reasons for these requests. Now we wait. And we trust that God's will be done.

While our parish was going through the consultation process regarding a possible name change, Bishop McKnight was also going through a process with every parish of the diocese to confirm the date when the parish was formally established and to define the boundaries of the parish (his purpose for defining boundaries is not connected so much to parish membership, but rather to the pastoral plan for the diocese that every parish should be a center of charity and sanctuary of mercy; in other words, the boundaries help the Pastors to know their responsibilities for the poor and the needy in our areas). Included in this bulletin is the decree from Bishop McKnight regarding our Parish. As you can imagine, Newman is different! We are not a territorial parish with a defined geographical area. We are a personal parish, defined by our registered membership, and the decree from Bishop McKnight defines the membership for us (which is pretty broad :). With this decree now being published in our bulletin, the decree formally takes effect. Please read through the decree carefully, and if you have questions feel free to reach out to me.

I would like to close by stating that both Fr. Paul and myself are honored and humbled to serve in this beautiful and vibrant parish. May each of you have an overwhelming experience of God's love and joy this Christmas and always!

NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Formed Now: The True Meaning of Christmas: The Manger and the House of Bread

Kids: The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn't

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

OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 31

The office will be closed on December 31; Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Happy New Year!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

There will be a Mass at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 1 to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

SAVE THE DATE: WINTER BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 23

As we open our Christmas gifts, let us remember that one of the greatest gifts is the gift of a blood donation. This can truly be a gift of life for a sister or brother in need of blood. Newman's winter blood drive will be on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 8 to 1 up in the MPR. The Red Cross has opened up registration to donate early. If you want to be an "early bird," you can sign up on-line now, simply go to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code NewmanCenterMO.

NEWMAN WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday
Jan 23**

MPR | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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. A very merry Christmas to our parish families with love from CoMo Life Teen!

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
renee.molner@comonewman.org

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



Contact - Angelle Hall
angelle.hall@comonewman.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. 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.

CEP & EDGE

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS & FAMILIES:

JOIN US FOR SERVICE NIGHT JAN 9TH

6-7:30PM/Regular EDGE time, we'll be in the MPR & MPR Kitchen working on freezer meals for Ronald McDonald House, materials for our kids programs and more. RSVPs appreciated but not required.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY, CEP & EDGE BACK JAN 9TH & 12TH

Best wishes for a safe and blessed Christmas season!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT MIDDLE SCHOOL

We have a one day retreat on Saturday, January 22nd put on by a wonderful group of young adults called the NET team. There is no cost for Confirmation students but we do need you to register in advance, check your email for details or contact Emily



Contact - Emily Shull
emily.shull@comonewman.org

KIDS CORNER

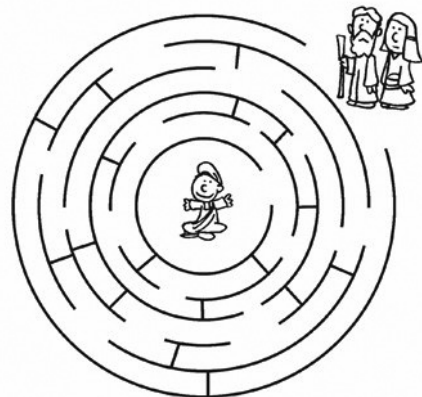
For Kids: Jesus had parents just like you and all parents have times of worry. Pray for your parents this week and anyone else who cares for you.

For Parents: Family life is full of misunderstandings and miscommunications. Take time to ask God for patience and grace to be grateful for the gifts in your family, and help with the struggles.



PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



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

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.



Contact - Emily Niehaus
nvc@comonewman.org

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 \$44,082.28 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.

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS

Are you a new Cursillista? Are you a sponsor? Are you a Cursillista looking for a group? Or are you a Cursillista looking for spiritual growth and fellowship? Join us Thursday January 6 at 7pm at Flanagan Hall (Our Lady of Lourdes) for our first Ultreya of the new year!

We especially want to recognize our newest Cursillistas from our area:

Matt Kuensting
Mark Hausam
Michael Davis
Joseph Terrana
Max Boneta
Kyle Lacy
Joe Swingle
Don Vogt
John Sullivan
Tony Lupo
Bill Fay
Tricia Vogt
Carol Fay
Julie Fuemmeler
Maria Lacy
Allison Lupo
Debbie Brucks
Cathy Wilcox

For more information contact Marcia Doll at 573-999-5066



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27	Noon	+ Charles Wilson
Tuesday, December 28	Noon	+ Marcus Neppl Family
Wednesday, December 29	Noon	+ Walter Artinger
Thursday, December 30	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Friday, December 31	9 a.m.	The States Family
Saturday, January 1	9 a.m.	+ Everett Jenkins
Saturday, January 1	5 p.m.	Brent Carney
Sunday, January 2	8:30 a.m.	+ Michael Green
Sunday, January 2	11 a.m.	+ Julie Walker
Sunday, January 2	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.

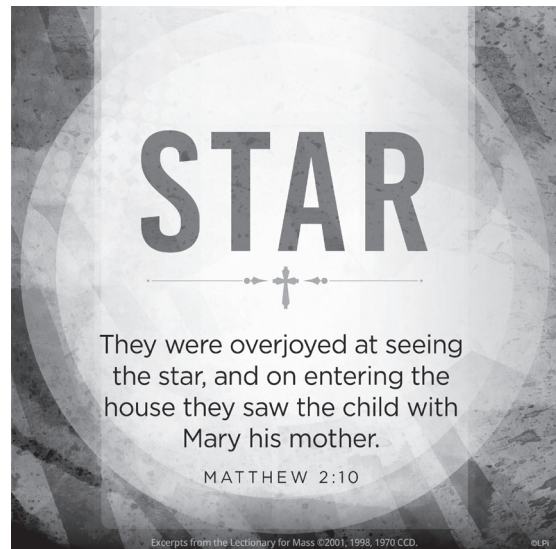
We pray for...

Those who are ill:
Everett Jenkins
Natalie Vaughn Creek

Margie Diggs who is recovering from a surgery.

Bonnie Klund

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

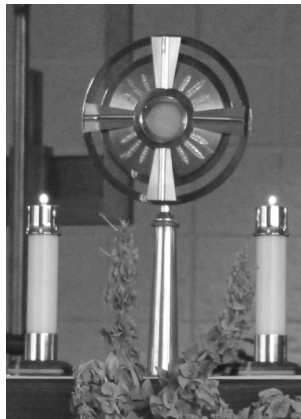
Visit www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

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.



*' Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Have a blessed
Christmas!*

PARISH FINANCES

December 11/12

Offertory*	\$20,275.03
Month-to-Date	\$61,573.68
Budget for month	\$160,000.00
Variance	- \$98,426.32

**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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