

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.

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:

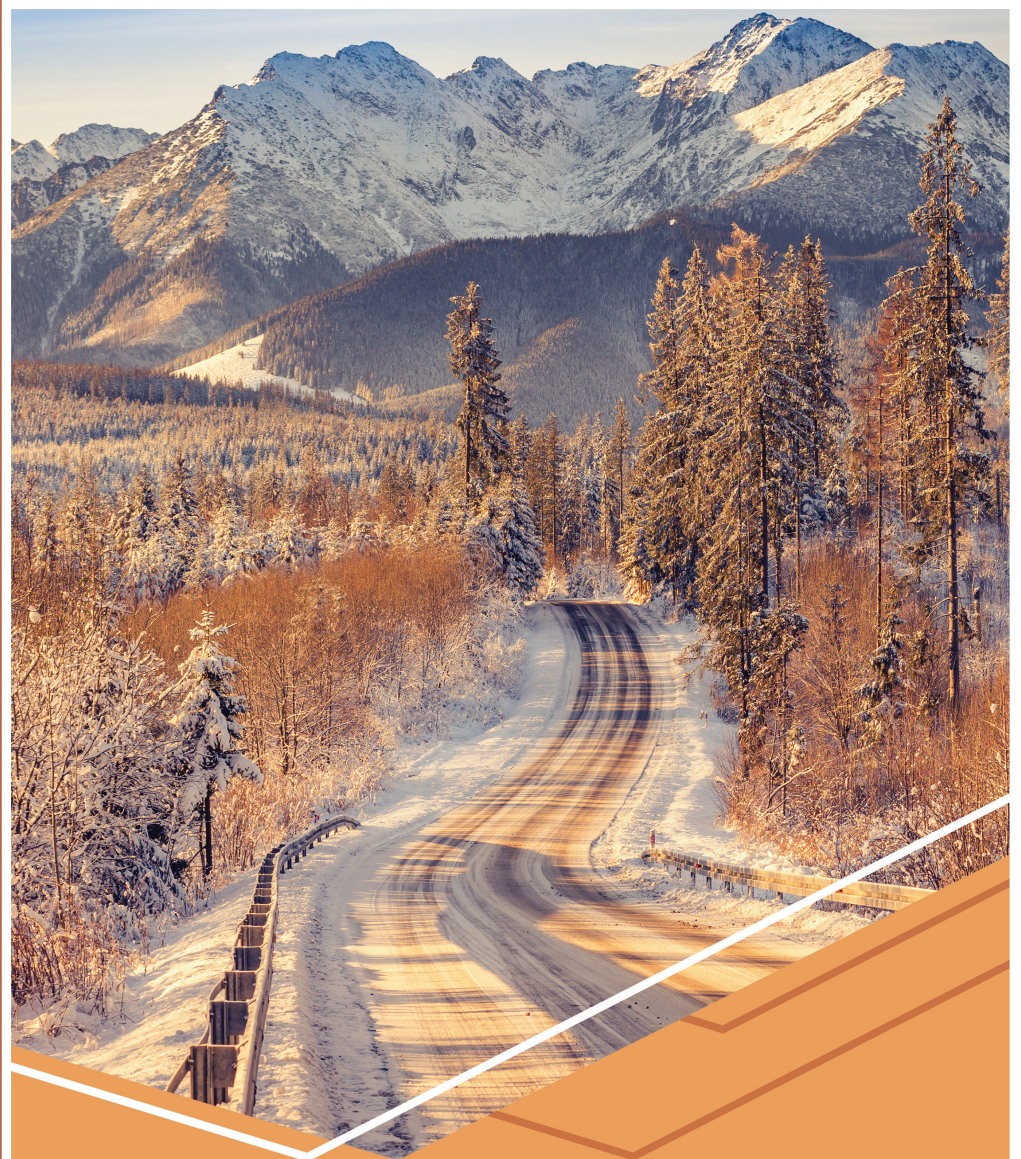
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

KEMPER-JAMES LIBRARY:

Open daily (self-service)

Reference section open

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



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6

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INVALUABLE GIFTS



YVONNE CHAMBERLAIN
Assistant Director of
Campus Ministry

As I reflect on the time that I spent as a member of this community I have nothing but amazing memories and tremendous spiritual growth filling my heart.

When I came to Newman, in the fall of 2016, I thought I'd be here for one year, to provide support on an interim basis, until a more suitable candidate could be found. In that time, I hoped to learn a little bit more about the Catholic Church, grow my prayer life, and reconnect with college students. Now, five years later, I can say

I have gained so much more.

When I arrived, I was hesitant, and lacked confidence in my knowledge of scripture, teachings of the Faith, and my ability to know these subjects. So, I shied away from sharing my testimony, thinking it was irrelevant and lacking, but this allowed me to listen and observe with intentionality. I learned pretty quickly "God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called," and that he uses everyday people to make a difference in this world.

Within a few short months, I felt I was called to Newman for a reason; one bigger than I could comprehend, yet uniquely valid. So, I decided to embrace the opportunity fully and apply for the full time position of Assistant Director of Campus Ministry. Once invited to stay on, I challenged myself to embrace, daily, who I am and to let God's work be done in and through me, in part because of how I saw his work radiating through each of you.

I grew in my knowledge of the Faith, with the guidance, support, and encouragement from so many of you; as a result, I gained confidence in who I am and *whose* I am. I will take with me many invaluable gifts:

- a more consistent and loving relationship with 'my two dads,' our heavenly one and my earthly one;
- an appreciation for religious life,
- inspiration from the lives of the saints;
- the realization that my passions in the secular world are rooted in Catholic social teaching, and align with the charisms of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL; and
- recognition that family is just as much about the community you are born into by blood and as it is the one you are baptized into in faith; just to name a few.

As I leave Columbia, I do so with pride, conviction, and trust in the Holy Spirit. Although, my next steps are unclear, and perhaps for some unsettling, I rest in faith that God knows where he is calling me next and will equip me for it too, much as he's done during my time here. My last day at Newman will be December 17.

I am eternally grateful for your contributions to my continued growth personally, spiritually and professionally. Peace and blessings to you all this holiday season and into the new year. My heart and prayers will forever be with you!

Yvonne Chamberlain

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FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Kids: Juan Diego: Messenger of Gualupe

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

59 YEARS AND STILL GROWING: AN EXPLORATION OF VATICAN II

Ever wonder about Vatican II, why it came about, what it hoped to accomplish and where we are at with doing that? Join Dr. Kevin Myers for a class that explores these questions and more, December 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. To sign up, contact rebecca@comonewman.org

THE GIVING TREE RETURNS

The Giving Tree is back at Newman this Advent! Through the Giving Tree, 15 families plus guests of St. Francis House will be able to celebrate Christmas with a gift.


All gifts, no matter the method you give, must be at The Newman Center by Sunday, December 5th. Thank you!

NEXT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Please join the St. Thomas More Newman Center International Women's Group on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 11a.m. We will meet at the Thornbrook Community Club House (7300 Thornbrook Pkwy). Please bring a light snack to share and a small gift to exchange. No RSVP required. If you need directions, more information or a ride, please call Laura Ruggiero @ 573-268-0095.

CSA PARISH UPDATE

For the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, our Parish Goal is \$70,380. As of this past Sunday we have received \$41,195.62! Thank you for your continued generosity as we make progress towards our parish goal. If you have any questions about CSA, contact Fr. Dan!



Catholic
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Each gift, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the diocese, makes a very real difference. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going online to diojeffcity.org and clicking the "Donate Now" button.

"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



COMO LIFE TEEN: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

LIFE NIGHTS RESUME THIS SUNDAY!

Join us for Life Night tonight (12/5)! We'll be discussing the emotion of anger, how good can come from it, and what pitfalls we need to avoid. 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. Next week (12/12) will be our Christmas party, so don't miss out!

FALL SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

Check out our social media for our fall schedule and more info! Our spring schedule will be released soon. 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

CANDLELIGHT STUDENT MASS

The 8 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 12 will be a Candelit Mass! Come join us for this beautiful celebration of the Mass

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
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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!

DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR CEP, EDGE & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Wednesday CEP is finished due to the celebration of the Immaculate Conception this week. CEP & EDGE will finish up next Sunday December 12th. Children's Liturgy will continue through 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: Ask Jesus to forgive you for what you've done wrong so your heart may meet Him with joy this Christmas

For Parents: If your family is able to, plan to participate in the parish penance service on Dec 15th. If not, plan at least to take time for an examination of conscience and share the Act of Contrition together.



PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

BAPTIZED
FORGIVEN
ISAIAH

JOHN
DESERT
STRAIGHT

CROOKED
SMOOTH
ROUGH

C	I	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N
R	O	U	G	H	L	O	Y	U	L
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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 church entryway of our parish. Last month, 136 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.

AFGHAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP GIVING TREE

Newman has answered the call for help to sponsor Afghan refugees. This sponsorship includes financial responsibility for food, housing, furnishings, clothing, personal effects and transportation. One way we have opted to collect funds for this sponsorship is via gift cards and cash donations. The volunteer group will receive notice of assignment approximately 48 hours prior to the family's arrival. Here are the ways you can help:

- Take an envelope from the tree labeled Afghan Refugee Sponsorship Giving Tree. Purchase the gift card noted on the envelope and return it to the mailbox next to the tree.
- Give online at www.comonewman.org (click "Give" and select "Afghan Refugee Fund")

Given the short time between notice of arrival and arrival, we ask you to consider assisting as quickly as possible.

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

JOB OPENINGS AT FR. TOLTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School currently has openings for the following positions:

- Accounting Assistant - Part-time
- Custodian - Part-time (evenings and weekends)
- Substitute Teachers

For more detailed job descriptions, please visit: <https://toltoncatholic.org/job-openings>.

NEXT NEWMAN NIGHT @ THE FOOD BANK: DEC 14

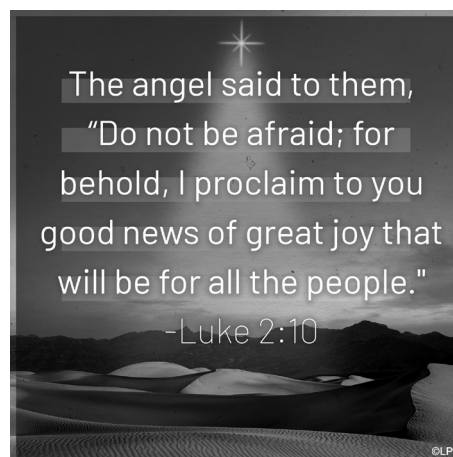
The Food Bank for Central & Northeast MO is asking we volunteer on the second Tuesday of each month. The hours are from 5:30-7:30. The Food Bank requires all volunteers to set up a profile. If you have questions, or need help setting up a profile, please call Gloria Young at 573-673-3070.

Visit our website "ministries" page to sign up:
www.comonewman.org/service-justice/

LOAVES AND FISHES DECEMBER 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 6	Noon	Special Intention for Alana
Tuesday, December 7	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Tuesday, December 7	5 p.m.	
Wednesday, December 8	Noon	+ Barbara Havas
Wednesday, December 8	7 p.m.	The States Family
Thursday, December 9	Noon	+ David Otto
Friday, December 10	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Saturday, December 11	5 p.m.	+ Theresa Hall
Sunday, December 12	8:30 a.m.	Everett Jenkins
Sunday, December 12	11 a.m.	Marie Clark
Sunday, December 12	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, December 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

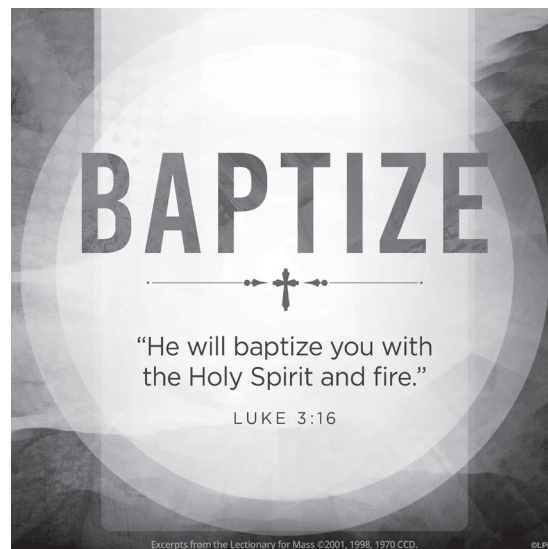
Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.



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

November 27/28

Offertory*	\$18,711.88
Month-to-Date	\$111,732.42
Budget for month	\$96,000.00
Variance	+ \$15,732.42

**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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