

Lets GET BACK TO IT



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— PARISH —

Dear Newman family,

The call of the Gospel is a continual exhortation to get back to living, back to loving, back to faith and hope. And each time, it's really a call to get back deeper, because at the height of the pandemic, we were never called to stop living, loving, believing and hoping. Once baptized, the Holy Spirit will never leave us...or leave us alone! Though without ever compelling us.

Two thousand twenty-two will be a dynamic year of faith! I state that unequivocally! And each of you are called into that dynamism.

The past two years have been an opportunity for a lot of folks to rethink and reset even. What's most important? What do I really want to live my life for?

Those two years were God-given, as are those questions. Whether you've given them a lot of thought or only a little, please ask one more question: God, what do you want me to live my life for? Ask that question and hold on, because He's always excited to be invited into our lives. And He'll let you know! At Newman, we have lots of ideas for getting back to it. Three things stand out for me as your Pastor:

1. We want to put a lot of emphasis on adult faith formation, particularly in fostering faith sharing or bible study groups.
2. We want to go deeper in learning to pray over each other for healing in mind, body, and spirit. And
3. We want to increase our footprint in the



community through service and justice toward the poor and needy. In my own listening to the Gospel, and attention to the Holy Spirit's permanent presence, those three stand out as ways to give back to the Lord. Which is what stewardship is all about!

Newman, of course, has many more things going on for you to be part of, through prayer, participation, and sacrificial giving.

Most important is what the Holy Spirit gives you to give back. In fact, a much better title for this article is: "Let's Give Back To It!" Let's give back to our Church, our faith, and our God. Let's fill the Church and this town with our praying, our acting, and our giving. The Spirit gives. Let's give back, too!

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Dan Merz

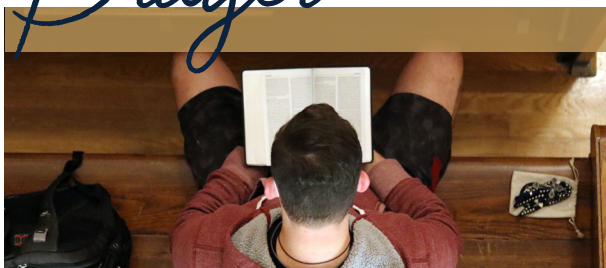
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P.S. - Visit comonewman.org/stewardship for more information. God bless!

Growing as a steward

A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts, cultivates them, and returns them with an increase back to God. At Newman, we respond to this call to stewardship through the four pillars of prayer, hospitality, formation, and service.

Prayer



- Sunday & Weekday Liturgies
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Parish Mission & Retreat Days
- Sacramental Preparation
- Korean Legion of Mary

Formation



- Small Group Bible Studies
- Children's Religious Education
- High School Youth Ministry
- Adult Faith Formation Classes
- RCIA

Hospitality



- Campus Ministry
- Worship Ministries
- Homebound & Hospital Ministry
- Funeral Meal Ministry
- Parish Picnic & Trivia Nights

Service



- Knights of Columbus
- Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen
- Food Bank & Food Pantry
- Giving Tree at Christmas
- Blood Drive

Your Offertory Giving Options

How, when, and how much you give should be a prayerful decision as you discern how to steward the gifts God has given you. Newman provides many options to make the actual process of making a gift easy for you. Select the option which is best for your household. Know that your gift is greatly appreciated and that our parish community could not serve without your “yes!”

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer (most preferred electronic giving option)

Using EFT allows you to set up an automatic transfer from your bank account to Newman on a monthly or bi-weekly basis. Neither you nor Newman incurs fees for this transaction so 100% of your gift goes to Newman. To utilize this option, fill out the back of your intention card and return with a voided check. Future changes must be submitted in writing (mail or email) and generally must be made with two weeks advance notice.

Envelopes

Upon registering with the parish, all households will begin to receive Sunday envelopes, unless you have signed up for a recurring giving method. Placing your envelope in the basket each week is a reminder of your sacrificial gift to the parish! Envelopes for “special collections” are sent quarterly, even if you have an automatic monthly/weekly gift established.

Check/Cash

In lieu of envelopes, you can also place cash or checks in the basket. Checks will still be credited to your giving account. Loose cash cannot be tracked in this way, though your gift

is still appreciated!

Venmo

Through the Venmo app on your phone, you can give directly from your bank account to Newman and incur no fees. (Search for @comoneyman)

Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account Online

You can give online at <https://comoneyman.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can set up your gift at any time and can choose the day of the month your gift is withdrawn. With this option, Newman incurs 1%-3% in fees with each transaction.

Non-Traditional Options

Many parishioners are finding ways to give which allow them to give more with reduced tax implications. Giving from your IRA (if you're over 70.5), gifting appreciated securities, or giving through your annuity are all potential ways to give either monthly or annually. Depending on your situation, the potential tax benefits may allow you to “stretch” your giving dollars farther!

If giving directly from your IRA, annuity, or a similar avenue, you will need Newman's FEIN (#43-0810514). Contact Newman or your financial advisor for more information.

Stewardship Council

It's a new council and we're looking for those to serve.

The Stewardship Council will work with the pastor, parish staff and ministry leaders to educate, engage and empower the parish community about the spirituality of Stewardship. They oversee the annual Stewardship renewal process which includes the planning, communication and development of material, recruiting and training lay witnesses and leading the accountability of the Stewardship way of life. Meeting day and time to be determined. To fill out an interest form visit comonewman.org/parish-family-2

COR AD COR CIRCLE



The Cor Ad Cor Circle recognizes those who have made an investment in the future of St. Thomas More Newman Center by including a gift to Newman in their will or trust, naming Newman as a beneficiary of retirement assets or life insurance, or some other type of planned gift.

If you have questions, or would like information about the Stewardship Council, Cor Ad Cor Circle, or already have Newman in your will, please contact Lori Benson at lori@comonewman.org