

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ!

This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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## FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Formed Now: The Magi

Kids: Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree

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

## LIBRARY OPEN FOR SELF SERVICE

The library is only open for self service from now through January 16. The 8Reference section will be open again beginning January 16 on T-W-Th from 10-12.

## STEWARDSHIP IS ABOUT CARING FOR YOUR FAMILIES

Stewardship is the act of being a steward. A steward is a person given responsibility to care for something of value, something we treasure. Stewardship is about taking care of something considered worth caring for and preserving.

Stewardship starts with you.

To be a good Steward you must take care of yourself first. Your overall health and well-being. Your relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Once you're taken care of then look at the people and communities most important to you. Remember, the first paragraph about being a good steward, anything worth caring for and preserving.

Stewardship is about caring for your families. That includes our church families.

As we prepare to enter the season of stewardship in the coming weeks look first at yourself, then those you love and the things that mean the most to you.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

## SAVE THE DATE: WINTER BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 23

From Parishioner Bob Heinz: Most of fall and into winter I have been getting emails from the Red Cross about the continuing shortage of blood; things have not gotten back to normal after COVID. We at Newman can do something about this problem. Our 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](http://redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code Ne

## 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



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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

### COLLEGE STUDENT SILENT RETREAT WITH FR. PAUL CLARK

Save the date! Thursday, January 13th, 4 pm - Friday, January 14, 2022 at 3 pm. Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka, MO. Cost is \$50, includes private room (linens provided), private bathroom, all meals. Open to college students at the Newman Centers in the Diocese of Jefferson City (and college student age in our diocese) including ours, the Truman Newman Center and the Rolla Newman Center. Only 15 spots available!



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## NEWMAN WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Give the  
Gift of Life



Sunday  
Jan 23

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

## 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



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## KIDS CORNER

**For Kids:** The Kings gave Jesus beautiful gifts. How can you thank someone who gave you a wonderful gift?

**For Parents:** Gifts are a huge part of our celebrations, and we owe this tradition to the Kings. Talk together about the gifts you most enjoyed giving and receiving this year.



## PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men  
child  
born

king  
star  
worship

Mary  
gifts  
dream

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## MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



## 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.



Contact - Emily Niehaus  
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### 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.

## 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 \$45,249.45 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).

### 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, January 3    | Noon      | Everett Jenkins    |
| Tuesday, January 4   | Noon      | The Carney Family  |
| Wednesday, January 5 | Noon      | + James Carr       |
| Thursday, January 6  | Noon      | + Joe Miles        |
| Friday, January 7    | Noon      | + Stephanie Isaacs |
| Saturday, January 8  | 5 p.m.    | Gary & Amy Halbert |
| Sunday, January 9    | 8:30 a.m. | + Michael Greene   |
| Sunday, January 9    | 11 a.m.   | + Stephanie Isaacs |
| Sunday, January 9    | 5 p.m.    | All Parishioners   |

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' January Prayer Intention:* We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

*Bishop McKnight's January Prayer Intention:* As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season.

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

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERINGS



Our Christmas flowers this year were made possible by contributions made in honor and memory of the following people:

Larry & Christa Katz  
Sue Katz  
Erika Voss  
John & Helen Sheehan  
Mike Miller  
Jim Miller  
Jim Buehrig  
Manil Hahm  
Jungsoon Jun  
Cathy Hays  
Juanita Hough  
Paul Kerpash  
Marry Ann Kerpash  
Donald Schmit  
Nancy Schmit  
George & Elayne Busche  
Barbara Clark  
Monty Raine  
Ed Bier  
Shawna Bier  
Theresa Lisatano  
Brenda Bruner  
Angie Bruner  
Ernie Vaughn

Harvey Klepper  
Leri Vaughn  
Fr. Pat Quinn  
Mattie Klepper  
Fr. Charles Pardee  
Colette & Mike Wagner  
Hilda & Fred Mann  
Delia & Norbert Feddema  
Charles J. Feddema  
Taylor Nicole Sundet  
Charles Schulz  
Mabel Schulz  
Emil & Mary Elsenraat  
Beth Zumwalt  
Philip & Clarine Stoecklein  
Harry Pritchard  
Barbara Hemm  
Julia Darcy  
Natalie Beishir  
Mother and Granparents of  
Mary McCollum  
*Those who celebrate Christmas alone*

## 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.



## PARISH FINANCES

December 18/19

|                  |   |              |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| Offertory*       |   | \$36,098.08  |
| Month-to-Date    |   | \$97,671.76  |
| Budget for month |   | \$160,000.00 |
| Variance         | - | \$62,328.24  |

*\*This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Pastoral Staff

Pastor | Fr. Dan Merz, SLD | [frdan](mailto:frdan)  
Associate Pastor | Fr. Paul Clark | [frclark](mailto:frclark)  
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### Campus Ministry

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