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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:

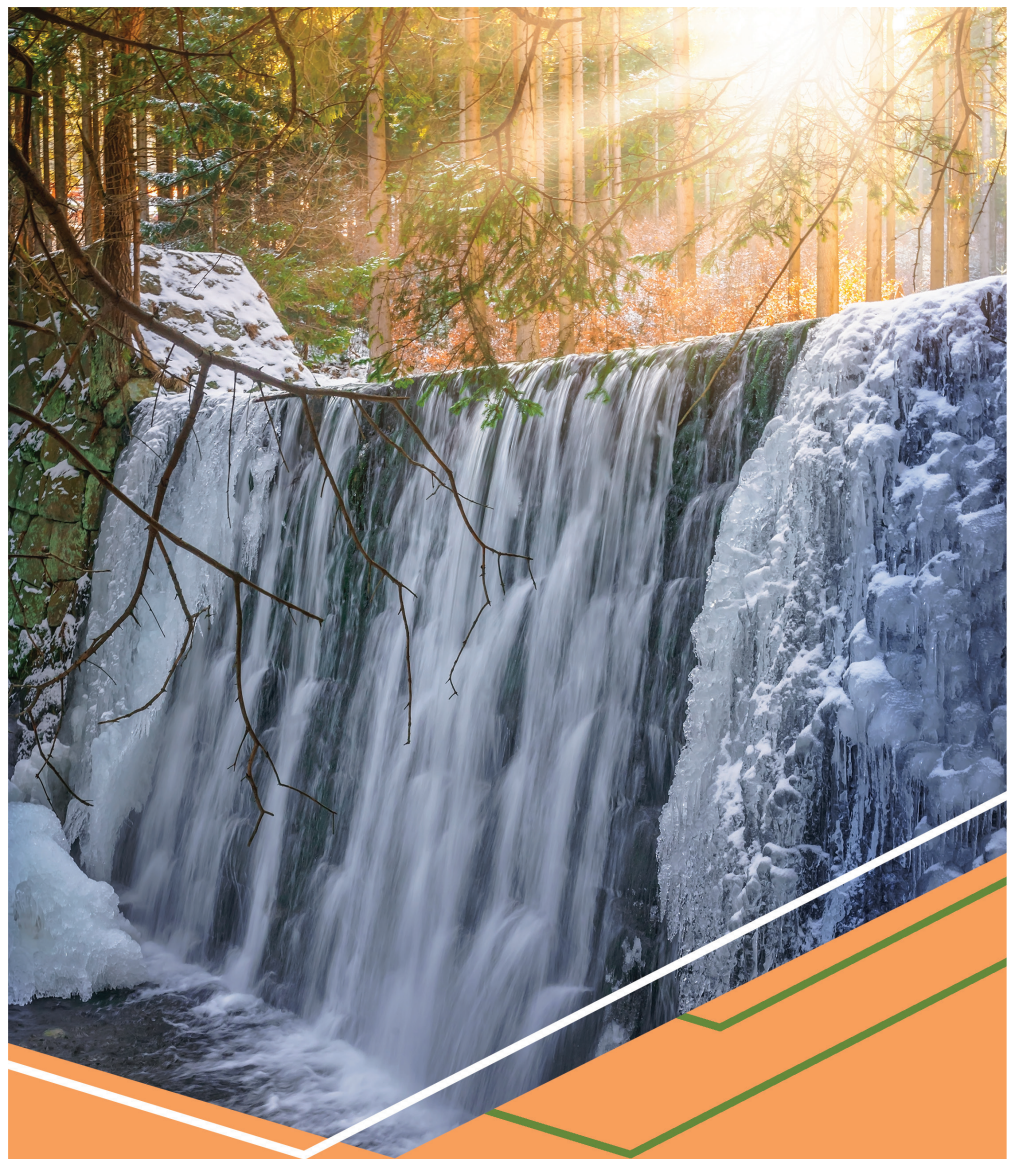
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

KEMPER-JAMES LIBRARY:

Open daily (self-service)

Reference section open

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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COME, FOLLOW ME



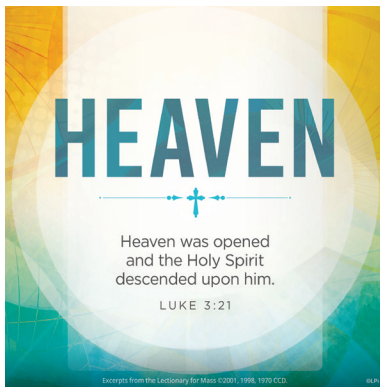
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“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into

trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Reborn

Kids: Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism

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

LIBRARY OPEN FOR SELF SERVICE

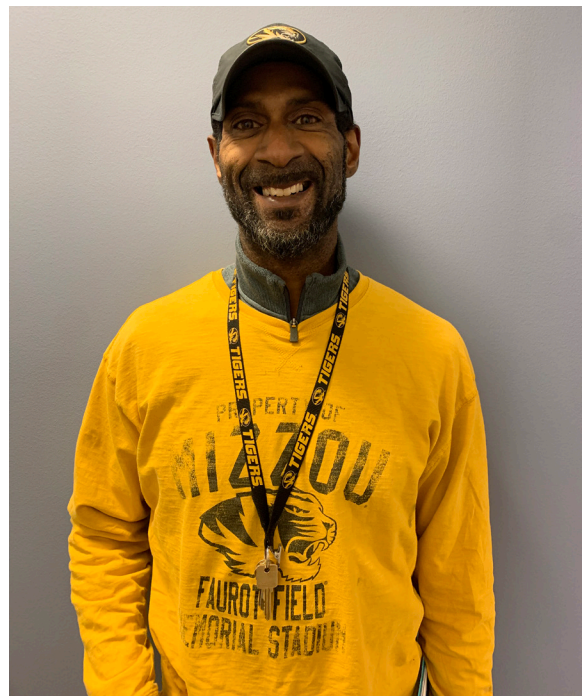
The library is only open for self service from now through January 16. The 8Reference section will be open again beginning January 16 on T-W-Th from 10-12.

SAVE THE DATE: WINTER BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 23

From Parishioner Bob Heinz: Our Newman Community is called upon when things get tough...like the weather in January and our continuing battle with COVID 19. The Red Cross is always struggling to keep an adequate supply of blood, and we can help. Newman's annual winter blood drive will be Sunday, Jan. 23, from 8 am to 1 pm upstairs in the MPR. We will be signing folks up to donate blood or to volunteer to help at the drive next Sunday at all of the Masses in the gathering space. This is best done online by going to redcrossblood.org and using the sponsor code: NewmanCenterMO. Remember, you may also use "Rapid Pass, which is a way of doing your donation health histories on your computer at home (or iPhone) in the morning before arriving; this can save time in the donation room helping things to run more smoothly. (Just go to redcrossblood.org/rapidpass)

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER: VIRGIL HORN

Virgil joined our staff as our maintenance technician/custodian just a few weeks ago, so you may have already seen him working around the building. If you see him, be sure to say hello and introduce yourself. Welcome, Virgil!



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



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.

CEP, EDGE & CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUME THIS WEEK

Children's Liturgy, Sunday CEP & EDGE are back today, January 9th & the Wednesday group resumes January 12th.

SUNDAY CEP, EDGE & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OFF JAN 16

Sunday events are taking a break in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Wednesday CEP begins a week later so they will not take a day off.

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: Read about the Baptism of Jesus this week and talk to your family about your Baptism.

For Parents: Spend some time as a family this week talking about the Baptism of your child or children. Why was it an important day? What do you remember? Who was there and why are those people so special to you?

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

A	J	T	U	A	R	B	Y	W	E	N
H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	O
E	H	A	I	T	O	S	U	F	A	M
J	N	E	G	Y	W	A	T	E	R	E
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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, 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

NEXT NEWMAN NIGHT @ THE FOOD BANK: JANUARY 11

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: JANUARY 12

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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Contact - Emily Niehaus
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IN THE DIOCESE / AROUND TOWN

CSA PARISH UPDATE

For the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, our Parish Goal is \$70,380. As of this past Sunday we have received \$49,379.45 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT FISH FRY — JAN 21

KofC council #14414 of Sacred Heart parish is hosting a benefit fish fry on January 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 at Bur Oak Brewery, 8250 Trade Center Drive. Menu includes a generous portion of fish, our famous fresh potato chips, and slaw. Price is \$15/meal for dine-in or carryout. Proceeds will benefit victims of recent natural disasters. Bur Oak is generously offering a portion of their beer sales during the event toward our cause. Come join us for great food and their fine products. Take I-70 east to exit 133, go south, look for signs.

A STEWARD'S WAY

WHAT ARE YOUR UNIQUE GIFTS AND TALENTS?

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares those gifts with others. You use your gifts every day – in your family, career, volunteering, and free time. But have you taken the time to identify and name your gifts – and give thanks to God for giving them to you?

Discovering our gifts first begins in conversation with God. Hearing how God is calling us to respond begins with prayer. In developing a daily habit of prayer, we become better listeners and more adept at understanding how God is calling us.

We can also use tools to help us discern our gifts and possible ministry areas. Gifted to Serve is an online tool that we can use as a guide to discover areas of giftedness and how we might use those gifts to serve God. If you would like to go through the Gifted to Serve discovery (It takes about 5 minutes), you can find one online through the Diocese of Wichita's website (click the link under "Gifted to Serve"). Once completed you will get an email outlining your scores and breaking down the descriptions for service.

As we enter our annual Season of Stewardship, you can use this tool as you discern your prayerful response to our parish for 2022.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10	Noon	Everett Jenkins
Tuesday, January 11	Noon	+ Elizabeth Posch
Wednesday, January 12	Noon	+ James Carr Jr.
Thursday, January 13	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Friday, January 14	Noon	+ The Joseph Fick Family
Saturday, January 15	5 p.m.	+ The Holthaus Family
Sunday, January 16	8:30 a.m.	+ Natale Serafini
Sunday, January 16	11 a.m.	+ Frank Hennessey
Sunday, January 16	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.

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.

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	Harvey Klepper
Sue Katz	Leri Vaughn
Erika Voss	Fr. Pat Quinn
John & Helen Sheehan	Mattie Klepper
Mike Miller	Fr. Charles Pardee
Jim Miller	Colette & Mike Wagner
Jim Buehrig	Hilda & Fred Mann
Manil Hahm	Delia & Norbert Feddema
Jungsoon Jun	Charles J. Feddema
Cathy Hays	Taylor Nicole Sundet
Juanita Hough	Charles Schulz
Paul Kerpash	Mabel Schulz
Marry Ann Kerpash	Emil & Mary Elsenraat
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Nancy Schmit	Philip & Clarine Stoecklein
George & Elayne Busche	Harry Pritchard
Barbara Clark	Barbara Hemm
Monty Raine	Julia Darcy
Ed Bier	Natalie Beishir
Shawna Bier	Mother and Granparents of
Theresa Lisatano	Mary McCollum
Brenda Bruner	<i>Those who celebrate Christmas</i>
Angie Bruner	<i>alone</i>
Ernie Vaughn	

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.



PARISH FINANCES

December 25/26 Offertory	\$53,997.86
January 1/2 Offertory	\$12,550.11
December to Date	\$151,669.62
Budget for December	\$160,000.00
Variance for December	(\$8,330.38)

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