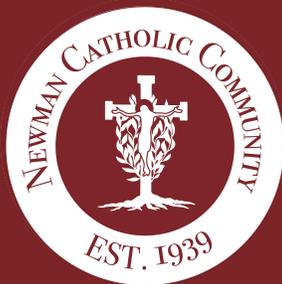


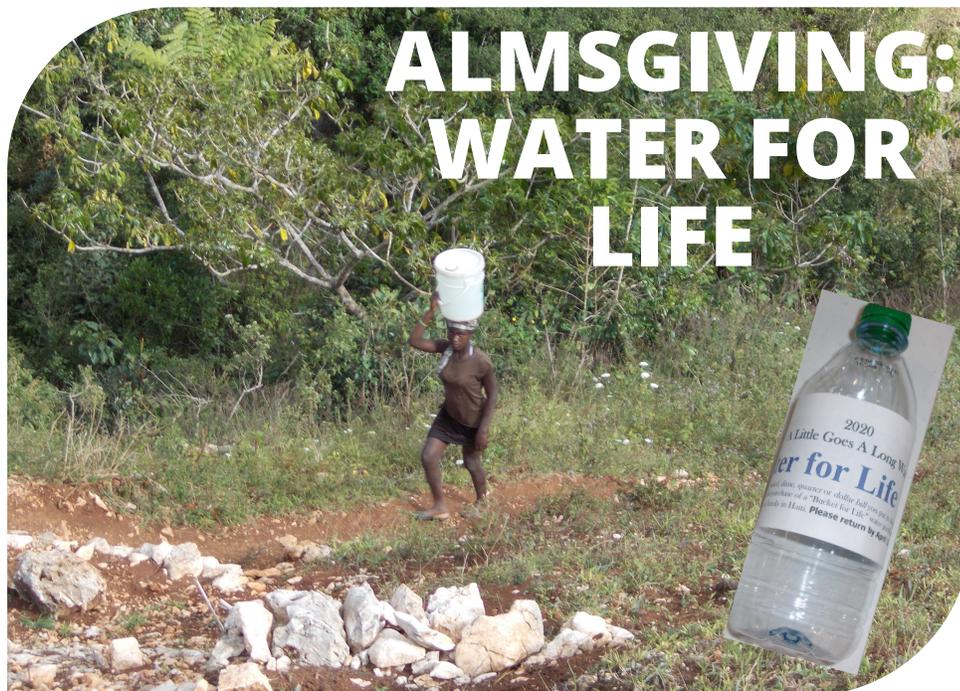
MARCH 22ND, 2020



FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# Newman Catholic Community

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## From the Word

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."- JN 8:12

## Mass Schedule

Sunday: 11 am  
Tuesday: 5 pm  
Friday: 6:30 am

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
The center & chapel are open 24/7.

## Reconciliation

Tuesday: 3:30-4:30 pm  
Wednesday: 8:00-9:00 pm  
or call 217-345-3332

## Adoration

Wednesday: 8:00-9:00 pm

## After Hours

After hours door code: hope\* (4673\*)

## Our Mission

To invite the EIU community into transforming relationships with Christ and one another, empowering all to create a lasting impact in the world.

## More Information

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## Daily Mass Scriptures

Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Mass Intentions Week of March 22nd, 2020

### Sunday, March 22nd

11:00 am: For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday, March 24th

5:00 pm: Donald Forhan

### Friday, March 27th

6:30 am: Maureen Ankenbrand

### Sunday, March 29th

11:00 am: For the People of the Parish

## Early Bird Series



As of this writing we are still offering our Early Bird Series. It happens on **Fridays. It begins with Mass at 6:30 am.** Immediately following Mass we gather for a light breakfast and discussion. This year's topic: *The Ten Commandments*. This week Doris Nordin will present on the 5th & 7th commandment. We end promptly at 7:45 am giving folks the chance to get to work.

Even if you cannot stay for the breakfast and discussion, please plan on coming to Mass at 6:30 am as part of your "extra" prayer time during the Lenten season.

## Time of Prayer



In times of crisis we are called to live the gospel more deeply. Our response is one that St. John Paul II used often in quoting Jesus: *Be Not Afraid*.

We are invited to use this time as a time of prayer: for those who are sick, for those who have died, for our world, for our nation, for our health care workers and first responders, for our civic leaders, for those who have lost their jobs, and for those who are just feeling anxious and uncertain.

The St. Philip Neri Chapel will remain open throughout this time. It is here as a sacred space to be with our Lord and to place our trust in the great healer: Jesus Christ. The door off of the parking lot will be left unlocked.



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## A View from My Window



Today's story of the man born blind is a familiar biblical narrative. It is a wonderful reading, but challenging to understand. It can be preached many different ways. I want to share what Richard Gaillardetz writes in his reflection on this passage. He would call it "Seeing beyond the Miracle."

He speaks of sight being a metaphor for "faith in Jesus and the life of discipleship." He follows the blind man's progression in "seeing" who Jesus is as he responds to questions from neighbors, the Pharisees and finally Jesus:

- How were your eyes opened? *The man called Jesus*
- What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes? *He is a prophet*
- Do you believe in the Son of Man? *Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?*
- The one speaking with you is he. *I do believe, Lord*, and he worshiped him.

My take away from our friend the blind man: **God meets us where we are.** God takes the initiative, and then God does something cool, **he does not leave us there.** God gives us the grace to respond to his gratuitous gift. It is up to us to make the next good step. My thoughts are words we all could come to on our own, but we need to hear this story of healing and the unfolding events to remind us of the invitation of faith.

Like the blind man, we have our *the man called Jesus* moments. Too often this is where we leave it. Sometimes though, we find ourselves uttering the words, *he is a prophet*. But the scales really fall away from our eyes when we cast our nets into the deep and utter, *who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?* What a critical step that one is for us. It is at this moment when we allow ourselves to fully enter into the mystery of who Jesus is that we are transformed and can answer: *I do believe, Lord.*

Lent is our time to see *beyond the miracle*, so we can enter more deeply into our encounter with Christ. An encounter which invites us to let go of our own illusions of who we are and who God is, and to engage the One who will give us all we can dream and more.

Happy Lent, and know of my prayers for you!

Roy



## A Time to Heal

Throughout the Lenten season we will be offering the

opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Times are: Tuesdays: 3:30-4:30 pm or Wednesdays: 8-9 pm. In practicing social distancing we are asking folks to consider receiving the Sacrament from behind the screen.



## This will Happen Again



Hanging out as a community is part of the joy of being in college. Some would argue it is just as important as what happens inside the classroom. As we meet the challenge of COVID19, and all it demands of us as a nation, allow your minds and hearts to go out to all the world and wrap them in prayer.

As part of our small efforts to keep us together, think about "coming together" each day at 1 pm via social media to pray for those most effected by the virus and to support one another on the journey!

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