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Sacramental LIFE

Baptism preparation is required for parents and godparents, preferably before the birth of the child.

Marriage preparation is required for every Catholic planning to get married—regardless of where or to whom. Please contact Fr. Bob **at least** nine months before the wedding to be made aware of proper guidelines.

Reconciliation is normally celebrated at Saint Francis Xavier on Saturday from 4:30-5:00pm and at the Newman Center on Tuesday after 5:15pm Mass.

Mass SCHEDULE

Saint Francis Xavier
Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 9:00am (with Child Care and Kiddies Bible) & 12:15pm (Spanish)
Monday 12:15pm; Friday 5:30pm

Newman Center
Sunday 11:15am & (when SIU is in session) 5:15pm
Tuesday, and Thursday at 5:15pm
Wednesday, 9:00 am

Saint Andrew Church (618-687-2012)
724 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL
Mass on Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 11:00am

Saint Andrew Parish School (618-687-2013)
723 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL

The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021

Welcome, New Parishioners and New Students!
Please register.

Thoughts FROM…

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. There are two possible choices for each of the first two readings. Taken all together with the gospel, the result is a rich presentation of the benefits and responsibilities of baptism. To be baptized is to be marked as one of God's chosen. That is an exalted position to be in, but there are obligations involved.

Although over half a century has passed since Vatican II, the sense that baptism is a magic ritual that guarantees our salvation persists. Such a superficial approach does a grave disservice to the first sacrament that each of us receives. There is no magic involved, nor even a guarantee of salvation since we are free to reject it. What we do receive in baptism is the gift of becoming an adopted child of God and inclusion as a member of the Body of Christ. Just as with Jesus, the Holy Spirit descends upon us to help us discern the will of God in our lives.

There can be no doubt that living our lives as chosen ones of God will require the help of the Holy Spirit. As both our first two readings make clear, we are identified as God's chosen by our actions. Just as Isaiah admonished the Israelites, our covenant with God requires that we act as a light for the nations, free prisoners from confinement, and liberate those who live in darkness. No small task that! Both Peter and John re-iterated the importance of following God's commandments and acting uprightly.

Through Scripture, Isaiah, Peter, and John still speak to us today. We cannot claim ignorance of the important fact that being Christians is not merely a label. It is a call to action. His baptism marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and it must inspire ours, too. Each of us must shoulder our responsibility to bring the light of Christ to the world.

…Dawn

Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Our deepest sympathy to Steve and Patricia Broemmel in the recent death of Steve's brother, Robert "Bo" Broemmel, who died December 28, 2020. Please keep Bo and his family in your prayers.

The Baptism of the Lord, Feast

God Shows No Partiality. Saint Peter speaks the truth. God is impartial. For everyone who acts uprightly is acceptable. Everyone. Politics may be partisan at times, but Christians can never be. Indeed, Baptism makes us all alike – with differing gifts and charisms – but all in the image of Christ whose name we bear. God says to us as well: "I am well pleased."

- Because of Baptism, how will I cherish even those not like me?
- What will I do today to bear the image of Christ?
- To whom will I say, because of this _____, I am well pleased?

Congratulations to the newest member of our community, Harper Remy Looft, infant daughter of Justin and Courtney Looft. Harper was baptized at Saint Francis Xavier on December 29, 2020.

Dear Parish FAMILY

Happy New Year and a blessed Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! As we celebrate this important feast day, it marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

How appropriate that this feast is the transition between the birth of our Savior and the beginning of his public ministry. May it also be for us a *renewal* of our own commitment to be of service and help to our families, our parish, and the other civic and community organizations and places where there is need of our help and assistance, even done safely during this pandemic time.

And how unusual Christmas was this year during the pandemic! Very different for all of us. I missed seeing my family in person in Kansas wanting to stay safe for myself and others. Fortunately, as a volunteer chaplain at Memorial hospital, I was given the Covid-19 vaccine on December 30th and will receive my second follow-up shot on January 30th. Hopefully, everyone will be able to be vaccinated by springtime or soon after.

This is a reminder to **please always wear your face masks correctly** covering your mouth and your nose. This is the official guideline from the Center for Disease Control. This is true always, but especially for us in church, so we do not have to close in-person Masses or other sacraments to our faithful. Thank you for your cooperation with this important and necessary guideline. I know it is not always easy orcomfortable, but proper mask wearing is what we are asked to do for ourselves and others—the common good.

This Sunday, January 10th, at 2 pm <u>we will take down our Christmas decorations</u> including our nativity scene, banners, wreaths, window trimmings, Christmas trees, etc. If you can, please help us out with this annual project. It obviously goes much faster to take down everything, so we should be finished in an hour if we get a number of volunteers. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

A year ago, this past fall, Pope Francis instituted a **Sunday dedicated to the Word of God** which will be held every year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary time. The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time this year is the weekend of January 23rd and 24th. Last year both Newman Center and Saint Francis Xavier gave out Bibles so that everyone can use them more regularly in their spiritual and liturgical lives. I hope you have been able to do so, and that your life of personal prayer and worship have been enhanced!

Pope Francis also declared last month that the **year 2021** is **dedicated to Saint Joseph** as it is <u>the 150th anniversary of him being declared the **Protector of the Universal Church**</u>. May we ask Saint Joseph to join us in prayer to God for his assistance in protecting our church, our country, and our world.

God's peace, *Fr. Bob* Pastor/Chaplain

Happening-Sr. Barbara Blesse, OP

As we enter 2021, we are filled with gratitude that FINALLY there is a vaccine to counteract the coronavirus and usher in a modicum of relief for all of us who comprise the whole of humanity. We still have a long way to go and so there is the continuing need to wear masks, social distance and wash hands frequently for the sake of the common good. In an article I read last week by Joanna Macy she describes our country as "the most hyper-individualized country in the world." If there is any truth to that, I wonder if that is what keeps us from acknowledging the reality that we are so interconnected that we breathe the same air. Given that scientific truth, surely our God calls each of us to be mindful of the others around us and to do what we can to care for all within our circle of influence in whatever way possible.

We continue to pray our **Litany of Thanks During a Pandemic**:

Reliant upon scientists and researchers, lab technicians, and scholars seeking to understand the Covid-19 virus, and pharmaceutical companies working on a vaccine and a cure, we thank you, O Lord.

Appreciating the truckers and delivery persons who bring medical supplies, protective equipment, food and other essentials to our stores and our homes, and for manufacturers who produce protective equipment and for store clerks who make them available, we thank you, O Lord.

Dependent upon essential workers, police, fire personnel, paramedics, trash haulers, postal workers, store clerks, and all who work at their own risk to serve the public, we thank you, O Lord.

In gratitude for food producers, preparers, and servers, we thank you, O Lord.

Understanding our public health authorities, local administrators, mayors, school administrators and all who have made decisions during the pandemic seeking to protect our common good, we thank you, O Lord.

Aware of opportunities discovered during the pandemic, new friends and acquaintances, services rendered, experiences enjoyed anew, and challenges faced and met, we thank you, O Lord.

Dependent upon all who reached out to those in need with gifts to food banks, errands run, and other gifts of time, talent, or treasure, we thank you, O Lord.

[Written by parishioner Suzanne Schmitz…part 2 & 3 of 4]

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	**January 9, Vigil: Baptism of the Lord**
5:30 PM	Rita, Cletus and Tom Albert
Sunday	**January 10, Baptism of the Lord**
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday	January 11, Weekday
12:15 PM	Rita, Cletus and Tom Albert
Tuesday,	January 12, Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday,	January 13, Weekday
9:00 AM	For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday	January 14, Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	January 15, Weekday
5:30 PM	Mykola Saporoschenko
Saturday	**January 16, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:30 PM	Tom Kidd
Sunday	**January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 AM	Bob Pohl
	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center

Weekly OFFERING

Your gifts to God & parish

Contributions for the weekend of December 19 & 20, 2020

Income received: 3309.85

Some of the great helpers we had making the community Christmas Day Meal a success!!

The beautiful Nativity Creche displayed in Church. Many thanks to the Burns family for the current restoration that was completed in 2017.

Prayer INTENTIONS

All that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours (Mark 11:24).

***Newman* CENTER:** Please join us in prayer for Fred Marsh, Rebecca Cerven, Coleen McGrain, Brian Bruce, Mark Cornell, George and Carol Timson, Terry Silas, Antonio Henrique, the Newman Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus, and all in our community in need of prayer. To add a name call 529-3311.

***Saint Francis* XAVIER:** Wednesday is designated as a Day of Prayer for the sick and hospitalized parishioners and their families. Please remember: Jim Merkle, Mary Beckerer, Jeanine Maloney, Kimberly Murray, Jamie Yancy, Carmen Merod, Austin Chew, Richard Walsh, Marie Ice, Barb Grace, Jack Riley, Tracy Hall, Sheffield Boardman, Matt Murphy, Andrezej Mietelski, Harper Smith, John Huffman, Carolyn Huffman, Julia James, Douglas Laczynski, Jim Tarr, Audra Harrison, Howard W. Hesketh, Kay BA., Jesse Weaver, Diana Chervinko, Pat Volk, Helen McCormick, Pat Waters, Sarah Hefferman, Frank Smith, Rebecca Hernandez, Tristin Dooley, Shirley Reimbold, Marge Huffman, Steve Galt, Savy Knight, Gary Tretter, Lee Hartman, Harry Schauwecker, Patricia Broemmel, Marilyn Kilby, Father Joe Rascher, Father Paul Wienhoff, Father Ted Baumann, Bill and Linda Tolliver, Charles Lightfoot, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Susan Tarr, Ethan and Sara Hosmon, Fr. Joe Trapp, Mary Nell Chew, Sally Varsa, and **all those in need of our prayers.**

If you or anyone in your family is hospitalized, please let the parish office know so Father Bob can visit and administer the Anointing of the Sick.

Liturgical MINISTERS

For the Weekend of January 16 & 17, 2021

Minister of the Word: Laura Kidd
Minister of Hospitality: Mary Mechler
Communion Assistant: Sr. Barbara Blesse

Sunday, 9:00 AM
Minister of the Word: Don Dougherty
Minister of Hospitality: Michael & Kim Mueller
Communion Assistant: Sharon Smaga

"RACIAL HARMONY PRAYER SERVICE: You are invited to attend a special Ecumenical Prayer Service for racial harmony in connection with observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Bishop Michael McGovern will deliver the sermon. Since seating will be limited, please contact St. Augustine of Hippo Church at 618-274-0655 to reserve a seat. This event is being sponsored by the Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity initiative."

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier	at Newman Center
Sunday, January 10	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass 2:00 pm Take down Christmas Decorations in Church	11:15am Mass
Monday, January 11	
Office Open 9am-3pm 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour	Office Open 9am-4pm
Tuesday, January 12	
Office Open 9am-3pm 10:30 am Staff Meeting	Office Open 9am-4pm 1:00pm Online Bible study 5:15pm Mass, Holy Hour, Reconciliation 7pm Race Unity Group (online)
Wednesday, January 13	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, January 14	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 5:15pm Mass
Friday, January 15	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass	Office Closed
Saturday, January 16	
Office Closed	Office Closed
Sunday, January 17	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED IN THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION AS A GIFT OR IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A LOVED ONE.

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Ken "Papa" Kohlenberger————————--Aren & Alek Abell
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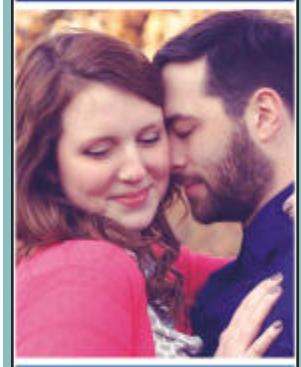
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