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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

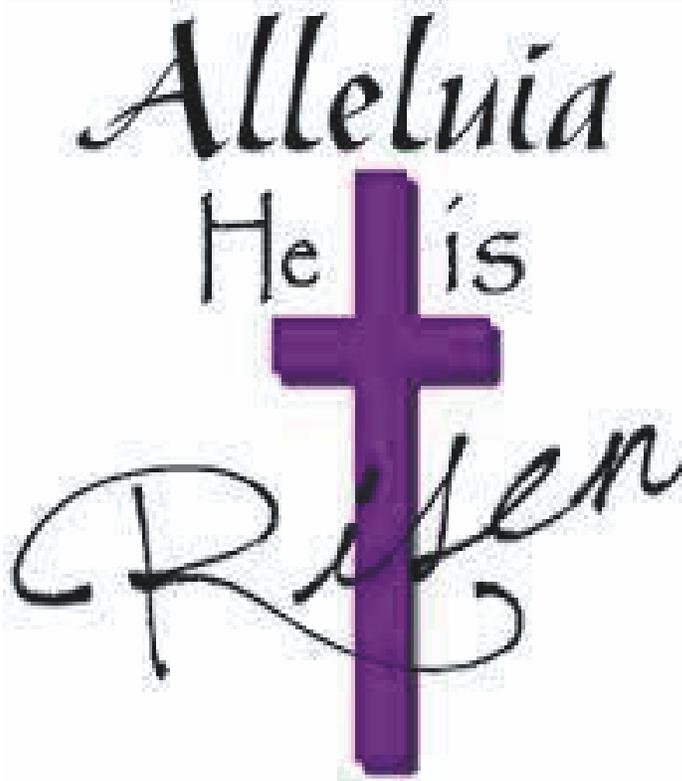
### Saint Andrew Church (618-687-2012)

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### Saint Andrew Parish School (618-687-2013)

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

**Welcome, New Parishioners  
and New Students!**  
*Please register.*

## Thoughts FROM...

Happy Easter everyone! Today's readings are all about what Jesus did on Earth and what that means for us. They give us a good overview of what we believe as Christians and how we can become more Christlike in our lives.

The first reading from Acts gives us a good picture or summary of what we believe as Christians. The first part of the passage talks about who Jesus was and what he did for us. The other part of the passage details how the disciples, and now us, are supposed to respond to that message. We are coming to an age where we can no longer expect our peers, coworkers, and others in our life to have a good understanding of who Jesus is and what he did for us. We need to be ready and equipped to share that message with others in our daily life.

There are two possible choices for the second reading, so I want to highlight a bit about both even though only one will be read in mass. In the first possible reading, St. Paul is reminding the Colossians where their salvation comes from. He implores them to die to their old ways of the world and instead seek the risen Lord from which our salvation comes. Today God encourages us through the scripture to do the same. In fact, our penance during Lent has been on things we practice in order to help us die to the things of the world.

In the other choice for the second reading, St. Paul also describes to the Corinthians the importance of

dying to the world in an analogy about bread. He makes a reference to the Jewish festival of Unleavened Bread in which all of the old bread is cleared out of the house and only unleavened bread is eaten. The old bread is our old and sinful ways of the world, but the unleavened bread is our new life redeemed by Christ. Jesus through the Church and his priests also gives us a very real sign of this in the Eucharist. We constantly participate in and receive Him in the sacrifice of the mass in order that we might become more like Him.

The Gospel today is one that we have probably heard many times. Mary of Magdala finds that Jesus is no longer in the tomb and goes to tell John (the disciple whom Jesus loved) and Peter. They run to the tomb, find it empty, and began to believe. This is a beautiful representation of the theological virtues of faith and hope. They are hopeful that the Lord has something amazing planned, even if they do not yet understand what is going on. If they did not have hope, they would not have gone to the tomb. After they experience the empty tomb themselves, they received faith. They believed.

As we celebrate the Easter season together, let us thank the Lord for His amazing gifts in our life, and continue to pray that the Lord will meet us where we are at. Let us pray for our continued conversion, the conversion of our faith community here in Carbondale, and for the conversion of the whole world.

Ben Baker  
*Seminarian*



## Bible READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



## Easter Blessings

**We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus.**

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## Dear Parish FAMILY

A joyous Easter to all of you! May the graces of these 50 days of the Easter Season be a continued blessing for you and your loved ones. **In a special way we congratulate those receiving the Easter Sacraments and joining the church!** We are grateful to them, their sponsors, families and team members.

Many thanks to all who helped in various capacities this **Lent and Easter season** — with the Stations of the Cross each Friday, and those who helped with our various Holy Week and Sacred Triduum liturgies. It has been a very unusual year due to the pandemic! We could not have done it without all your help and faithful stewardship of time and talent. I also want to thank all those

Please let us know if you can volunteer to help with our **Gifts of Compassion Ministry**. This ministry assists those who have major health concerns, or are homebound for various reasons. This past year around 40 gift bags were put together right before lent and Easter and were taken to their homes. Volunteers have also been calling, writing notes and sending cards. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office.

If you have not had a chance to make your donation to the **Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal**, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our total in meeting our goal is rising, but we still have a way to go in meeting our target. If everyone participates, we should have no problem in reaching or surpassing the amount we did last year.

Next Sunday is **Divine Mercy Sunday** which was established by Saint Pope John Paul II a number of years ago. Please be aware of the many ways we are called upon to extend God's mercy, as he has extended it to each one of us.

God's peace,  
Fr. Bob  
Pastor



## Happenings

Sr. Barbara Blesse

Easter is here! The most joyous day of our Church Year!

I am reminded of God's proclamation in Isaiah 43:19:

**"Behold, I am going to do something new,  
Now it will spring up;  
Will you not be aware of it?  
I will even make a roadway in the wilderness,  
Rivers in the desert. "**

I'm guessing that we each have our favorite symbol for this special day. Many of them come from the beauties of nature, especially related to the wonder of the new growth we witness all around us in spring: rabbits, chicks, eggs, lilies, brilliantly colored flowers of a zillion varieties, grains and stalks of wheat. Years ago butterflies were all the rage, perfectly pointing to resurrection, reminding us of Jesus' own Risen dimension. I must say I have a new appreciation for butterflies since I've recently learned about the transformative process that happens when a caterpillar enters the chrysalis/cocoon stage and, thanks to the influence of imaginal cells producing a nutritive "caterpillar soup," a gorgeous creature emerges that has absolutely no resemblance whatsoever to the caterpillar that birthed it. Caterpillars, with their plump long bodies and multiple legs can't hope to ever fly but butterflies seem to effortlessly "fly through the air with the greatest of ease"! Amazing stuff!

The "after" bears no resemblance to the "before." We see in the post-resurrection stories in the New Testament when various disciples encounter the Risen One, most don't recognize Jesus at first until...until something triggers the memory...something points to the reality of Christ in their midst. What about for us? Even now God is still doing many new things; is our awareness on heightened alert? Does the quality of our prayer open our eyes and hearts to the Risen One's presence in our family members, our co-workers, the marginalized, those different from us, even those we find it difficult to be around? Are we perceiving the ways we can design "roadways in the wilderness" of injustice and exclusion and enjoy the refreshment of "rivers in the desert" amidst hardship and suffering? Have our efforts to reconcile with God, ourselves, others and our planet during Lent effected a measure of transformation within us so that we hardly recognize ourselves because of what has changed...what has been transformed? Lots to ponder...lots to continue to bring to prayer during this wondrous Easter season! Have a Blessed Easter!





## Mass INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 3, Vigil: Resurrection of the Lord</b>
8:00 PM	For those being accepted into the Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 4, Ressurrection of the Lord</b>
9:00 AM	Carl Mitchell
11:15 AM	<b>Patricia Balsano</b> —Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday	April 5, Monday within the Octave of Easter
12:15 PM	No Intention
Tuesday,	April 6, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
5:15 PM	Msgt. Matthew J. Falat—Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday,	April 7, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 AM	For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday	April 8, Thursday within the Octave of Easter
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	<b>April 9, Friday within the Octave of Easter</b>
5:30 PM	Carl Mitchell
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 10, Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
5:30 PM	Our Parish Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
9:00 AM	Carl Mitchell
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 March 20/21, 2021

Income received:    \$9,573.00

**Respect Life Corner-** “To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him, will receive forgiveness of sins through His name,” In the First Reading from Acts of the Apostles 10:37-43, know that if you believe in Jesus, your sins will be forgiven. We seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an important part of Project Rachel Ministry. The tragedy of an abortion causes a women to bury it deep within their soul. Many are in denial until too many triggers in their lives force them to come to grips with the loss of their unborn son or daughter. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-We must always speak with a compassionate heart to anyone who has suffered a loss, such as a loss of a child through abortion. A calm demeanor and a gentle smile convey to those who are hurting that you are there to walk with them on their journey of hope, healing and forgiveness. Let them know that they are not alone. Christ is here and hope in His love can begin now. Project Rachel Ministry Diocese of Belleville (618) 722-5068.



## 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, Bill and Linda Tolliver, Charles Lightfoot, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Ethan and Sara Hosmon, Mary Nell Chew, Sally Varsa, Thomas Margolis, Don Dougherty, Theresa Saporoschenko, John McCarthy, Jean McCarthy, Frances White, Michael Bracy, 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 April 10 & 11, 2021

Minister of the Word: Scott Thorne  
Minister of Hospitality: Mary Mechler  
Communion Assistant: Laura Kidd

**Sunday, 9:00 AM**  
Minister of the Word: Bob Drone  
Minister of Hospitality: Jimmy Karayiannis  
Communion Assistant: Sharon Smaga



## Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday, April 4	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass
Monday, April 5	
Office Open 9am-3pm 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour	Office Open 9am-4pm
Tuesday, April 6	
Office Open 9am-3pm 10:30 am Staff Meeting	Office Open 9am-4pm 6am Men's rosary 5:15pm Mass, Holy Hour, Reconciliation 7:30 pm JustFaith Group (at Newman) 8pm Men's Group
Wednesday, April 7	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm Women's Small Group 7:30pm Grad Student Group
Thursday, April 8	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 6:30am Student Women's Group 4pm-5pm Adoration 5:15pm Mass 6pm Student Dinner
Friday, April 9	
Office Closed 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass	Office Open 9am-4pm
Saturday, April 10	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass	Office Closed
Sunday, April 11	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass Sunday Super Mass and talk with Fr. Nick Fleming



## Golf SCRAMBLE

The Knights of Columbus #7682 for the Newman Center are hosting their 12th Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, April 24th. Lunch is at noon, with a shotgun start at 1pm.

Teams of four can register for just \$60 per person (includes lunch, green fees, and cart). Hole-in-One prizes available, as well as longest putt, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, starting at just \$100.

To register an individual, team, or sponsor, please contact the Newman Center office at 618-529-3311 or email [office@siucnewman.org](mailto:office@siucnewman.org).



## Student HOUSING

The Newman Catholic Student Center offers convenient and affordable housing to female SIU students in its six bedroom Grey House, adjacent to the Center. Rent is \$320 per month per resident and includes utilities and access to a washer and dryer.

Grey House residents strive to use their time and talents for the growth of the Catholic Christian Community. They commit themselves to a lifestyle that exemplifies the morals, values and character of a Catholic Christian woman.

Preference is given to those who actively support the mission of the Newman Center and the Grey House, and to those who are able to sign a lease for the entire academic year (August 15 - May 15). Summer and short-term leases are also offered when space is available. Space is available immediately, for Summer 2021, and next academic year.



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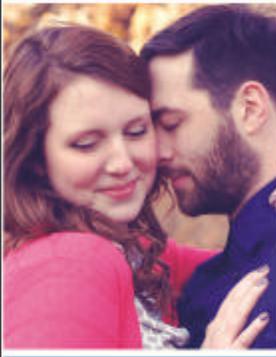
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