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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



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 11, 2021**

**Welcome, New Parishioners  
and New Students!**

**Please register.**

## *Thoughts* FROM...

I have a picture in my mind of "Doubting Thomas" that's probably unfair to him but extremely helpful to me. We know he's there for the resurrection, saying "unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." My imagination inserts him into all of the Gospel stories: unless a voice comes out of the sky saying "This is My son," I will not believe...unless this guy walks on water, I will not believe...unless Christ feeds five thousand people in the middle of nowhere, I will not believe...unless He heals a man born blind, I will not believe...unless Jesus can bring Lazarus back from the dead, I will not believe.

Thomas's doubts belong to all of us. Thomas was extremely blessed to be present throughout Christ's ministry on earth, and to be a witness to some of the most amazing manifestations of the kingdom of God the world has seen. But it is never enough. The faith of miracles fades with time, and only feeds a greater need to see more, to be more certain, and to have God bring everything to completion right now.

In John's letter, he extols the power of faith this way: "the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

I long for that faith that conquers the world with love and joy, but I must admit that right now I also want

that miracle. So many of our students and community have suffered through isolation, loneliness, disease and misery in the past year; they have endured with a patience and faith in God's will that has been exemplary. I just want a miracle that will make everything all right, bring us back to "normal," fill our churches, and heal the minds and hearts of all those laid low by the pandemic.

I don't think that we can change God's mind about how best to bring us into His Kingdom, but I hope that if we are persistent enough and prayerful enough then sometimes He will bring some of that Kingdom to us. We experience that heavenly Kingdom every time that we celebrate the sacraments. Even that has been a challenge for the last twelve months, though recently (and especially for Palm Sunday and Easter) we have been graced to see people return, many of them for the first time. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist, or Reconciliation, or the Anointing of the Sick, but feel unsure about the best way to make that happen for you under the current circumstances, please email or call the Newman office, and we will make every effort to make that happen during this Easter season.

*...Jim Taylor  
Director of  
Newman Center*



## *Bible* READINGS

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

### **Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)**

Acts 4:32-35. Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. 1 John 5:1-6. John 20:19-31.

**So Many Catch Phrases Today.** "The doors were locked." "Peace be with you." "There was no needy person among them." "His mercy endures forever." "His commandments are not burdensome." Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these Covid-19 days. Because he **is** peace among us – no one has need. Because he is full and overflowing with mercy – nothing is a burden.

- How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?
- How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?
- Whose burden will I ease?



## Dear Parish FAMILY

Dear Saint Francis Xavier Parish Family,

**On this Octave of Easter – the Easter event for eight entire days—I wish you and your loved ones continued Easter blessings!** Many thanks again to everyone who helped with our Holy Week and Triduum celebrations.

**Everything was a bit different this year** due to the Covid pandemic restrictions. At least this year we were able to be in person for Holy Week instead of only live-streaming as it was last year because of the shelter-in-place situation. Hopefully, we will be able to have a full church in attendance next year! A lot of that will depend on people receiving the vaccinations which are now open to everyone sixteen years of age and older. Please help us all out and be vaccinated.

Thank you to everyone for following our **registration requirements** which are still in place until we learn otherwise.

This is **Divine Mercy Sunday** which was begun by Saint Pope John Paul II in the last years of his papacy. May this special Sunday liturgy with its rich readings of mercy and forgiveness touch the lives of all of us on our respective journeys of faith. As our Lenten button and outdoor signs say, “Reconcile”.

After the 9 am Liturgy this Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, **I am driving home to Kansas to celebrate my great-nephew, Michael Joseph Flannery’s third birthday.** Michael is already talking in sentences and is always in good humor. I have not been able to see my family since October 6<sup>th</sup>, when I was in Lawrence to observe my younger brother, Joe’s, 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. It will be great to see and be with my family again.

**Please note** that since I will be gone for two nights to be with my family, there will be no Mass or Holy Hour on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. I will be back for the Tuesday evening Mass, Holy Hour, and reconciliation on Tuesday evening at 5:15 pm at Newman on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bob

Pastor/Chaplain

P.S. Many thanks to everyone who remembered the staff and me at Easter with cards, prayers, gifts and goodies.



## Happenings

Sr. Barbara Blesse

### Waiting in Joyful Hope...

Some of you might remember this phrase in a previous translation of the Eucharistic Prayer for Mass. It has become my mantra in these days as I await back surgery on April 21. Three Fridays ago I met with a neurosurgeon in Springfield who determined that I was eligible for surgery to deal with discs in my lower back, giving me a 60-90% chance that afterwards my pain will be gone...or significantly reduced. I’d be grateful for your prayer support for that medical intervention. Following a brief hospitalization I will spend approximately three weeks recuperating at our motherhouse in Springfield before returning to this area.

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### Waiting in joyful hope... for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Put back into full context, this phrase proclaims what our celebration of Easter is all about, an observance so significant in our Church Year that we will focus on it for six more full weeks...and every Sunday thereafter!

The following Easter reflection arrived in my Inbox recently...an apt description of this ongoing joy-filled feast:

“Go tell his disciples and Peter, ‘Jesus is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’ (Mk 16:7) This is the message charged to the women at the tomb on Easter morning. They are to carry it to those who remain locked behind closed doors, fearful and sorrowful.

Battered down by the awful events of the Passion, the sequestered disciples need to receive this hope-filled message, leave that dark place, and return to everyday life, trusting in the promise that the risen Lord will indeed meet them there.

What powerful Easter news! Freed up by the vaccines but battered by the pandemic, by social and political division, by pervasive and systemic racism, and by our own personal sinfulness, we, too, are invited to re-emerge, trusting that all such death-dealing is not the end of the story.

Christ is risen! He opens the way before us, frees us from the power of fear and sin, and promises to meet us in our everyday lives....”

+ Rev. George M. Witt, SJ +

### Together we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

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## Mass INTENTIONS

<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
Monday	April 12, Easter Weekday
12:15 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday,	April 13, Easter Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday,	April 14, Easter Weekday
9:00 AM	For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday	April 15, Easter Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	April 16, Easter Weekday
5:30 PM	No Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 17, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter</b>
5:30 PM	Our Parish Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 18, Third Sunday of Easter</b>
9:00 AM	Kenneth 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 27 & 28, 2021

**Income received: \$8,430.15**

**Respect Life Corner—"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)**, In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas stands for each of us as he personally experiences God's mercy as he peers into the face of Jesus, the Risen Lord. Thomas failed to believe the apostles' stories that they had seen their teacher. The risen Jesus, out of abundance of love and patience, made sure that Thomas knew that he had not been abandoned. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** In **Laudato Si** (2015), Pope Francis reminds the faithful that God never abandons us; He never forsakes His loving plan for us to live together as a whole human family. Humanity still has the ability to work together to build a common home, free of environmental degradation which is risking the lives of the world's poorest. We must have respect for the integrity of all God's people who deserve the right and access to a quality of life. We must take a look at hard issues in our world: poverty, oppression, injustice, unjust incarceration, human trafficking, as well as abortion. By allowing ourselves to be loved by Our Lord and to encounter His mercy and forgiveness in the sacraments, we are better capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love in the world. There are no greater gifts than the gifts of life and the gift of salvation. We are truly thankful!



## 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 Reibold, 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, Sr. Barbara Blesse, OP, 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 17 & 18, 2021**

Minister of the Word: Laura Kidd  
Minister of Hospitality: Scott Thorne  
Communion Assistant: Sandy Warhausen

**Sunday, 9:00 AM**  
Minister of the Word: Darl Young  
Minister of Hospitality: Michael & Kim Mueller  
Communion Assistant: Sharon Smaga



**American Red Cross  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Give Blood • Give Life**

**Saint Francis Xavier will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 13, 2:00 pm—6:00 pm. Please consider being a donor if at all possible.**

## Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

<b>Sunday, April 11</b>	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass Sunday Supper with Fr. Nick Fleming After 5:15 pm Mass
<b>Monday, April 12</b>	
Office Open 9am-3pm NO MASS	Office Open 9am-4pm
<b>Tuesday, April 13</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday, April 14</b>	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 9:00am Mass 7:30 pm Women's Small Group 7:30pm Grad Student Group
<b>Thursday, April 15</b>	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 6:30am Student Women's Group 4pm-5pm Adoration 5:15pm Mass 6pm Student Dinner
<b>Friday, April 16</b>	
Office Closed 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass	Office Open 9am-4pm
<b>Saturday, April 17</b>	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass	Office Closed
<b>Sunday, April 18</b>	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass



## Newman CENTER

Our next Sunday Supper program will be this Sunday (April 11) after the 5:15 Mass with Father Nick Fleming. His talk will be on "The Movement of Doubt and Trust by Divine Mercy in the Spiritual Life," and everyone is welcome to attend. Father Joel Seipp will join us for our final Sunday Supper of the semester on April 25th.

The Newman Center will also be hosting an end of the semester Semi-Formal Dance on the evening of Saturday, April 24th. To register, sign up in the Newman lobby or email [office@siucnewman.org](mailto:office@siucnewman.org).



## 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).



## Christ in THE CITY

The Newman Catholic Student Center is planning a service trip to Denver, Colorado from May 16th to May 22nd. Join us for that week as we serve the homeless alongside the Christ in the City Catholic missionaries. On this mission trip you will experience the power of friendship lived out in community life, learn to encounter the poor through street ministry, identify ways of living a spirit of poverty in your own life, and escape to the beauty of the Rocky Mountains for a day of hiking and reflection. The cost is only \$50. Talk to Jenette (217-994-0372 or email [jenette@siucnewman.org](mailto:jenette@siucnewman.org)) for more information or if you are interested in joining us.



"Every encounter we have during our missionary year adds a new facet to our image of God...  
I have learned of God's joy, His love, His mercy, His healing, and His forgiveness." -Anna L.

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