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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)

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

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

Thoughts FROM...

One of the sites in Rome that most impressed my granddaughter during trip to Italy several years ago was the Pantheon. I too have continued to find this edifice impressive each time I have been there. While not technically listed as one of the wonders of the world, it is indeed unique both for its design and history, built during the reigns of the Emperors Augustus and Hadrian in the first century AD.

The connections I see with this structure and our scriptures today have to do with its name and its development over the ages. It was given the name Pantheon because the Romans saw it as a temple for all the gods. However, over time it was converted to a Christian church consecrated to St. Mary and the Martyrs and later with numerous chapels even today dedicated to many saints of the Catholic faith.

In our first reading today Joshua confronts all the tribes of Israel by challenging them to choose between the gods “beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling.” Fortunately, they chose not to forsake the Lord and to serve him for “he is our God.” Just as with the Pantheon, a change from a place for all gods to one for the one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today’s second reading is one often rejected even by homilists because it appears so contrary to today’s world with our emphases on freedom and equality, particularly among men and women. But consider the fact that marriage during this first century period in which Paul wrote to the Ephesians was not really held

in high regard and that husbands often felt free to abandon either their wives or their children or both. These words, then, can serve as an effort to convince hearers that husbands and wives should treat each other in a special way; that marriage is indeed a blessed union.

Today’s gospel also contains what is the most important message for us even now. After confronting his disciples with the reality of his message, many expressed unwillingness to commit all that he was asking. It was a hard message leading many to return to their former ways and to no longer accompany him. The important message then comes in the form of Jesus’ question – “Do you also want to leave? Peter’s response says it all – “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” Can we respond the same?

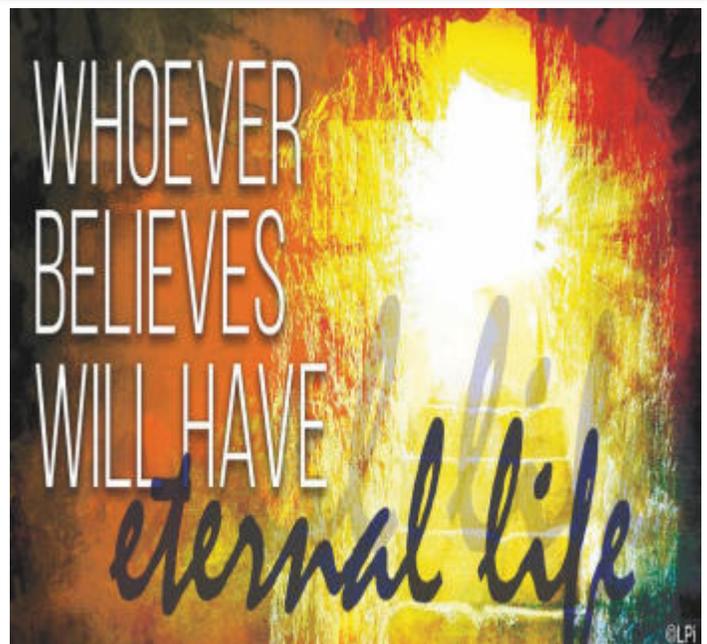
Paul Angelis

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Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23





Dear Parish FAMILY

Greetings to everyone as we celebrate the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time! In the first reading today from the Old Testament Book of Joshua we hear Joshua telling the Israelites, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." May each of us and our households recommit ourselves to serving the Lord by our words and actions, especially as we gather for worship and then extend that commitment to serving our neighbor as we go forth! This weekend I am in Niles, Michigan officiating at **the wedding of former parishioner, Elizabeth Spector**. Beth and her family were active members of our parish for many years, and not only was she a longtime altar server, but along with her brothers, helped her mother coordinate and plan our annual community Christmas dinner. Please join me in welcoming our guest priest, Father Steven LaCanne from **Cross Catholic Outreach** with Pontifical approval serving in collaboration with the Dicastery for promoting integral Human Development. He will be providing materials letting you know about this important ministry and how you can help them serve others in need in especially vulnerable people and places in our nation and our world.

Bishop Michael McGovern, who just celebrated his one year anniversary as the new Bishop of Belleville, has decided to offer a special shortened process for *any adults, eighteen years and older, who have been baptized Catholic and received First Communion, but have not yet received the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION in the Catholic Church*. Saint Francis Xavier Parish and the Newman Catholic Student Center have been chosen to be part of the first prototype for adult confirmation. After five 90 minutes sessions held once a week from the end of January to the end of February, the participants will be instructed and then receive their confirmation from Bishop McGovern on the last Sunday of February. **If you are needing this program, please notify the parish office this week so that we can add your name of our list of confirmandi.**

A reminder that anyone who has expressed interest to us earlier about finding out more about the Catholic faith should once again reach out to the parish office, so that we make sure you are signed up with us for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children**. We are doing this again since with the pandemic and some of the staff not being in the office full-time, we do not want to miss anyone who has inquired earlier. The sessions begin the first Monday after Labor Day and we want to make sure we are prepared for you to be part of the initial meetings. This process is for those who have not been baptized in the Catholic Church, or have not received their First Communion and also have not received their confirmation along with one or both of the other sacraments.

As the coronavirus and its variants are unfortunately increasing, many are following the advice and recommendations to wear a mask inside, especially where are large numbers of people are gathered. As you have noticed recently, I am masked during most of the Mass to keep others and myself safe. Even though I have been fully vaccinated, breakthroughs have still happened to people. In these cases, while not usually getting sick enough to go to the hospital and be on ventilators, others who are not vaccinated oftentimes are much sicker and end up in the hospital. Let us all do what we can to be safe and keep others safe as well. We are our brother's and sister's keepers.

God's peace,

Fr. Bob
Pastor/Chaplain



Parish HAPPENINGS

Sr. Barbara Blesse, OP

PSR

It's time for families to begin registering children for PSR, our **Parish School of Religion**, which includes children in Grades K–8 and those who wish to prepare for Confirmation from Grades 9-12. Registration forms are available before and after weekend Masses. You'll find them in the front pew. There will also be red and gold boxes in the same pew for completed forms. I will be emailing the forms to all families for whom I have email addresses so be sure to check all your email inboxes (including those of your children) to see if you've received any forms. I need you to return the completed forms to me as soon as possible so that I can be sure we have enough textbooks and also so that I can prepare class rosters for our catechists.

You can give completed forms to me directly before/after the weekend Masses or bring them by Xavier Hall and give them to Marilyn, the parish secretary. (The Parish office is open Monday through Thursday from 9-3. It is closed on Friday). You can also scan completed forms and email them back to me at sbarbarab@mediacombb.net

PSR classes K-8 will begin (in person) in Xavier Hall on Sunday, September 19 after the 9 a.m. Mass, beginning promptly at 10 a.m. The times for Grades 9-12 to meet to prepare for Confirmation have not yet been determined.

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Every once in awhile on Facebook, I come across a meme that says something like: **Since you can be anything in life, be kind!** I thought of that sentiment when I saw the following prayer:

**May the God of Kindness be with you,
gazing upon you with understanding eyes.
May you see in those eyes
unconditional acceptance of who you are
and how you are in any given moment of your life.
And may you know God's gentle call
to grow in kindness toward those
who people your life.
May the God of Kindness bless you!**



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 21, Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	Debbie Roudybush
Sunday	August 22, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday	August 23, Weekday
12:15 PM	Patricia Balsano
Tuesday,	August 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday,	August 25, Weekday
9:00 AM	For the Sick
Thursday	August 26, Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	August 27, Saint Monica
5:30 PM	Jerry DeSoto
Saturday	August 28, Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	Wanda Grace & Hazel Faith Dooley
Sunday	August 29, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Wayne Burke
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass



Weekly OFFERING

**Your gifts to God & parish
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**The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -
John 14:12**

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Sixteen ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on **YOU**. Please make your contribution today!

As of this date, Saint Francis Xavier has had 47 parishioners pledge a total of \$14,167.50. Our goal is \$16,216!



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, Beth Koehler-King, Rowan King, Fionna Angelis, Paul Angelis, 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 Tolliver, Charles Lightfoot, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Mary Nell Chew, Sally Varsa, Thomas Margolis, Theresa Saporoschenko, Frances White, Sr. Barbara Blesse, OP, Michael Bracy, Cora Frazier, Steve Wunderle, Deacon Don Sparling, Teresa Burns, Willis Rendleman, John McCarthy, Barbara Burns, Kathy Fahey, Chris Wisinski, Craig Wisinski, Mary Amel, 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 August 28 & 29, 2021

Minister of the Word: Don Dougherty
Minister of Hospitality: Scott Thorne
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Schmitz, Dan Beaver
Sunday, 9:00 AM
Minister of the Word: Darl Young
Minister of Hospitality: Jimmy Karayiannis
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Smaga, Elaine Vitello



Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday, August 22	
9:00am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass—Fr. Steve LaCanne 5:15pm Mass
Monday, August 23	
Office Open 9am-3pm 12:15pm Mass or Holy Hour	Office Open 9am-4pm 7:00pm Game Night
Tuesday, August 24	
Office Open 9am-3pm 10:00am Staff Meeting	Office Open 9am-4pm 6:00am—Men's Rosary 1:00pm Community Bible study 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Adoration & Confession
Wednesday, August 25	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 9:00am Mass 6:00pm New Student dinner
Thursday, August 26	
Office Open 9am-3pm 12 noon—Vicariate Meeting in DuQuoin	Office Open 9am-4pm 4:00pm Adoration 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Thursday night Dinner
Friday, August 27	
Office Closed 5:30pm Mass	Office closed
Saturday, August 28	
Office Closed 5:30pm Mass	Office Closed
Sunday, August 29	
9:00am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass



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Catholic Student Center

New Student Dinner

As we welcome our students back, we will have a **NEW STUDENT DINNER** on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00pm. We are in need of desserts, so if you can help out please call the office at 529-331. Our weekly Thursday night dinners also need volunteers to cook. There are many opportunities to get involved at the Newman Center including Eucharistic Ministers, greeters, choir, cooking for the students, RCIA, and so much more. Please consider sharing your talents and help us make this semester a success. For more info call 529-3311.

RCIA INFORMATION

Do you know someone who is considering becoming Catholic? Or maybe a Catholic who was baptized but never confirmed? Perhaps the Holy Spirit has been nudging you, a confirmed Catholic, to deepen your relationship with God and commit yourself more deeply to your faith. Catholicism provides abundant ways to embrace a life lived in the grace of God.

The Mass, private devotions, sacraments, spiritual reading. How do all these things impact the faith of Catholics? **You have questions... we have answers!**

RCIA, the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Prepares people to become fully participating members of the Catholic Church. During the initial period of inquiry, weekly sessions that delve into various aspects of Catholicism encourage participants to explore the richness of Catholic life and worldview.

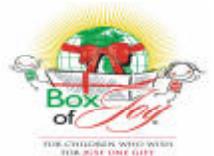
Newman/St. Francis RCIA begins in early September. Call Sr. Barbara (457-4556) or Dawn O'Leary (529-3311) for more information.

Box of JOY

The BOX OF JOY outreach provides a unique opportunity for the priests, nuns, and lay missionaries working with the children to share the Gospel.

Please consider picking up a box and filling it with children's toys. The gifts you pack in a Box of Joy show God's unconditional love and spark the joy every child should experience at Christmas.

Your box of Joy also supports lifesaving local ministries, enabling them to have greater impact on the lives of the poor. There are boxes in the lobby, and for more information call the office at 618-529-3311.



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