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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; & 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

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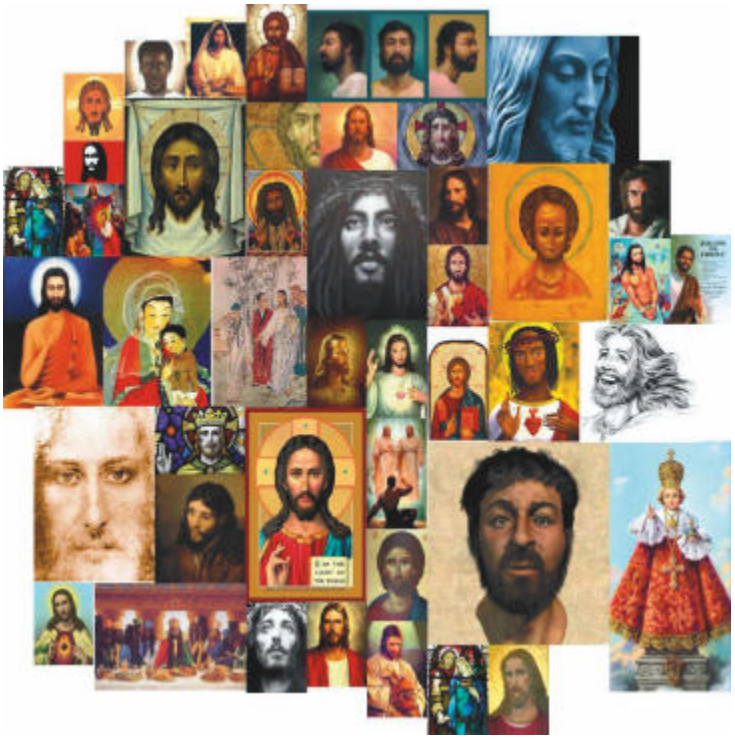

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Welcome, New Parishioners and New Students!
Please register.

Thoughts FROM…

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today we begin to hear more about the sufferings that the chosen one of God must undergo. It is Jesus Himself who is telling us as He told his early followers: I must suffer and die in order to do the will of God. This suffering and death of Jesus challenge us: can we really believe that Jesus is God? The first reading today is again from the Prophet Isaiah. The test refers to the suffering servant, an image developed by this Prophet. Isaiah, even in the Old Testament, was able to understand that one person can accept suffering for the good of others. Isaiah could understand that a person could accept suffering and pain when that person is giving His life for others.

Even today there are many stories of people who go to rescue others and die in the attempt to save someone else. Always the challenge is for us: Am I willing to give up my own life so that others can live? This is a choice to choose the good of others over my own good.
The second reading is from the Letter of James. This particular passage is so strong about the differences between words and deeds: Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." It does no good at all to talk about faith if we never do the works of faith. Words by themselves are just words—and it takes actions to change the world.

The Gospel brings us back to the suffering of humans and the suffering of Jesus. It is Jesus Himself who tells His followers that He must suffer. We have this wonderful scene of Peter taking Jesus aside and rebuking Jesus for speaking like that. Even the closest followers of our Lord found it difficult to accept that Jesus would suffer and die. We can think ahead to when Jesus does suffer and die—and all of His followers then doubt. It is the Resurrection that restores faith. For us who live so many centuries later it is important that we understand clearly that Jesus did die and He rose from the dead. The Resurrection is the heart of our faith but resurrection only comes after suffering and death.
Jesus makes clear in this Gospel passage from Saint Mark that we also must follow Him in suffering and death: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." This is both an invitation and a challenge to us. So often we are happy to pray to Jesus and to worship Him—but to suffer and die as He did really stretches us. Faith is more comfortable—but less of a commitment—when it demands nothing of us.

This Sunday we are invited to look at our lives and to compare our lives with the life of Jesus. Are we ready to suffer and die for our faith? Can we follow Jesus? Can we accept His Church with all of its defects and its sins and sinful people? It is much easier to believe in Jesus than to believe in His Church. But if we don't believe in the Church we no longer believe in the Incarnation and thus no longer really believe in Jesus as Lord, as God and Man, as our Savior.

Your brother in the Lord,

Abbot Philip

Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-3

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 12, 2021
Deny. Take. Follow. On the long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus clarifies that following the Christ (Peter's response to Who am I?) requires denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Saint James helps make this clear with the need for mercy activity. Reread the Second Reading each day this week.

- Clothe the naked. What will I do?
- Feed the hungry. What will I do?
- Shelter the homeless. What will I do?

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast – Tuesday, September 14, 2021
The Cross of Christ. We say: "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

- How will I take up my cross this day?

Dear Parish FAMILY

Blessings to everyone as we observe the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time! I hope we can all reflect this week on who Jesus is to us in our personal lives as we have listened to our Gospel reading this weekend.

This Saturday, after the Anniversary Celebration for Bishop-emeritus Braxton took place on Friday, I flew to Minnesota for the quarterly Board of Regents meeting at my alma mater, the **School of Theology and Seminary at Saint John's University** for which I have been elected to another three-year term. Normally, the two-day meeting is held during the week, but the fall gathering is our retreat and takes place on a weekend.

We welcome **Fr. David Kalert, O.M.I.** who is covering for me at Saint Francis Xavier and the Newman Center while I am at the board meeting. Fr. David is a good friend and has helped here before when we have needed coverage. He is a first cousin to parishioner, Nancy Compton, and I have known him since 1978 when we were both vocation directors and Saint Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville. David is a past provincial of the former North Central Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and then was elected provincial of the combined provinces of all the Oblates in the United States. I have great respect for him, and we are grateful to him as he continues to service even in retirement.

Our country is observing the twentieth anniversary of the **terrorists' attack on September 11th, 2001.** May each of us remember those who died then and in all terrorists' attacks as we strive to build peace and understanding in our various relationships.

The One World Trade Center and the reflection pool at the Site of 9/11 in New York City.

Have a wonderful week!

God's peace,

Fr. Bob
Pastor/Chaplain

Parish HAPPENINGS

Sr. Barbara Blesse, OP

PSR

The new PSR (**P**arish **S**chool of **R**eligion) season begins next Sunday, September 19, after the 9 a.m. Mass. Classes will begin promptly at 10 a.m. and meet for an hour. This year classes will begin by meeting in person in Xavier Hall. **Everyone must enter Xavier Hall through the entrance on the lower level. No parents or other visitors are allowed in Xavier Hall during PSR class time.** Grades K-4 will meet on the lower level...Grades 5-8 will meet on the upper level. After class, children in Grades 5-8 may exit through the door on the upper level (parents can park in either lot). **ALL students and catechists must wear masks and maintain social distancing.** It is expected that families register children ahead of time. Forms are available in the back of church and in the front pew of church before/after this weekend Masses. They are also available in the parish office in Xavier Hall and via an email request to
Sister Barbara at: sbarbarab@mediacombb.net.
Completed forms need to be returned to Sister Barbara ASAP so that rosters can be ready for catechists when classes start on September 19.

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Season of Creation

This season is observed annually by Christians the world over from September 1 through October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). This year's focus is: **A Home for All? Renewing the *Oikos* of God**. From the SOC website, we learn that "The Greek word for this Earth community is oikos. Oikos is the root of the word oikoumene, or ecumenical, which describes our 'common home', as Pope Francis calls it in Laudato Si'. Our common home, Earth, belongs to God, and each beloved creature belongs to this common oikos. By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we point to the integral web of relationships that sustain the wellbeing of Earth. The word ecology (oikologia) describes the relationships between animals, plants, non-sentient organisms and minerals that each play a vital role in maintaining the balance of this beloved community. Each creature is important and contributes to the health and resilience of the biodiverse ecosystem in which it lives. Humans belong in the right relationship within this Earth community. We are made from the same stuff of Earth, and are cared for by our co-creatures and the land."

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Creator of All,
We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.
We desire, with your help, to ensure that Earth remains a healthy and sustainable home for all! Amen.

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 11, Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	Those who have died from Covid
Sunday	September 12, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Darl and Helen Young Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
5:15 PM	Newman Center
Monday	September 13, St. John Chrysostom
12:15 PM	**NO Mass**
Tuesday,	September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman
Wednesday,	September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
9:00 AM	For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday	September 16, Saint Cornelius
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	September 17, Weekday
5:30 PM	William Recktenwald
Saturday	September 18, Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	Shirley Connelly
Sunday	September 19, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Ruth Langhauser—Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
5:15 PM	Newman Center

Weekly OFFERING

Your gifts to God & parish
Contributions for the weekend of
August 28 & 29, 2021
$4,136.37

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
***Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do…* - John 14:12**

Griffin Center, an agency that receives funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal, provides after-school and summer programs free of charge to 450+ children who live in public housing. With an emphasis on learning, homework assistance, computer labs and tutoring, Griffin Center gives these youngsters a chance for a brighter tomorrow. Be a part of their dreams and make **your gift** to this year's Appeal today!

As of this date, Saint Francis Xavier has had 48 parishioners pledge a total of $14,667.50. 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, Gary Ellis, Rozella Campbell, Andra and Gary Florer, 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, Michael Bracy, Cora Frazier, Steve Wunderle, Deacon Don Sparling, Teresa Burns, Willis Rendleman, John McCarthy, Barbara Burns, 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 September 18 & 19,02021

Minister of the Word: Suzanne Schmitz
Minister of Hospitality: Scott Thorne
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Kidd, Dan Beaver
Sunday, 9:00 AM
Minister of the Word: Daryl Young
Minister of Hospitality: Michael and Kimberly Mueller
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Smaga, Elaine Vitello

With our deepest sympathy to several of our parishioners who have recently lost loved ones: The family of Kathy Fahey; Paulette Sparling and family in the loss of her husband, Deacon Don Sparling; Donna Margolis in the loss of her father, Grover Mifflin. Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers.

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier	at Newman Center
Sunday, September 12	
9:00am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass—Fr. Brown
Monday, September 13	
Office Open 9am-3pm NO 12:15 pm Mass	Office Open 9am-4pm 7:00 pm RCIA 7:00pm Game Night
Tuesday September 14	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 6:00am—Men's Rosary 1:00pm Community Bible study 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Adoration & Confession
Wednesday, September 15	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 9:00am Mass
Thursday, September 16	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-4pm 4:00pm Adoration 5:15pm Mass 6:00pm Thursday night Dinner
Friday, September 17	
Office Closed 5:30pm Mass	Office Open 9am-4pm
Saturday, September 18	
Office Closed 5:30pm Mass	Office Closed
Sunday, September 19	
9:00am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 10am PSR 12:15pm Spanish Mass 6:30pm Confirmation Session	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass

Newman
Catholic Student Center

Awakenings Retreat

Save the date!

October 22, 23, and 24th at Camp Ondessonk. For more information or questions please contact Jonas Trimble at jonastrimble@siu.edu

RCIA IMFORMATION

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.

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