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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

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26, 2021

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



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE (Celebrated each year on January 1st)

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother/sister", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

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

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

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ADOPT A SEMINARIAN

In the gathering space of church there are cards that display a number of young men from this area who are in various seminaries. The cards give information about them and also have a Vocation Prayer on the back. You are welcome to take a card with you to support them through prayer, letters of encouragement, and perhaps, special cards such as birthday wishes, etc.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion, and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

ST. STEPHEN—FEAST DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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Dear Parish FAMILY

Happy Feast of the Holy Family and a **Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year to every-one.** May the Father's gift of love to us, demonstrated by his sending his only son among us as a human being be grace for you and your loved ones, especially during the on-going pandemic.

Our church, as usual is beautifully decorated for Christmas. We thank all who donated money through the **Flower Fund**, those who helped decorate, George and Diane Sheffer for the **Christmas Trees**, Linda and Dick Falat for the **large wreath behind the altar and the greenery**, and the Bank of Carbondale for the **2022 calendars and the three large poinsettias.**

We also thank Scott Thorne who coordinated the **community Christmas Dinner** served on Christmas Day as carry-outs and deliveries and many others who helped from the parish and community for this annual event.

We offer a special **"Thank You"** to Jamal and Dominique Kinchen and our choir whose music made our Christmas liturgies so beautiful especially during this unusual year.

Thank you as well to Jackie Feathers and Nic Duran for our outdoor garden upkeep and to Paula and Scott Frisch for their care of indoor plants.

On Saturday, January 1, we celebrate the **Feast of Mary the Mother of God**, which is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Our Vigil Mass will be at 5:30 pm on Friday, December 31, and at 9:00 am on the Holy Day itself.

We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Sunday afternoon, January 9th at 2:00 pm, **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

Also, **I want to thank everyone** for the thoughtfulness to me and our parish staff with cards and other remembrances during the holiday season.

God's peace,
Fr. Bob
Pastor/Chaplain



Decorations for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on 12-12-21. Bishop McGovern celebrated the liturgy with the Hispanic community that day.



Happenings and Musings Sr. Barbara Blesse

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Perhaps you've seen it...a refrigerator magnet that silhouettes a nativity scene and is framed with the words:

"Every family needs a stable foundation." What a great visual that highlights the centrality of God's Incarnation in Jesus which we celebrate during this Christmas season!

Families. I'm fairly certain that the definition of family today in 2021 is vastly different than it would have been in the time of Jesus 2000+ years ago. For one thing, we've learned more about family dynamics since then and we are also aware that "family" can look different from culture-to-culture as well as from location-to-location throughout the world. Families can be nuclear, single parent, childless, blended, extended, non-traditional, grandparent, etc. etc. They typically include people who are connected by blood and DNA...but sometimes they're not.

An article I came upon recently by Michelle Blessing, a mental health professional, observed: "There is no right or wrong answer when it comes to what is the best type of family structure. As long as a family is filled with love and support for one another, it tends to be successful and thrive. Families need to do what is best for each other and themselves, and that can be achieved in almost any unit." (<https://family.lovetoknow.com/about-family-values/types-family-structures>)

This comment reminds me of today's second scripture reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Both are examples of important practices that can "stable"-ize families in order for them to thrive. Paul writes: **Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

May we all take time this Christmas Season to honor our families, no matter the type or size. Most importantly, may we each do our part to make sure they thrive!



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday	December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family—Mass at Saint Francis Xavier
11:15 AM	Garrett Barr—Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday	December 27, Saint John, Apostle
12:15 PM	NO MASS or HOLY HOUR
Tuesday,	December 28, , The Holy Innocents
5:15 PM	NO MASS at Newman Center
Wednesday,	December 29, St. Thomas Becket
9:00 AM	NO MASS at Newman Center
Thursday	December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	December 31 Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God - Not a Holy Day of Obligation
5:30 PM	No Intention
Saturday	January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God—Not a Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 AM	Irene & John Schumacher—Saint Francis Xavier
5:30 PM	NO Vigil Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family—Mass at Saint Francis Xavier
11:15 AM	Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass



Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Liturgical MINISTERS

January 1, 9:00 AM— Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Lector: Sister Barbara Blesse
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Beaver, Laura Kidd
Hospitality: Scott Thorne

NO 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for The Epiphany

January 2, 9:00 AM — The Epiphany

Lector: Suzanne Schmitz
Eucharist Ministers: Julie Draper, Sharon Smaga
Hospitality: Jimmy Karayiannis



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, Paul Hegel, 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, Jeanine Maloney, Kimberly Murray, Jamie Yancy, Carmen Merod, Austin Chew, Richard Walsh, Marie Ice, Barb Grace, Tracy Hall, Sheffield Boardman, Matt Murphy, Andrezej Mietelski, Harper Smith, John Huffman, Carolyn Huffman, Julia James, Douglas Laczynski, 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, Patricia Broemmell, Marilyn Kilby, Father Joe Rascher, Bill Tolliver, Charles Lightfoot, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Sally Varsa, Thomas Margolis, Theresa Saporoschenko, Frances White, Michael Bracy, Cora Frazier, Steve Wunderle, Teresa Burns, Willis Rendleman, John McCarthy, Barbara Burns, Chris Wisinski, Craig Wisinski, Mary Amel, Ron Lisak, Sally Potter, B. Skelton, C. Baker, 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.



Weekly OFFERING

**Your gifts to God and parish
Contributions for the weekend of
December 11 & 12, 2021**

\$4,319.40


Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday	December 26	Feast of Holy Family
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass—Fr. Kalrt NO 5:15 pm Mass	
Monday	December 27	
Office Closed NO 12:15 pm Mass or Adoration	Office closed until 1/4/22 NO 7:00 pm RCIA	
Tuesday	December 28	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office closed until 1/4/22 NO 6:00am Men's Rosary NO 5:15 pm Mass	
Wednesday, December 29		
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office closed until 1/4/22 NO 9:00 am Mass	
Thursday, December 30		
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office closed until 1/4/22 5:15pm Mass NO 6pm Thursday Night Supper (until 1/13/22)	
Friday, December 31		
Office Closed 5:30 pm —Vigil Mass — Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year	Office closed until 1/4/22 5:15pm Mass	
Saturday, January 1		
Office Closed 9:00 am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year NO 5:30 pm Mass	New Years Day	
Sunday, January 2		Feast of the Epiphany
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass NO 5:15pm Mass until January 9th	

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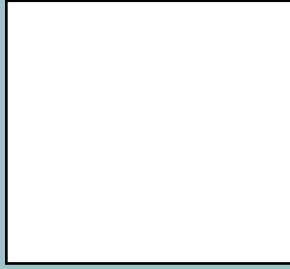
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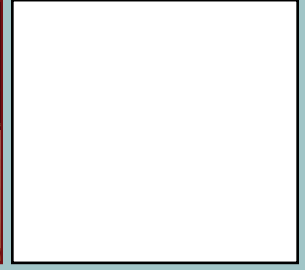
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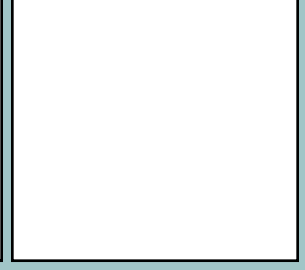
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