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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)

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Mass on Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 11:00am

Saint Andrew Parish School (618-687-2013)

723 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL



The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

**Welcome, New Parishioners
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JustFaith Catholic Program Offered Virtually

Starting 2nd Week of January 2022

How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response is an 8 week program that explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. Meaningful prayer experiences in the context of a small faith community are an essential part of each session. The program will be offered virtually on Zoom for any interested Catholics in our diocese starting the 2nd week of January. Every effort will be made to find a meeting time that accommodates the schedule of those interested in the program. For a short introductory video go to [youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRWqV_KhwLQ). For more information go to <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/>. The program is sponsored through a local grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. For more information or to express interest, contact Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or 618-624-

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/ And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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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.

Thoughts FROM... Terry

The Epiphany of the Lord has been a special feast for me going back to my early childhood. My father would be one of the three wise men, who would each walk into Mass singing one of the verses of "We Three Kings." I knew as a young boy that there was truly something special at this Mass, and it is a time for joy and praise that our savior has been born. The people in the time of Jesus had waited and waited for generations for his arrival.

In the first reading, the prophet is full of joy and calls the people to be full of joy for what the Lord will do for them. One thing that I find interesting is how the prophet writes about nations that will walk by God's light. We are called to remember that Jesus Christ came to save all people. We are called to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and his birth to all people and treat everyone as we would treat ourselves. One great thing about being a part of the Catholic Church is seeing how vast and diverse it is. With this new year, let's focus on going forward and truly being disciples with the same energy and hope found in Isaiah.

In the early church there was much debate about what people needed to do to join the church if they were coming from a non-Jewish background. In the second reading, in the words of St. Paul, we again see this message that Jesus Christ came for all people. Ironically, before his conversion Paul was intolerant of Christians and persecuted them as a threat to the purity of Judaism. That shows me the power that God has when it comes to changing anyone's heart. If people in our lives have treated us wrongly or caused harm to others, we must remember to pray for those people and hope that they will find the same love and mercy Christ gave to Paul. So, this year let us focus on how we can learn to love the people who mistreat us, so that we can truly live the words of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel reading from Matthew, we get the story of the magi or wise men bringing gifts. We need to remember that all the gifts that we have in our lives are given to us by God. On top of that, we are given these gifts to make the world a better place and bring faith to people through those gifts. In a way, we can see ourselves as the three wise men giving these gifts to the Lord and giving him homage.

Let us reflect on the gifts we have been given from the Lord this last year and how we can use those gifts to bring true joy and faith into the world.



*Happenings and Musings
Sr. Barbara Blesse*

On December 19, during our Parish School of Religion (PSR) session, three first graders presented for all the students and catechists the Annunciation and Christmas scriptures through an echo play under the direction of Fran Harackiewicz, their catechist. Pictured left to right are: Kiley Holzmueller (Mary), Ryan Weilbaecher (Joseph) and Alexa Huerta (Angel). Top-notch performances by all...delightful, prayerful and en-joy-able!!!



Epiphany

*It has now been revealed
that the Gentiles have become fellow heirs,
members of the same body,
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
—Ephesians 3:5-6*

Epiphany is the celebration of the revealing of God in Christ to all the world, represented by the magi from another country, practitioners of another religion. The "gentiles" are those who are not like us, people of a different way.

God, help me to reveal your love, to all,
to shine with your light, and light alone—
especially to those who are not like me,
to those of a different way.

Those I disagree with, those I abhor,
are members of the same body.
It is to them I am to reveal your love
and shine with your light.
Shine in me, God of love and light,
shine in me.

Breath prayer:
Your light ... in me



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00 AM	Irene & John Schumacher
NO 5:30 pm	MASS
Sunday	January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family—Mass at Saint Francis Xavier
11:15 AM	Delina Chavez—Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday	January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
12:15 PM	No Intention
Tuesday,	January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton
5:15 PM	MASS at Newman Center
Wednesday,	January 5, Saint John Neumann
9:00 AM	MASS at Newman Center
Thursday	January 6, , Christmas Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	January 7, Christmas Weekday
5:30 PM	No Intention
Saturday	January 8, Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
5:30 PM	David Evans
Sunday	January 9, Baptism of the Lord
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Wallace Prost—Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass



Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30
Next	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Sunday:	Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27- 28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21- 22



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 Mietelsk, 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 Broemmel, 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, Rev. Dr. Howard White, and **all those in need of our prayers.**



Liturgical MINISTERS

January 8, 5:30 pm— Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

Lector: Dan Dougherty
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Schmitz, Sandy Warhausen
Hospitality: Laura Kidd

January 9, 9:00 AM — Baptism of the Lord

Lector: Darl Young
Eucharist Ministers: Leeta Wilson, Elaine Vitello
Hospitality: Michael & Kim Mueller



Weekly OFFERING

**Your gifts to God and parish
Contributions for the weekend of
December 18 & 19, 2021
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Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday	January 2	Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) NO PSR 12:15 pm Spanish Mass		11:15am Mass— NO 5:15 pm Mass
Monday	January 3	
Office Closed 12:15 pm Mass and Adoration		Office closed until 1/4/22 NO 7:00 pm RCIA
Tuesday	January 4	
Office Open 9am-3pm 10:30 am Staff Meeting		Office open 9:00 am 4 :00 pm NO 6:00am Men's Rosary 5:15 pm Mass
Wednesday	January 5	
Office Open 9am-3pm		Office open 9:00 am 4 :00 pm 9:00 am Mass
Thursday	January 6	
Office Open 9am-3pm		Office open 9:00 am 4 :00 pm 5:15pm Mass NO 6pm Thursday Night Supper (until 1/13/22)
Friday	January 7	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass		Office open 9:00 am 4 :00 pm
Saturday	January 8	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass		Office Closed
Sunday	January 9	Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 10:00 am PSR 12:15 pm Spanish Mass 2:00 pm Take Down Christmas Decorations in Church		11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass

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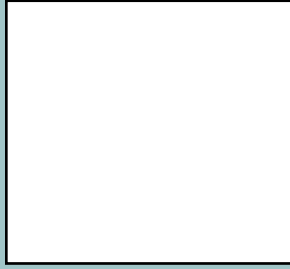
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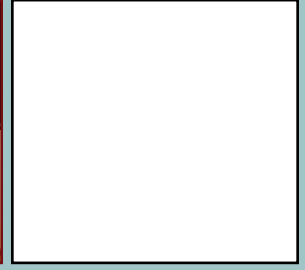
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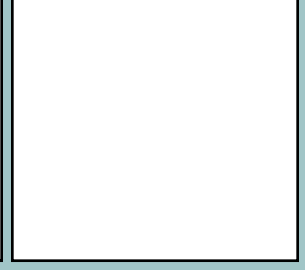
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