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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

Saint Andrew Parish School (618-687-2013)

723 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL



The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

Welcome, New Parishioners
and New Students!
Please register.

MASS FOR LIFE

Please join Bishop Michael McGovern for Holy Mass on Sunday, January 16, at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL. We are especially mindful in the month of January of the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Together we need the power of prayer and God's grace to build a culture where every human life is cherished and respected from conception until natural death. All are invited to draw strength from the power of Christ's holy word and the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

For more information, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or by e-mail to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org

St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church January 13th

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

JustFaith Catholic Program Offered Virtually *Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response*

8 Consecutive Weeks Starting January 14 at 1pm

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 adults in our diocese. 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. To register contact Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or 618-624-2838.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



Dear Parish FAMILY

Happy New Year and a blessed Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! As we celebrate this important feast day, it marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

How appropriate that this feast is the transition between the birth of our Savior and the beginning of his public ministry. May it also be for us a renewal of our own commitment to be of service and help to our families, our parish, and the other civic and community organizations and places where there is need of our help and assistance, even done safely during this pandemic time.

And how unusual Christmas was again this year during the pandemic! Very different for all of us but I was able to see my family in person in Kansas this year.

This is a reminder to please always wear your face masks correctly covering both your mouth and your nose. This is the official guideline from the Center for Disease Control. This is true always, but especially for us in church. Thank you for your cooperation with this important and necessary guideline. I know it is not always easy or comfortable, but proper mask wearing is what we are asked to do for ourselves and others—the common good.

This Sunday, January 9th , at 2 pm we will take down our Christmas decorations including our nativity scene, banners, wreaths, window trimmings, Christmas trees, etc. If you can, please help us out with this annual project. It obviously goes much faster to take down everything, so we should be finished in an hour if we get a number of volunteers. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

A year ago, this past fall, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday dedicated to the Word of God which will be held every year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary time. The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time this year is the weekend of January 22nd and 23rd. Last year both Newman Center and Saint Francis Xavier gave out Bibles so that everyone can use them more regularly in their spiritual and liturgical lives. I hope you have been able to do so, and that your life of personal prayer and worship have been enhanced!

Last but not least, many thanks to the parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier who were so generous in helping those less fortunate in our local area. During the calendar year of 2021 we contributed \$9,739.00 to the Good Samaritan Ministries; \$3,138.00 to the Warming Center; \$2,120.00 individuals needing assistance to help pay rent and utilities; and another \$850.00 in gas cards. We also collected \$1,419.00 for Haiti and another \$1,210.00 for the Mayfield Tornado Relief.

God's peace,
Fr. Bob
Pastor/Chaplain



Happenings and Musings Sr. Barbara Blesse

BOOK STUDY

I enjoy being part of book study groups, learning from the insights and perspectives of other readers. I hope some of you do too. In February, Black History Month, we are inviting interested individuals to gather to discuss the book:

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church
by Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, a professor at Fordham University whose expertise is in theological ethics.

Because of Covid spiking, the group will begin meeting once or twice a month via Zoom at a time chosen by the participants.

If you are interested, please email me by January 21 at sbarbarab@mediacombb.net or give me a call at the parish: 618.457.4556.

Start thinking about a preferred day and time of day as that will be one of the first things I ask you.

I am willing to order a book for you if you are unable to do so. The current cost through Amazon is \$19.39 (paperback) or \$12.90 (Kindle).

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A NEW YEAR PRAYER

The Old Year:

We look back with Gratitude for and Learnings about what has been.

The New Year:

We look forward with Hope to the unknown and Trust in the mystery as it unfolds.

We Pray...

For healing...For strength...For vision...
prepare us for surprises.
For transformation...For messengers and messages...
For community...prepare us for surprises.
For acceptance – of ourselves and others...
For making room at our tables...
For Truth-seeking...prepare us for surprises.
For support...For Common Ground...
prepare us for surprises.

Walk beside us, O Holy One,
as we question and welcome,
as we challenge and invite,
as we discover and understand,
As we see, touch, taste, smell, and listen
for the Newness awaiting us in 2022.

May we, Your Holy People,
walk forward together side by side.
Amen.



Mass INTENTIONS

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
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Monday	January 10, Weekday
12:15 PM	Rita, Cletus, and Tom Albert
Tuesday,	January 11, Weekday
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday,	January 12, Weekday
9:00 AM	For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday	January 13, Saint Hilary
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center
Friday,	January 14, Weekday
5:30 PM	No Intention
Saturday	January 15, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	Mrs. Frances C. Harackiewicz
Sunday	January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:15 AM	Delina Chavez—Mass at Newman Center
12:15 PM	Spanish Mass
5:15 PM	Mass at Newman Center



Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ 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
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1 -12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6- 7/Mk 2:13-17
Next	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor
Sunday:	12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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, 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, Pat Masters, and all those in need of our prayers.



Liturgical MINISTERS

January 15, 5:30 PM

Lector: Fran Harackiewicz
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Beavers, Laura Kidd
Hospitality: Scott Thorne

January 16, 9:00 AM

Lector: Danuta Del Rio
Eucharist Ministers: Julie Neubig, Sharon Smaga
Hospitality: Jimmy Karayiannis



Weekly OFFERING

Your gifts to God and parish

Contributions for Christmas Eve Mass, Christmas Day
Mass and the Holy Family Mass
December 24, 25 & 26, 2021
\$7,225.00



Our Deepest Sympathy
Our deepest condolences to Marge Huffman and family in the loss of her husband, John, who died December 31, 2021. We also express sympathy to Jane Boardman and family in the loss of her husband, Sheffield, who died January 2, 2022. Please pray for the deceased and for their families in this difficult time.

Carbondale Interfaith Prayer Cycle: The Week of January 10th, please pray for the Southern Illinois Quaker Meeting.

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday January 9

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

5:15 pm Mass

Monday January 10

Office open 9am-3pm

Office open 9am-4pm

12:15 pm Mass and Adoration

7:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday January 11

Office Open 9am-3pm

Office open 9am-4pm

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:00am Men's Rosary

1pm Community Bible Study (zoom)

5:15 pm Mass, Holy Hour and Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 12

Office Open 9am-3pm

Office open 9am-4pm

9:00 am Mass

8pm HOT ONES Challenge

Thursday, January 13

Office Open 9am-3pm

Office open 9am-4pm

5:15pm Mass

6pm Thursday Night Supper

Friday, January 14

Office Closed

Office 9am-4pm

5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, January 15

Office Closed

Office Closed

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 16

9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall)

10:00 am PSR


12:15 pm Spanish Mass

4:00 pm Martin Luther King celebration in Civic Center

11:15am Mass

5:15pm Mass

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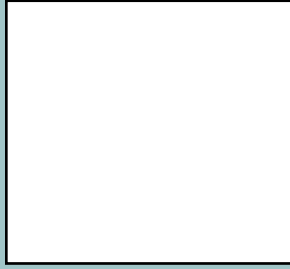
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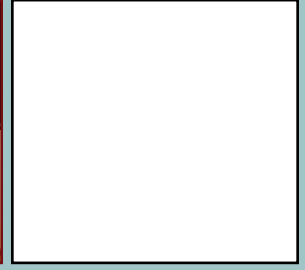
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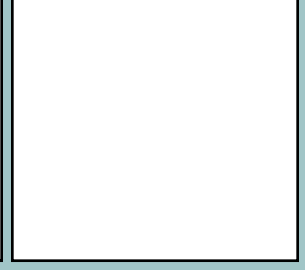
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