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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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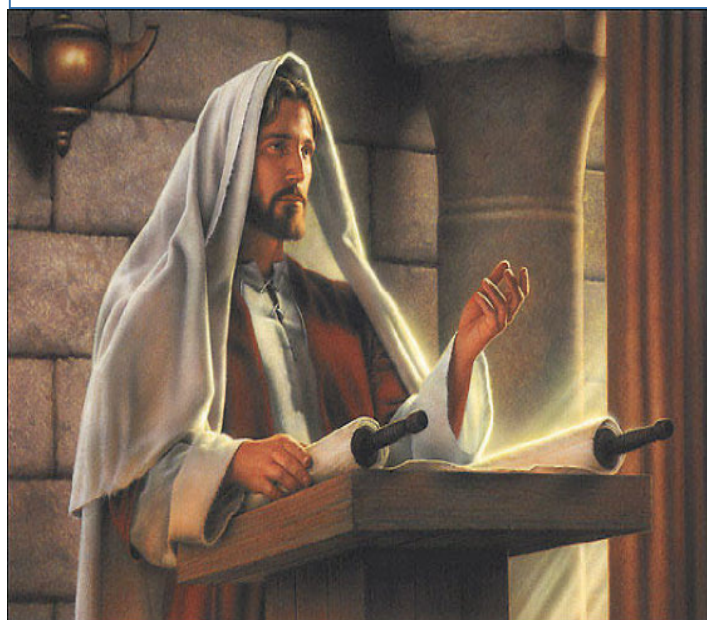
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Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022

**Welcome, New Parishioners
and New Students!**

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “*The Summa Theologiae*.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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BOOK STUDY

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 Sister Barbara by January 26 at

sbarbarab@mediacombb.net or

give her a call at the parish: 618.457.4556.

Please begin thinking about a preferred day and time of day as that will be one of the first things she asks you.

She is willing to order your book for you if you are unable to do so.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Visitation and a Memorial Mass for Dr. Sheffield Boardman will be held at Saint Francis Xavier on Saturday, January 29th. Visitation will be from 9am to 11am followed by the Memorial Mass. All are welcome to attend—masks required.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be offered to parents (and godparents) on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 9:00 am for those wishing to have their child baptized. Reminder, baptisms will not be scheduled during lent — March 2, through April 16. If you are planning a baptism prior to another class being offered in Spring or early Summer, please consider attending this class. Please call the parish office to register. If godparents do not live in this area, please ask them to contact their parish for a class. At least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic. The other should be of Christian faith.



Dear Parish FAMILY

Blessings to everyone as we observe the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time!** This Sunday has been deemed the Word of God Sunday as each of the three-year cycles have readings that speak of God's Word and how it is needs to be formative in our lives. I hope each of us we make an effort to read the Holy Scriptures more in our lives, and perhaps take part in Bible Studies which are available in our partnership/cluster parishes.

Also, a reminder that the Newman Center has a **Men's Rosary** at 6 am every Tuesday when classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters. A great breakfast is always prepared for the group, and it is open to non-students from the community as well. It is amazing to see the faith of our young men and women at Newman. It is a privilege for us to encourage and support them!

As mentioned before, we will be offering a **shortened confirmation class** for anyone who has been baptized, received their first communion and first reconciliation, but have not yet been confirmed. The sessions will be held the next five Tuesdays from 6:30 to about 8 pm at the Newman Center. Please remember that in order for anyone to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation for someone, they need to have been confirmed themselves. Also, Catholics getting married are expected to have received all three sacraments of Initiation which includes the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested or know anyone else who might be interested in being part of the program, please contact Fr. Bob, Sr. Barbara, Tim or Dawn at Newman. Bishop McGovern will be doing the confirmation, likely on the last Sunday of February right before Lent begins. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone in this situation.

This weekend we are having the Rite of Welcome for those grade school students who will be receiving their First Communion or Eucharist at Eastertime. We thank them, their parents and catechists for all the work they have done to be properly prepared for this Sacrament. They are:

Grade Two

Claire Anterola, Brian Mora, Nyla Shankar, Audrey Valera
Evelyn Xoxotla

Grades Three through Eight

Abby Jimenez, Gabriel Jimenez, Clara Marie Long,
Katherine Amelia Long, Genesis Lopez, Crystal Queriapa,
Bryan Vicente, Guadalupe Vicente, Christopher Young,
Anthony Young

God's peace,

Fr. Bob

Pastor/Chaplain



Happenings and Musings

Sr. Barbara Blesse

One of my most favorite authors was the fabulous storyteller and pray-er, Edward Hays. His creativity and imagination stood out among others and he was way ahead of his times in pondering all that science was revealing about the cosmos. He found countless ways engage his readers with the Creator of it all. This prayer is but one example of his
giftedness
as a writer.



New Year's Blessing Prayer for Clocks and Calendars

Lord, You who live outside of time,
And reside in the imperishable moment,
We ask for Your blessing this New Year
upon Your gift to us of time.
Bless our clocks and watches,
You who kindly direct us to observe the
passing of minutes and hours.
May they make us aware of the miracle of
each second of life we experience.
May these our ticking servants help us not
to miss that which is important,
while You keep us from
machine-like routine.
May we ever be free from being clock
watchers and instead become time lovers.
Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of
days, weeks and months,
Of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts—all
our special days of remembering.
May these servants, our calendars, once re-
served for the royal few,
For magi and pyramid priests, now grace our
homes and our lives.
May they remind us of birthdays
and other gift-days,
As they teach us the secret that all life is
meant for celebration and contemplation.
Bless, Lord, this New Year,
each of its 365 days and nights.
Bless us with new moons and full moons.
Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.
Grant to us, Lord, the New Year's gift
of a year of love.
Amen.

[Slightly adapted from *Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home* by Edward Hays ©1979, 2007 by Ave Maria Press: Notre Dame, Indiana]



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:30 PM	January 22 Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Debbie Roudybush
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:15 AM 12:15 PM 5:15 PM	January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Parish Family Wallace Prost—Mass at Newman Center Spanish Mass Mass at Newman Center
Monday 12:15 PM	January 24, Saint Francis de Sales No Intention
Tuesday, 5:15 PM	January 25, Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Mass at Newman Center
Wednesday, 9:00 AM	January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus For the Sick—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday 5:15 PM	January 27, Saint Angela Merici Mass at Newman Center
Friday, 5:30 PM	January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas Rita, Cletus & Tom Albert
Saturday 5:30 PM	January 29 Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Parish Family
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:15 AM 12:15 PM 5:15 PM	January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time John Huffman Delina Chavez —Mass at Newman Center Spanish Mass Mass at Newman Center



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, 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, Matt Murphy, Andrezej Mietelsk, 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, 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, Books Ladner, and all those in need of our prayers. prayers.



Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



Liturgical MINISTERS

January 29, 5:30 PM

Lector: Suzanne Schmitz
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Kidd, Sandy Warhausen
Hospitality: Scott Thorne

January 30, 9:00 AM

Lector: Darl Young
Eucharist Ministers: Sharon Smaga, Julie Draper
Hospitality: Jimmy Karayiannis



Weekly OFFERING

**Your gifts to God and parish
Contributions for the Weekend of
January 8 & 9, 2022
\$6,827.00**

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Carbondale Interfaith Prayer Cycle: The Week of January 17th, please pray for Baha'i Faith (Southern Illinois)

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday January 23	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) - Rite of Enrollment 10:00 am PSR 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15 pm Mass
Monday January 24	
Office Open 9am-3pm 12:15 pm Mass and Adoration	Office open 9am-4pm 7:00 pm RCIA
Tuesday January 25	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office open 9am-4pm 6:00am Men's Rosary 1pm Community Bible Study (zoom) 4:30 pm Reconciliation 5:15 pm Mass, and Holy Hour
Wednesday, January 26	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office open 9am-4pm NO 9:00 am Mass 8pm HOT ONES Challenge
Thursday, January 27	
Office Open 9am-3pm 10:00am Staff Meeting	Office open 9am-4pm 5:15pm Mass 6pm Thursday Night Supper
Friday, January 28	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass	Office 9am-4pm
Saturday, January 29	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass	Office Closed
Sunday, January 30	
9:00 am Mass (NO Babysitting in Xavier Hall) 10:00 am PSR 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	11:15am Mass 5:15pm Mass



Newman

Catholic Student Center



Happenings at NEWMAN

The Newman Center is accepting applications for student housing (for both men and women) at the Red House and Grey House. There are spaces available for women in Spring 2022 and Men starting in the Fall of 2022. Rent is just \$320 and includes all utilities except internet service. For more information about the houses or to schedule a visit please email office@siucnewman.org.

SMT Student MINISTRY

What is SMT and what do they do?


SMT stands for "student ministry team." SMT is a group of students who welcome new students to the Newman community, take on leadership roles here at Newman, and plan events like small groups, retreats, and game nights. The student ministry team assists the campus ministers with ideas and programming for their fellow peers. If you are looking to join SMT or have any questions about how to get more involved at the Newman Center in general, contact Jenette.



Adult CONFIRMATION

The Newman Center and St. Francis Xavier Church are looking to host a new six week program for Catholic adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation (but have been baptized and received Holy Communion). The program will start in January, with Confirmations taking place near the end of February. College students, parishioners, and Catholics from throughout the area are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to become fully initiated in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information or to register please call the office at 618-529-3311 or email office@siucnewman.org You can also call the Saint Francis Parish office at 618-457-4556.

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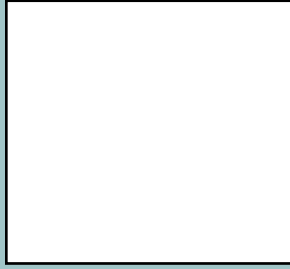
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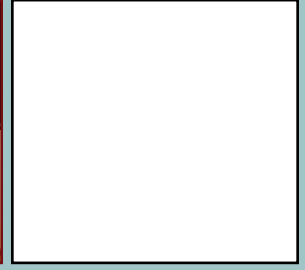
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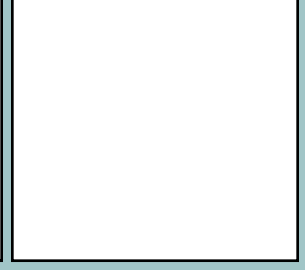
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