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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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The Ascension Of the Lord May 29, 2022

**Welcome, New Parishioners
and New Students!**
*Please register
at our parish office*

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll be a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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On Friday, June 3rd, after the 5:30pm Mass we will have a six-hour Eucharistic Adoration. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space of church. If at all possible, please sign up for an hour. We need at least two people present at each hour.



Dear Partnership FAMILY

Happy Feast of the Ascension! As we celebrate this important feast, we are grateful that Jesus has ascended to the Father so he can send his Holy Spirit to be with us always! He has not left us alone, but promises to be present in his Spirit, the Eucharist, and in one another in his Body, the Church.

There was a good response to the Carbondale Interfaith Council's **Ralph Anderson's Interfaith Dialogue** this past Monday evening sponsored by the Carbondale Public Library. A number of people from our area are signing up to attend the next Parliament of the World's Religions Convening which will be in Chicago, August 14-18, 2023. The Super Saver registration to be received before June 25, 2022 is \$189 for the group rate. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. If you missed seeing the dialogue, you can see it on YouTube under the Carbondale Library's listings.

On Monday, May 30th, we will have a **Memorial Day Mass at 9 am** at Saint Francis Xavier. This is a nice way to remember our deceased loved ones, especially when they are buried or interred in places far away.

On this Tuesday, as mentioned at our partnership liturgies last weekend, **Bishop McGovern will be at Saint Francis Xavier for a 12:15 pm Mass to celebrate with us the Feast of the Visitation.** This commemorates when the Blessed Mother, while expecting the child Jesus, travelled to see her cousin, Elizabeth, who was expecting John the Baptist. The bishop wants to celebrate this special Mass with us realizing that there is talk of having an abortion center in Carbondale, and he wants us all to speak up against it. I encourage you to attend this liturgy if you are able, and to let your voices be heard in opposition to abortion and to respect life in all its stages.

On Thursday, June 2nd, I will be observing **my 49th anniversary of ordination as a priest.** I do not know where the time has gone, but I continue to be grateful for being a priest and being able to serve you and others in my ministry these many years.

Next weekend is Pentecost Sunday. We remind everyone to try and wear red when you come to Mass. We pray for Deacon Thomas Luge who will be ordained a priest the day before at our cathedral.

I am back to normal with my health following a positive test for COVID two weeks ago. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, outreach and support.

With warm regards and God's peace,

FR. BOB
Pastor/Chaplain



Happenings and Musings

Sr. Barbara Blesse

I've heard it said that God offers peace 365 times in the scriptures...once for each day of the year. Not being an expert in languages, I don't know for sure if that's an accurate count, but I have heard it repeatedly in the Gospels from Jesus over the course of this Easter Season. Sharing thoughts on peace from a favorite author:



*Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.*

I do not give to you as the world gives.

(John 14.27)

I give to you a heart of serenity,
the grace to be undisturbed
even as chaos surrounds.

I give to you a heart of harmony,
that you may be forgiving,
knowing you are forgiven.

I give to you a heart of hope,
confident in the grace that moves
unseen and vast.

I give to you a heart of acceptance,
to be present with what is
even if it is not what shall be.

I give to you a heart of wholeness,
that you may know you belong
and all that is within you be healed.

I give to you a heart of gentleness,
to live graciously with all,
even those who are not at peace.

I give to you a heart of love,
that you know you are my Beloved,
and be at peace with all.

My peace I give to you,
the Peace of the Crucified and Risen One.
Peace be with you.



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:30 PM	May 28, Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord Mrs. Frances Harackiewicz
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:15 AM 12:15 PM	May 29, The Ascension of the Lord Our Parish Family Mass at Newman Center Spanish Mass
Monday 9:00 AM	May 30, Easter Weekday (Memorial Day) Deacon Charlie Litteken
Tuesday, 12:15 PM	May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at Saint Francis Xavier with Bishop McGovern
Wednesday, 9:00 AM	June 1, Saint Justin Alan Hyun-Oak Kim—Mass at Newman Center
Thursday 5:15 PM	June 2, Easter Weekday Mass at Newman Center
Friday, 5:30 PM	June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions Pat Waters
Saturday 5:30 PM	June 4, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday Carol Dooley
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:15 AM 12:15 PM	June 5, Pentecost Sunday Sheffield Boardman Our Parish Family Mass at Newman Center Spanish Mass



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, Fiona Angelis, Paul Angelis, Gary Ellis, Rozella Campbell, Andra 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, 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, Charles Lightfoot, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Sally Varsa, Thomas Margolis, Theresa Saporoschenko, Frances White, Michael Bracy, Steve Wunderle, Teresa Burns, Willis Rendleman, Barbara Burns, Chris Wisinski, Craig Wisinski, Mary Amel, Ron Lisak, B. Skelton, C. Baker, Rev. Dr. Howard White, Pat Masters, Brooks Ladner, Maria Reed, Kathy Van Otterloo, Dave Gorecki, Linda Gallagher, Stan and Madeline Schwartz, Jennifer Cahoy, Joyce Derossette, Roger Hern, Lee Roudybush, 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.



Bible READINGS

Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 /Lk 24:46-53
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Ez 37:1-14 /Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23



Liturgical MINISTERS

For the Weekend of June 4 & 5, 2022

Saturday, June 4, 5:30 pm

Lector: Patrick McGrath
Eucharistic Minister: Gus Mihalopulos, Laura Kidd
Hospitality: Scott Thorne

Sunday, June 5, 9:00 am

Lector: Darl Young
Eucharistic Minister: Julie Draper, Sharon Smaga
Hospitality: Michael & Kim Mueller



Weekly OFFERING

**Your gifts to God and parish
Contributions for the Weekend of
May 14 & 15, 2022**

Weekly: \$3,646.40

**Carbondale Interfaith Prayer Cycle: The Week of
May 30, please pray for Carbondale Warming Center.**

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday May 29	
9:00am Mass	11:15am Mass
NO PSR until Fall	No 5:15pm Mass
12:15pm Spanish Mass	
Monday May 30	
Office Closed	Office Closed
9:00am Mass on Memorial Day	
MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesday May 31	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-3pm
12:15pm Mass with Bishop McGovern at Saint Francis	1pm Community Bible Study (zoom) NO 5:15pm Mass 5:45pm-6:30pm Reconciliation & Adoration
Wednesday June 1	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office Open 9am-3pm 9am Mass
Thursday June 2	
Office Open 9am-3pm	Office open 9am-3pm Adoration 5:15pm Mass
Friday June 3	
Office closed 5:30pm Mass 6:00pm to 12 midnight Eucharistic Adoration	Office Closed
Saturday June 4	
Office Closed 5:30 pm Mass	Office Closed
Sunday June 5	
9:00am Mass	11:15am Mass
12:15pm Spanish Mass	No 5:15pm Mass

Happenings at the NEWMAN CENTER



TEC Retreat for TEENS

T.E.C. (Teens Encounter Christ) is having a retreat for those who are Juniors & Seniors in high school, and older. It will be in Mt. Vernon June 11th, 12th, & 13th 2022. To find out more information and get applications please go to bellevilletec.org.



Bible STUDY

Every Tuesday at 1:00pm Dawn holds a bible study for the community. Each week we discuss chapters in the bible and talk about ways to apply them in our every day lives. Everyone is welcome. We are zooming them and meeting in person at the Newman Center. If you are interested, please call Dawn at 618-529-3311.



Newman HOUSING


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 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.



Help Us, Help Others...

The Newman Center established the **Carbondale Cares Emergency Fund** to support individuals and families in urgent need. The fund serves as a resource of last resort to provide assistance with health, nutrition, housing, energy, water, transportation, and employment support. We provide assistance in cases where the need is immediate, obvious, important and fixable. The fund has helped many families to move into stable housing, find a job or keep their job in a crisis, or keep their lights and water on. If you would like to help, please contact Tim at 618-529-3311 or email tim@siucnewman.org.

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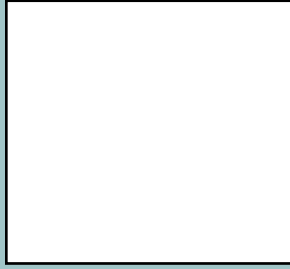
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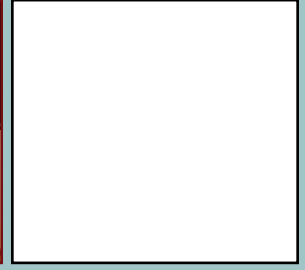
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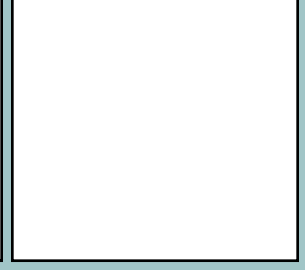



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