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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 the parish office **at least** nine months before the wedding to make arrangements.

 **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 and Wednesday 12:00pm

Newman Center

Sunday 11:15am

Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15pm

Saint Andrew Church (618-687-2012)

724 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL

Saturday 5:00pm. Sunday 10:00am.

Saint Andrew Parish School (618-687-2013)

723 Mulberry Street, Murphysboro, IL

serving SIU Carbondale and John A. Logan College

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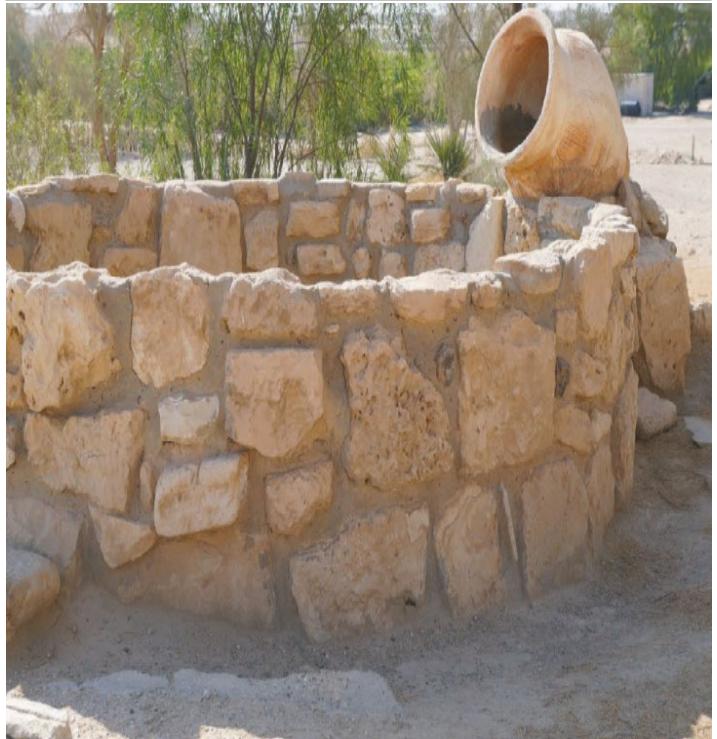
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Pianist: Michael Lee



3rd Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

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

The Partnership of Saint Francis Xavier Church and the Newman Center

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 29 -General Church Cleaning at 9:00 am (bring your broom & duster)
- May 10 - Next Women's Club Meeting
- June 8 - Women's Club Breakfast at 10:30 am (all women and their daughters invited)



Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, March 5, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 17, inclusive.

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

From Council to Creed

A presentation by Dr. Michelle Freeman, Ph.D. This year is the 1700 th anniversary of the Nicene Creed! Did you ever wonder how the creed was developed? Who were the major players, and what heresies were they trying to correct?

Come find out answers to questions you never knew you had!

Sunday March 23 1:00-2:30 p.m. @ Newman Catholic Student Center

715 S Washington St., Carbondale
Call Dawn O'Leary 618-529-3311 for information.



Attention Gardeners

Bring your garden tools and help do landscape maintenance around the church property. We will meet at 9:00 am on Tuesday, March 25th.



Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Training

If you would like to volunteer as a Lector please save the date and time. The training will be at the church. See Sr Barbara for a booklet

Lectors: Tuesday or Wednesday, March 25 or 26, at 6:30 pm.



Keep Carbondale Beautiful

Spring Native Tree & Shrub Sale

Saturday, March 29th

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Town Square Pavilion

Carbondale

Pre-ordering is available at keeppcb.org

West Vicariate Statement Meetings

Everyone in the West Vicariate is invited to a morning of prayer and discussion with fellow Catholics, friends and neighbors about our future call as a diocese. There is a meeting in English at Murphysboro, and one in Spanish here at St Francis Xavier

Murphysboro: (English) 03-29-25, 9:00 to Noon, St Andrew Church. At KC Hall.

Carbondale: (Spanish) 04-05-25, 9:00 to Noon, St Francis Xavier.



DAY OF RECOLLECTION

For young men discerning their vocation

Need time to reconnect with God this Lent?
Join us for a day of silence & prayer to focus on
discerning God's will for your life

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 | 9AM-3PM
ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, O'FALLON, IL

Please RSVP to mskorch@diobelle.org by 4/1/25



Happenings and Musings Sr. Barbara Blesse, OP

This upcoming week, beginning on March 23, we dedicate **Twenty -Four Hours for the Lord.**



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Continuation...

The Body of Compassion

I pray to be the heart of compassion—

that those who feel overwhelmed with suffering will sense my empathic response, one that forgoes a desire to fix the hurt.

I pray to be the mouth of compassion--

that those whose voice is not heard will be empowered and supported by my determined, vocal stand for justice.

I pray to be the hands of compassion--

that those whose life could benefit from my presence and my actions will be assisted by the humble offering.

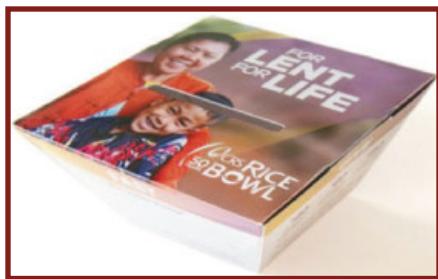
I pray to be the feet of compassion--

that those who long for companionship will see that I walk beside them, joined in the strength of a common humanity.

I pray that the Light of compassion shining in my soul

will recognize and receive the Light shining in others, that together we will care for creation with respect and have gratitude for all that exists.

[Taken from: *Prayers of Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp © 2018]



During Lent, we fast and fasting from one special treat a week will help Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

serve those most in need. With loved ones, visit CRS.org for Lenten stories of hope and Lenten reci-

Lenten Reflection

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey. Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 22, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	Adelrich Francis Vitt
Sunday	March 23, 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Kelly Kurtz
11:15 am	Steve Maier
Monday	March 24, Lenten Weekday
12:00 pm	No Intention
Tuesday	March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
5:15 pm	No Intention
Wednesday	March 26, Lenten Weekday
12:00 pm	No Intention
Thursday	March 27, Lenten Weekday
5:15 pm	No Intention
Saturday	March 29, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	Mary & Tom De Simone
Sunday	March 30, 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Our Parish Family
11:15 am	No Intention



Liturgical MINISTERS

Weekend of March 29 & 30, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM

Lector: Pat Dougherty

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Beavers, Laura Kidd, Stu Weisberg, Son Le, Anne Anterola

Hospitality: Scott Thorne

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Lector: Dina Hyde

Eucharistic Ministers: George Sheffer, Bob Bleyer, Heather Burns, Marsha Murphy, Kim Mueller, Leeta Wilson, Sharon Smaga

Hospitality: Jim Karayannis

Shoes for Africa

Don't throw away your old sneakers. Instead, bring them to the parish office. They will be given to the Lions Club. This is an ongoing project, and combined with donations from all over the country, the sneakers will be sent to Africa, where people will refurbish them, and give them to people in need. This creates jobs and helps people who need shoes. Sneakers only, in any condition.

Weekly OFFERING

Your gifts to God and parish:
**Contributions for the Weekend of
 March 8 & 9, 2025
 \$8,392.81.**

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9.

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42.

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30.

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38.

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19.

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23.

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34.

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14.

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 Coleen McGrain, Brian Bruce, Mark Cornell, George Timson, Terry Silas, Antonio Henrique, Paul Angelis, Gary Ellis, Andra Florer, Benedykt Dziegielewski, Dominique Delahoussaye, Casey Osowski, Alexander Michalek, Neal Jacobson, Peggy Reuter, Adele Cowell, Marie Doyle, Harriet Thomas, Betty Springer, Tom Bik, Caroline Burr, Virginia Velasques, Chance Grey, Sylvia Sullivan, Ruby Baker, Elsie Martin, Tim Taylor, Fr Joseph Brown, the Newman Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus and all in our community in need of prayer. To add a name call 618- 529-3311.

Saint Francis XAVIER: Wednesday is designated as a Day of Prayer for the sick, hospitalized parishioners, their families, and others in need of prayers. Please remember: Jim Merkle, Kimberly Murray, Jamie Yancy, Carmen Merod, Austin Chew, Richard Walsh, Marie Ice, Tracy Hall, Matt Murphy, Andrezej Mietelsk, Harper Smith, Carolyn Huffman, Julia James, Audra Harrison, Diana Chervinko, Helen McCormick, Pat Waters, Sarah Hefferman, Frank Smith, Rebecca Hernandez, Tristin Dooley, Marge Huffman, Steve Galt, Savy Knight, Gary Tretter, Marilyn Kilby, Thomas Margolis, Michael Bracy, Teresa Burns, Willis Rendleman, Barbara Burns, Mary Amel, Ron Lisak, B. Skelton, Rev. Dr. Howard White, Pat Masters, Brooks Ladner, Kathy Van Otterloo, Madeline Schwartz, Jennifer Cahoy, Joyce Derossette, Roger Hern, Monsignor Vince Krische, Ben Balsano, Samantha Ladd, Andrea & Donald Creekpaum, Jodie Rowley, Jean McCarthy, Carrol DeSoto, Father Greg Jones, Zak Johnson, Pat Tindall, Roseann Romero Cruz, the Nenni Family, Mary Alice Hamilton, Terri Strong, Fred Moehle, Jim Tarr, Carolyn Frisch, David Frisch, John Ladd, Helen Wisinski, Jesse Hurst, the Hurst Family, Carol and Jim O'Donnell, Jerry Cheki, Elsie Martin, Daryn Pingleton, Jak Tichener, Ray Gordon, David Slater, Janet Slater and all those in need of our prayers.

If you or anyone in your family is hospitalized, please let the parish office know so arrangements can be made for the Anointing of the Sick.

Weekly EVENTS

at St. Francis Xavier

at Newman Center

Sunday	March 23	
9:00 am Mass		11:15am Mass
12:15 pm Misa Espanol		1pm Creed Presentation
3:00 pm Girl Scouts		6:30pm Underclassmen's Women's Bible Study
Monday	March 24	
Office Open 8:00 am- 4:00 pm		Office Open 9:00 am— 3:00 pm
10:30 am Staff Mtg		
12:00 pm Mass & Adoration		5pm Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday	March 25	
Office Open 8:00 am- 4:00 pm		Office Open 9:00 am— 3:00 pm
		6am Men's Rosary (breakfast provided)
		1pm Bible Study (zoom)
		5:15pm Mass (followed by confession & adoration)
Wednesday	March 26	
Office Open 8:00 am— 4:00 pm		Office Open 9am-3pm
12:00 pm Mass		7am Women's Coffee & Conversation
5:45 pm Girl Scouts		6pm Men's Bible Study
		6pm Upperclassmen Women's Bible Study
Thursday	March 27	
Office Open 8:00 to 4:00 pm		Office Open 9:00 am-3:00 pm
12:00 pm West Vicariate Mtg		5:15pm Mass
		6pm Thursday Night Supper
Friday	March 28	
Office Open 8:00 to 12:00 pm		Office Open 9:00 am-12:00 pm
12:15 pm Stations of the Cross		
Saturday	March 29	
Office Closed		Office Closed
5:30 pm Mass		
Sunday	March 30	
9:00 am Mass		11:15am Mass
12:15 pm Misa Espanol		

Happenings at the NEWMAN CENTER



WEEKLY EVENTS FOR STUDENTS:

Sunday 11:15am Mass (followed by coffee & dessert)
Sunday 6:30pm Underclassmen's Women's Bible Study

Monday 5pm Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday 6am Men's Rosary (breakfast provided)
Tuesday 5:15pm Mass (followed by Confession & Adoration)

Wednesday 7am Women's Coffee & Conversation
Wednesday 6pm Upperclassmen Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 6pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday 5:15pm Mass
Thursday 6pm Free Student Supper

Thursday, 3/27/25 7pm Theology on Tap (St. Andrew's Rectory)

For more information about activities & small groups,
contact Emily at 618-529-3311 or email:
emily@siucnewman.org

Tax TIME

If you need information regarding your 2024 donations to the Newman Catholic Student Center, please email: dawn@siucnewman.org or call (618) 529-3311. Thank you for your generous support!

Smoky Mountain RAFFLE

Smoky Mountains Vacation Raffle!

Enjoy a four-day, three-night stay at the Majestic Hallow Cabin in Townsend, Tennessee, just 5 minutes from the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and within easy driving distance of many area attractions. Your four-bedroom, two-bathroom luxury cabin sleeps up to twelve people and includes a fully equipped kitchen, laundry room, fire place, hot tub, game room, satellite TV, wifi internet, large yard with outdoor fire pit, and more. Reservations are available year round at your convenience (excluding major holidays)! **\$10 per chance or 3 for \$25.**

Student volunteers and Spanish speaking vol- unteers needed.

(Please contact Emily at 618-529-3311 for
more information.)



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