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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



The Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025

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

The Partnership of Saint Francis Xavier Church and the Newman Center



Spring Farm Blessing

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Spring Farm Blessing which will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Ruppert Family Farm, 597 Tulip Road, Coulterville, IL 62237

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM BELLEVILLE:

Take Rt 15 East going through Marissa - (55 min-41mi)
In Marissa: Turn LEFT onto E. Lyons St
In 4.2 miles turn LEFT onto IL-13 E (toward Tilden)
In 6.5 miles turn RIGHT onto County Line Rd
In 2.3 miles turn LEFT onto Tulip Rd
In 1.2 miles turn LEFT to arrive at the farm
(The farm will be on your left. Turn in the second driveway by the mailbox)

FROM PINCKNEYVILLE:

In Pinckneyville: At the roundabout, take the first exit onto Kennedy Dr. - Route 13
In 11 miles turn LEFT onto Snapdragon Rd
In 1.7 miles turn RIGHT onto Tulip Rd
In 1.0 miles turn RIGHT to arrive at the farm

(The farm will be on your right. Turn in the first driveway by the mailbox)

“Farm Blessing” signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Non-perishable food items for the needy of the area will be collected. We look forward to having you join us!



Thank You Thank You

Thanks to all who helped with the Fish Fry, those who worked, donated cakes and cash, and the clean up crew!
Also, thanks to all who came to eat!



Respect Life Corner

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Earth Day Mass at Camp Ondessonk



Saint Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Laudato Si and Care for Creation groups invite you to an outdoor Mass celebrating Earth Day.

It will be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, April 22nd at Camp Ondessonk. Father Brian Barker will celebrate Mass; Bill Harper and Sister Paulette Joerger, OP will lead the music. The location is accessible for all. Transportation is available for those who need it. Refreshments and environmental information will be available after the Mass. Parishioners in Carterville, Herrin, Johnston City and Marion should contact Beth Spezia at 618-534-3708 for a ride. SIU Students and parishioners in Carbondale and Murphysboro should contact Logan Boyce at loroboyce@gmail.com for a ride.





Gospel Reflection

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir

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Thoughts FROM... Dawn

As a rule, I enjoy writing out my bulletin thoughts. It's a privilege to study passages of scripture and share how I think a given text could apply to our lives here and now. That is the purpose of Scripture, after all; it's the primary source for learning who God is and how He wants us to live our lives as his people. For us as Christians, Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God. In the gospels Jesus is quite forthcoming about what is required to be a disciple of Christ. What God and Jesus want of us has not changed in the past two thousand years.

That being said, the event of the resurrection magnifies the importance of our striving to live the way Jesus calls us to live. I have to tell you that writing a reflection for Easter, therefore, carries greater tension with it. Here we are celebrating the most important day in all of Christianity! How can I possibly add anything to all the great writings that commemorate this day which marks the resurrection? In truth, I don't have anything wildly elucidating to add. It was an amazing, confounding event.

I can relate to the confounding part, though. In particular, I can sympathize with the confusion Mary Magdalen, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple felt at the empty tomb! Had I been in their company that morning, I would not have been guessing Jesus had risen from the dead! Likewise, I can relate to the confusion felt by those to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection. It's no wonder they didn't recognize him at first.

Today we take the reality of the resurrection for granted. We are Christians because of it. We celebrate Easter because of it. We expect to be resurrected ourselves someday. On the one hand, it is a gift to have this confidence. Nevertheless, I think we have all experienced moments of confusion, perhaps even disbelief. How, we wonder, is God working in some particular event in our lives (events much less momentous than raising us from the dead)? At moments like that we are lucky to have Mary Magdalen, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple to remind us to continue to trust in God and Jesus no matter how unbelievable or world-changing our circumstances might be. Their faith led them to carry the message of Jesus into the world. We are called to do the same.





Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 19, Vigil: Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 pm	Albert Vespoli
Sunday	April 20, Resurrection of the Lord
9:00 am	Dianne Ryan
11:15 am	Truman Burk
Monday	April 21, Monday of the Octave of Easter
12:00 pm	Vera & Louis Vespoli
Tuesday	April 22, Tuesday of the Octave of Easter
5:15 pm	No Intention
Wednesday	April 23, Wednesday of the Octave of Easter
12:00 pm	Barbara Di Bella
Thursday	April 24, Thursday of the Octave of Easter
5:15 pm	No Intention
Saturday	April 26, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter
5:30 pm	Nancy & Motier Becque
Sunday	April 27, 2nd Sunday of Easter
9:00 am	Ben Balsano
11:15 am	Danielle Jansen & Baby



Liturgical MINISTERS

April 26 & 27, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM

Lector: Dan Beavers

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Schmitz, Stu Weisberg, Son Le, Laura Kidd, Dan Beavers

Hospitality: Scott Thorne

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Lector: Dina Hyde

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

Hospitality: Mike Mueller

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.

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12.

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15.

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18.

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35.

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48.

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14.

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15.

Weekly OFFERING

Your gifts to God and parish:
Contributions for the Weekend of

April 5 & 6, 2025
\$10,140.05.



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 Sulivan, Elsie Martin, Tim Taylor, Fr Joseph Brown, the Newman Auxiliary, Danielle Jansen & Baby, 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: Jodie Rowley, Jean McCarthy, 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, Jak Tichener, Ray Gordon, David Slater, Janet Slater, Patti Sarver, Dave Gorecki 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	April 20	
9:00 am Mass		11:15am Mass
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt		
12:15 pm Misa Espanol		6:30pm Underclassmen's Women's Bible Study
Monday	April 21	
Office Closed		Office Closed
12:00 pm Mass & Adoration		
Tuesday	April 22	
Office Open 8:00 am- 4:00 pm		Office Open 9:00 am- 3:00 pm
Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30-5:30 pm		6am Men's Rosary (breakfast provided) 1pm Bible Study (zoom) 5:15pm Mass (followed by confession & adoration)
Wednesday	April 23	
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	April 24	
Office Open 8:00 to 4:00 pm		Office Open 9am-3pm
		5:15pm Mass
		6pm Thursday Night Supper
Friday	April 25	
Office Open 8:00 to 12:00 pm		Office Open 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Saturday	April 26	
Office Closed		Office Closed
4:30 pm Reconciliation		1pm K of C Golf Scramble (12pm lunch) at Red Hawk Golf Course in Pinckneyville
5:30 pm Mass		
Sunday	April 27	
9:00 am Mass		11:15am Mass
10:00 am PSR		
11:00 am 1st Communion & Confirmation		
12:15 pm Misa Espanol		

Happenings at the NEWMAN CENTER



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



Golf SCRAMBLE

Join us for our annual # 7682 **Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble** at **Red Hawk Country Club** in Pinckneyville on **Saturday, April 26th**! This is the main fundraiser for our council throughout the year. The cost is \$240 per team (\$60 per person). Individuals and businesses can sponsor a hole for \$100 (make the checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7682). Lunch will be served at noon and play starts at 1pm. See you all there!



Pro-Life Dinner

The Jackson County Knights of Columbus hosts its **Annual Pro-Life Dinner** Wednesday, **April 30, 2025**. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm, Program 7pm. Paulette Sparling is the keynote speaker. \$20 donation for adults (free for high school and college students). Proceeds split 50/50 between St. Anne's Cradle of Hope and Clarity Women's Care. Please RSVP with the number in your party by April 29, 2024 (Call the Newman Center at (618)529-3311.)

You are invited to Fr. Larry's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

When:

Sunday, June 8, 2025

2:00pm: Mass

3:00: Meal

Where:

St. Paul's Catholic Church, 2020 State Highway 146 E, Vienna, Illinois 62995

Fr. Larry would love to have you join him in celebrating 25 years of Priestly Service. The only presents you need to bring are you and your family's presence at this milestone event.

RSVP to

St. Paul's Parish Office: 618-658-4501, or spccil@frontier.com

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