



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE AT SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED						
	1 12:15 pm Mid Day Prayer Service with Communion 7:00 pm RCIA	2 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman Center	3 7:20 am Morning Prayer Service with Communion 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Knights of	4 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	5 First Friday 5:30 pm Mass	6 5:30 pm Mass
7 9 am Mass; 10:00 am Family Stations of the Cross 11:15 am & 5:15 pm Masses at Newman Center Mega Raffle Drawing 2:00 pm Penance Service at Holy Spirit in Carterville	8 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA	9 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman Center	10 Homebound Visits 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir	11 10:30 am Mass at Prairie Living 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	12 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass 5-7 pm Fish Fry	13 5:30 pm Mass Wear Red at all weekend Masses
14 Palm Sunday 9 am Mass 10 am PSR 11:15 & 5:15 pm Masses at Newman 6:30 pm Confirmation Session	15 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA—Mini Retreat at Newman	16 11:30 am Chrism Mass at Cathedral in Belleville 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman Center	17 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir	18 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at Saint Francis Xavier and at Newman Center. Adoration until 12 am at Saint Francis (<u>Servers practice at 6:30 pm</u>)	19 Good Friday 12:15 pm Stations Of the Cross 3:30 pm Passion of the Lord at Newman 5:30 pm Passion of the Lord at Saint Francis Xavier (<u>Server's practice at 5:00 pm</u>)	20 9 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am Decorate Church for Easter 12 Noon Blessing of Food (<u>4:00 pm Server's Practice</u>) No 5:30 pm Mass 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
21 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Mass Easter Egg Hunt after Mass No 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	22 Office Closed 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour NO RCIA 4:30 pm Finance Council 7:00 pm Parish Council	23 2-6:00 pm Blood Drive in Xavier Hall 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman Center	24 Administrative Professional Day 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir	25 11:30 am Mass 12 noon Heritage Club Salad Lunch and viewing of Fr. Bob's slides of Rome 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	26 11:00 am Mass at Landings 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm First Communion Practice	27 First Communion at 5:30 pm Mass
28 Divine Mercy Sunday 9 am Mass 11:15 & 5:15 Masses at Newman Center	29 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA	30 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman Center	May 1 7:20 am Morning Prayer Service with Communion 6 pm Women's Club Meeting at Human's	May 2 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	May 3 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Service with Communion	May 4 5:30 pm Mass

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
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Carbondale, IL 62901 618-457-4556
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Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:30—5:00 pm or by appointment

Regular Mass Schedule:
Monday: 12:15 pm followed by Holy Hour;
Tuesday: 7:20 am
(Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at Newman Center 5:15 pm)
Friday & Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 12:15 pm Spanish Mass

Newman Catholic Student Center

(Partnership Relationship) email: san@siucnewman.org
715 South Washington Street
Carbondale, IL 618-529-3311 website: www.siucnewman.org

Regular Mass Schedule:
5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday followed by Holy Hour,
and on Thursday
11:15 am Mass on Sunday
5:15 pm Mass on Sunday during school

APRIL, 2019

Liturgical Year: We complete Lent and enter Easter.

14 Palm Sunday
18 Holy Thursday
19 Good Friday
20 Holy Saturday
21 Easter Sunday
29 Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, reformer

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

During the time of Jesus, branches from **palm** trees and olive trees were spread in the road during festivities to welcome a guest, like spreading rose petals at a wedding. The crowd welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with these festivities. We welcome Jesus with our palms as we open Holy Week. Many Catholics keep a palm in their home all year long.

MORE LENTEN RESOURCES

Still time for Lenten practices: Stations of the Cross at noon on Fridays, readings from **WORD AMONG US**, and a Lenten calendar of activities and meditations at uscgb.org. Still time to fast from special treats and donate to the Rice Bowl. Paper bowls are at church and at crs.org. Still time to fast from one attitude preventing a closer relationship with God or one habit interfering with loving personal relationships.

According to the Dalai Lama, kindness is one of the foundations for progress on the spiritual path. During Lent, perform kind acts for others. Pope Francis reminds us to say "please," "thank you," and "I am sorry."

LENTEN PRAYER

"Jesus, we come to you today with unspoken questions that long for answers. Calm our fears, hear our prayers, and fill our hearts with gentle love not only for our neighbors, but for ourselves as well." **Daily Reflections for Lent, Not By Bread Alone 2019.**

TRIDUUM: THREE DAYS

Triduum, a Latin phrase, refers to the three days – Holy Thursday through Easter – that are our most sacred days. On Holy Thursday, we join Jesus as he celebrates the Seder meal with his apostles, recalling the freeing of the Jews from slavery in

Egypt. As Jesus breaks bread with his disciples, he gives us the gift of the Eucharist and the command to serve.

On Good Friday, we join Jesus in the Garden as he prays and weeps, at his arrest, trial, suffering, and crucifixion. We mourn his death as we venerate the cross, the sign of our salvation.

At the Easter vigil, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from death, freeing us from the slavery of sin and death. We welcome new Catholics and renew our commitment to be Christ in our time.

Notice that we open Holy Thursday Mass as usual with the Sign of the Cross but do not again make the sign of the cross as a community until the dismissal at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening.

EASTER REFLECTION

" 'So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.' Mt. 28:8. The women went to tell the good news. They ran with excitement and joy and a bit of trepidation too. How do I proclaim, through my life and words, that I am aware of the powerful presence of God in my midst? How do I witness to what I believe?"

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EASTER CUSTOMS

Family activity: Learn why these are symbols of Easter for Christians: dyed eggs, lambs, lilies, and Easter baskets.

5 SECOND PRAYER: As you notice the palm in your home, offer a Hosanna in praise to our God.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME

+Continue your Lenten practices or start a new one.
+Pray for those joining the Church at Easter.
+Join the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil liturgies.
+Fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.
+Celebrate Easter dinner.