



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feast of the Holy Family	1 Parish Office closed Mary the Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00 am Mass	2 NO 7:20 am Mass 5:15 pm Mass followed by Knights of Columbus dinner at Hunan 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	3 5:30 pm Choir	4 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	5 5:30 pm Mass	6
7 Feast of the Epiphany Rite of Acceptance (RCIA) at 9:00 am Mass PSR Begins (After 10 am Mass) 2:00 pm Take Down Christmas Decorations in Church	8 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 12:15 pm Mass	9 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 6:00 pm Saint Andrew School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	10 5:30 pm Choir	11 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Commission at Saint Francis 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	12 7:00 pm Hispanic Ministry Meeting	13
14 4:00 pm Martin Luther King Celebration at Civic Center	15 Office Closed Martin Luther King Breakfast and program TBA	16 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	17 5:30 pm Choir	18 11:30 am Mass followed by Heritage Club Event 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm Timeline Bible Study	19	20 8:30 am Pre Cana at Saint Francis Xavier until 6:30 pm
21 Rite of Enrollment for First Communion at 9:00 am Mass 2:00 pm Life Chain 6:30 pm Confirmation Session at Saint Francis	22 7:00 pm RCIA at Saint Francis Xavier	23 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	24 5:30 pm Choir	25 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm Timeline Bible Study	26	27 Catholic Schools Week Begins
28	29 7:00 pm Pastoral Council	30 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	31 5:30 pm Choir			

<p align="center">Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church 303 S. Poplar Street Carbondale, IL 62901 618-457-4556 Email: sfrancis@clearwave.com website: stfxcarbondale.org Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:30—5:00 pm or by appointment</p> <p align="center">Regular Mass Schedule: Monday: 12:15 p.m. followed by Holy Hour; Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:20 a.m.; (Thursday, Mass at Newman Center 5:15 pm) Friday & Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 am & 12:15 pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p align="center">Newman Catholic Student Center (Partnership Relationship) email: san@siucnewman.org 715 South Washington Street Carbondale, IL 618-529-3311 website: www.siucnewman.org</p> <p align="center">Regular Mass Schedule: 5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays followed by Holy Hour, and 5:15 pm on Thursdays 11:15 am Mass on Sunday 5:15 pm Mass on Sunday during school</p>
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JANUARY, 2018

Liturgical Year: Christmas leads to Ordinary Time.

- 1 Feast of Mary, the Mother of God,
World Day of Peace
- 2 Basil and Gregory, Doctors of the Church
- 3 Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton, American saint
- 5 John Neumann, Bishop in Philadelphia
- 7 Feast of Epiphany
- 14 Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
- 23 Marianne Cope, Minister to lepers in Molokai, HI
- 24 Frances de Sales, Patron of writers and authors
- 26 Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul
- 27 Angela Merici, founder of Ursulines
- 31 John Bosco, Patron of youth

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The name **Jesus** means "he saves." The angel told Mary that her son's name is to be "Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." Mt. 1:21. The salvation Jesus brings is not from political tyranny as some hoped, but redemption from sin, hatred and death, promising forgiveness and eternal life.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Even though Thanksgiving is over, it is never too late to be grateful. Medical studies have found that those who are grateful are healthier. We can resolve to thank someone every day for some ordinary or extraordinary effort. Our family, co-workers, neighbors, clerks, anyone who encounter. Teach your children to do the same.

Commit to learning more about one social justice issue this year. Learn, share, pray, act. The U.S. Bishops issue statements about immigration, tax policy, trade, racism, protection of life, or any number of issues, offering a Scriptural and moral basis for reflection on contemporary issues. Visit usccb.org or cchd.org. Read Bishop Braxton's letters and speeches on the racial divide at diobelle.org.

WHO WROTE THOSE GOSPELS?

Luke is one of the synoptic Gospel authors, along with Matthew and Mark. These three relate similar events and messages about Jesus, though directed to different audiences. Luke directs his message to the Gentiles, stressing that Jesus' message is open to all, not just Jews. Luke was not an eyewitness to

the life of Jesus but was familiar with the traditions about Jesus and the experiences of the early Christian community.

Like Matthew, Luke builds on Mark's account but adds his insights. Luke gives us the stories so familiar to us: the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, the nativity account, and the recognition of the resurrected Jesus in the breaking of the bread by the Emmaus travelers. Luke identifies with the poor, the outcast and the criminal. We will read from Luke next year on weekends.

#SHAREJOURNEY

Pope Francis promotes a culture of encounter so that "strangers" and communities learn about each other. He urges that we take the time to listen and understand to see others as brothers and sisters. Instead of "us" and "them," it's "we." Instead of asking "why are you here?," we ask "How can I help?"

Help by praying; volunteering; being an advocate; donating. Whatever we do, we remember that God wants us to share love. "You must not mistreat or oppress foreigners in any way. Remember, you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt" (Ex. 22:21). **Adapted from sharejourney.org.**

Go to [#sharejourney](https://sharejourney.org) or sharejourney.org for prayers, videos, activities, or to donate to help refugees or immigrants. Pope Francis's World Day of Peace (1/1) Message is entitled Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace. Read it at usccb.org

5 Second prayer: leave up one Christmas ornament and use it to remember to share joy.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME THIS MONTH

- +On New Year's Day, pray for peace.
- +Advocate for an end to abortion.
- +Pray for anyone persecuted because of religion.
- +Visit sacredspace.ie for quiet reflection.
- +Get to know Elizabeth Ann Seton – setonshrine.org
- +Resolve to be healthier, happier, and holier.
- +Contribute to Souper Bowl for those in Carbondale who are hungry.