

January



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:00 am Mass	December 31 Vigil Mass: Mary, The Holy Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation 5:30 pm Mass (No Mass at Newman Center)	1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Mass (No Mass at Newman Center)	2 NO 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and the Women's Club	3 NO Mass at Newman Center	4 First Friday 5:30 pm Word/Communion Service	5 Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany 5:30 pm Mass
6 Feast of the Epiphany 9:00 am Mass 10 am PSR Resumes	7 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour	8 11:30 am Cluster Staff at Newman Center 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	9 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir	10 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:30 pm Bible Study	11 10:30 am Mass at Prairie Living 5:30 pm Mass	12 5:30 pm Mass
13 Baptism of the Lord 9:00 am Mass 2:00 pm Take Down Christmas Decorations in Church	14 12:15 pm Word/Communion Service	15 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	16 7:20 am Word/Communion Service 5:30 pm Choir	17 11:30 am Word/Communion Service 12:00 pm Heritage Club Event 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:30 pm Bible Study	18 5:30 pm Word/Communion Service	19 8:30 am Pre Cana—concludes after 5:30 pm Mass
20 9:00 am Mass 4:00 pm Martin Luther King Program at Civic Center	21 Office Closed for Martin Luther King 8:00 am Breakfast and Program at Student Center for Martin Luther King 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour	22 11:00 am Mass at Integrity 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman 6:30 pm Talks on the recent Parliament of the Worlds Religions - at Mosque	23 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Commission	24 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:30 pm Bible Study	25 11:00 am Mass at The Landing 5:30 pm Mass	26 9:00 am Baptismal Preparation Class 10:30 am "Gifts of Compassion" visiting Integrity Nursing Home 5:30 pm Mass
27 9:00 am Mass 2-3 pm Pro Life March 6:30 pm Confirmation Session at Saint Francis	28 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm Pastoral Council 7:00 pm RCIA	29 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman Center	30 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Gifts of Compassion Meeting	31 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 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
Regular Mass Schedule:
Monday: 12:15 pm followed by Holy Hour;
Wednesday: 7:20 am
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 5:15 pm on Thursday
11:15 am Mass on Sunday
5:15 pm Mass on Sunday during school

JANUARY, 2019

Liturgical Year: Christmas leads to Ordinary Time.

- 1 Feast of Mary, the Mother of God,
- 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
- 6 Feast of Epiphany
- 13 Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
- 23 Marianne Cope, Minister to lepers in Molakai, HI
- 24 Frances de Sales, Patron of writers and authors
- 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul
- 31 John Bosco, Patron of youth

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

"Let Us Pray." Three times during Mass we hear these words that precede the three prayers specific to that weekend. These same prayers will be heard at every Mass in the world on that weekend. The first, called the Collect, comes before the Liturgy of the Word, reflects the theme of the readings or the feast. The second is the Prayer over the Offerings and the last is the Prayer after Communion. Listen because these prayers change each week.

WHO ME? BE HOLY?

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.' Mercy ... involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. ...Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. ...Jesus ...calls 'blessed' those who forgive and do so 'seventy times seven.' We need to think of ourselves as the army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion.

Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness."
Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate. Par. 80-82.

REDISCOVERING THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: FEED THE HUNGRY

What does it mean to "feed" someone – and what does it mean to be hungry? Sometimes it might be direct support through a food bank or food pantry. Look for Souper Bowl pots at grocery stores later this month and be generous. Who else in our lives is "hungry"? We might offer hospitality to those who are lonely, or to newcomers in the neighborhood or

at church. Using the Gifts of Compassion postcards, send a note to someone. **Adapted from Corporal Works of Mercy. Creighton On-Line Ministries.**

NEW AMERICAN SAINT? THEA BOWMAN

Our next saint might be Sister Thea Bowman. She is an African American religious whose song celebrated the joy of life and the goodness of God. She died in 1990. The Catholic elementary school in East St. Louis is named in her honor. Watch videos and learn more at: sistertheabowman.com/

2019 WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE

"How can we use our political and social systems to seek peace? In announcing the theme for this year's World Day of Peace on January 1, 2019, the Vatican made note of the call to all of us to engage with our civic systems saying, "Political responsibility belongs to every citizen and, in particular, to those that have received the mandate to protect and to govern." Instead of indifference, cynicism or thinking our voices do not matter, we believe the Gospel calls us to raise our voices for the common good, for "politics is one of the highest forms of charity." Advocating for and with communities who are oppressed, disadvantaged, or excluded is a response to our baptismal call to love all members of the Body of Christ, in imitation of Christ's love." uscbb.org

New Year Prayer: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace." Num. 6: 23-27 (from reading for Jan. 1).

5 second prayer: Every time you see a star, thank the Father for giving us Jesus as our star.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME THIS MONTH

- +On New Year's Day, pray for peace.
- +Advocate for respect for life in all stages of life.
- +Resolve to be healthier, happier, and holier.
- +Pray for all who will be baptized in our parish this year and pray for their parents.
- +Pray for U.S. bishops on retreat this month.
- +Learn about Epiphany customs around the world.