

GOD Bless AMERICA

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	2 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	3 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	4 Independence Day Holiday—Parish Office Closed 9:00 am Mass	5 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	6 First Friday Visits 5:30 pm Mass	7 10 am Funeral Mass for Fr. Jack Frerker at Saint Mary in Carlyle 5:30 pm Mass
8 9:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	9 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	10 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	11 7:20 am Mass	12 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	13 11 am Mass at Integrity Nursing Home 5:30 pm Mass	14 9-10 am Baptismal Preparation Class 5:30 pm Mass
15 9:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	16 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	17 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 6:00 pm Saint Andrew School Board Meeting	18 7:20 am Mass 7:00 pm Compassion Committee Meeting Lower level of Xavier Hall	19 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	20 10:30 am Mass Prairie Liberty 5:30 pm Mass	21 5:30 pm Mass
22 9:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	23 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	24 2-6 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center	25 7:20 am Mass	26 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir	27 11 am Mass at the Landings 5:30 pm Mass	28 5:30 pm Mass
29 9:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Spanish Mass	30 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7 pm Pastoral Council	31 1-3 pm Diocesan Liturgical Commission in St. Louis 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center				

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

303 South Poplar Street Website: www.stfx.org
 Carbondale, IL
 618-457-4556 Email: sfrancis@clearwave.com
 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 am & 12:15 pm Spanish Mass

Newman Catholic Student Center

(Partnership Relationship) email: susan@siucnewman.org
 715 South Washington Street - Carbondale, IL
 618-529-3311 website: www.siucnewman.org
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: half hour before daily
 Mass or by appointment

Regular Mass Schedule:

5:15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday
11:15 am on Sunday & 5:15 pm on Sunday during

JULY, 2018

We are in Ordinary Time.

3 Thomas, Apostle
6 Maria Goretti, Martyr
11 Benedict, Founder of Benedictine Order
14 Kateri Tekakwitha, Patron of Native Americans
16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
25 James, Apostle
26 Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary
31 Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of Jesuits

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Eucharist refers to the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ which we celebrate in the Mass. We often called the Mass the Eucharist. Cardinal Wuerl in his book, **The Catholic Way**, says "The Eucharist is the center of the Church's life. In the celebration of the mystery of faith, Christ himself is present to his people." We are Eucharistic people. For five weeks starting in late July, we will read John's reflections on the Eucharist. What is his message? Stay tuned.

WOMEN RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTED TO U.S.

As we celebrate our nations' birthday, we in the United States owe much gratitude to women religious who cared for those on the margins of society long before these became public services. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1771-1821) founded schools for girls in Maryland. Saint Katherine Drexel (1858-1955) founded schools for blacks and Native Americans, including Xavier University. Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) ministered to immigrants and founded schools, hospitals and orphanages. Saint Rose Duchesne founded schools and orphanages for Native Americans. Saint Marianne Cope (1838-1918) ministered to lepers in Hawaii. And Saint Theodore Guerin (1798-1826) founded schools and orphanages in the Midwest.

Many of these women were immigrants to the U.S. They often faced obstacles -- poverty and crude living conditions, a backlash of racial discrimination, and sometimes criticism from bishops. The great grandparents of many living Americans benefitted from the zeal and courage of these women. Xavier University of Louisiana founded by Saint Drexel is ranked #1 in the nation in the number of African American graduates who complete medical school.

We can thank women religious each year during the collection for religious communities to help their retired and again members.

ONE CATHOLIC SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION

Only one Catholic, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a delegate from Maryland, signed the Declaration of Independence. Catholics were often prevented from serving in public office at the time of American Revolution.

PRAYER ON JULY 4TH

This is part of a Prayer For the Nation drafted in 1791 by John Carroll, Archbishop of Baltimore and first bishop in the U.S.:

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

5 second prayer: each time you see a U.S. flag, pray for the nation and its leaders.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME THIS MONTH

+Pray for members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Herrin and of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha parish in Gallatin County.
+Have a family reunion; enjoy each other.
+Drive safely – kids are out of school.
+If able, contribute to back to school supply drives.