



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday Church Women United at Newman Center—10:30 am 5:30 pm Mass	2 5:30 pm Mass
3 9:00 am Mass 11:15 Mass at Newman 5:15 pm Mass at Newman	4 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA	5 5:15 pm Mass at Newman and Holy Hour	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 am & 7 pm Mass at Saint Francis 12:15 pm & 5:15 pm Mass at Newman	7 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 6:30 pm Bible Study	8 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass SIU Break begins	9 5:30 pm Mass
10 9:00 am Mass 11:15 Mass at Newman 2:00 pm Rite of Election at Cathedral in Belleville 5:15 pm Mass at Newman	11 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour NO RCIA	12 5:15 pm Mass at Newman— no Holy Hour	13 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus	14 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 6:30 pm Bible Study	15 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass	16 5:30 pm Mass
17 St. Patrick's Day 9:00 am Mass 11:15 pm Mass at Newman 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 6:30 pm Confirmation Session	18 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm RCIA	19 9:30 am Partnership Meeting 5:15 pm Mass at Newman	20 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Women's Club Meeting 6-8 pm Youth Bowling 6:00 pm Saint Andrew School Board Meeting	21 11:30 am Heritage Club followed by Saint Patrick's Day Meal 5:30 pm Mass precedes 24-Hour Eucharist Adoration 6:30 pm Bible Study (last session)	22 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass and ending of 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration	23 9-12 pm First Communion Retreat 5:30 pm Mass
24 9:00 am Mass 10 am Reconciliation for Grades 2-4 11:15 pm Mass at Newman 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 31 9:00 am Mass 10 am Reconciliation for Grades 5-8 11:15 pm Mass at Newman 5:15 pm Mass at Newman	25 12:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour 7:00 pm Pastoral Council 31 Continued 6:30 pm Confirmation Session	26 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 7:00 pm Lenten Penance Service at Saint Francis Xavier	27 7:20 am Mass 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Lenten Penance Service at Saint Andrew	28 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 7:00 pm Lenten Living Stations of the Cross at Newman Center	29 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Mass	30 9—1 pm Dynamic Catholic at Saint Andrew Church 5:30 m Mass Fundraiser of Religious Items after each weekend Mass

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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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 p.m. followed by Holy Hour;
(Tuesday, Mass at Newman Center 5:15 pm)
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 Spanish Mass

Newman Catholic Student Center

(Partnership Relationship) email: san@siucnewman.org
715 South Washington Street
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Regular Mass Schedule:

5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays followed by Holy Hour, and
5:15 pm on Thursdays;
11:15 am a.m. Mass on Sunday
5:15 pm Mass on Sunday during school

MARCH, 2019

Liturgical Year: We begin Lent.

6 Ash Wednesday, start of Lent
7 Perpetua and Felicity, Early martyrs
17 Patrick, Patron of Ireland
19 Joseph, Spouse of Mary
25 Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord refers to the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus and Mary's response – "I am the servant of the Lord." Lk. 1:26-38.

WHO ME? BE HOLY?

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

" 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' ...[W]e ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. ... I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it. ...The world of gossip,... does not bring peace.

It is not easy to "make" this evangelical peace, which excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested. It is hard work; it calls for openness of mind and heart.

Sowing peace all around us: this is holiness." Francis. Par. 87-89. *Gaudete et Exultate*.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

Lent is the opportunity for those to be baptized at Easter to prepare and for those who are baptized to reflect on what that means. The traditional practices of Lent are prayer, fasting and alms-giving (donating or doing charitable works.)

Prayer: Perhaps you want to start Lent with a daily reflection e-mailed to you (saintjohnsabbey.org – search for daily reflection) or a few minutes of quiet meditation (sacredspace.ie) or end the evening with some stories and reflections and prayers (WORD AMONG US). Or study the readings for the weekend (liturgy.slu.edu/ search for weekend liturgy) and for the kids (adorers.org/childrens-liturgy/).

Join with parishioners on Fridays for the Stations of the Cross, the Lenten Penance Service or one hour of quiet prayer during the 24-hour Adoration.

Fasting means no meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. Simplify meals at home. Fast from eating out and donate the money to a charity. Fast also from any barriers between you and God or between you and others – pride, being controlling or negative, holding a grudge, or complaining. Focus on forgiving, giving compliments, being kind, slowing down on the road. Fast from so much screen time and spend time with loved ones.

Alms-giving. Lent is a time to serve those others. Volunteer at I Can Read or at St. Andrew School. Visit someone who is lonely, call an elderly relative, help a neighbor with a chore or errand, bring food for the food bank. Clean out cabinets and garages and take usable tools and housewares to the Thrift Store, 215 N. Illinois St. (run by church women united).

A great family Lenten project is crsricebowl.org – prayers, stories of hope, Lenten recipes, and an opportunity to donate. Learn, share, and support.

Another great Lenten project is care for the environment. Join in cleaning up the city on March 3 or 23. See keepcb.org for details. Plant a garden or help a neighbor with a garden. Consider ways to conserve water.

REDISCOVERING THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY CLOTHE THE NAKED

"We can clean out closets and donate the extras. But isn't there something more? Can we simplify our lives and our wardrobes? How many pairs of shoes do I own? Can I donate more than my excess? I can decide to winnow down my wardrobe to basics and donate more just than out-of-date and outgrown clothing? It's not just about giving unwanted things away but about owning less and offering support to those who don't have enough. **Creighton University On-Line Ministries.**

5 second prayer: whenever you see green sprouts rising up, thank God for the gift of the resurrection.