

MARY

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman | 2 7:20 am Word/Communion Service 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 pm VBS Committee at St. Mary's in Murphysboro 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting | 3 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 PM Spanish Mass Choir | 4 St. Andrew Mega Raffle Drawing—Door open at 5:30 pm 5:30 pm Word/Communion | 5 |
| 6 Senior Sunday at 9:00 am Mass 6:15 pm Newman Center Late Night Breakfast | 7 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 6:00 pm Baptismal Preparation Class | 8 Blood Drive 2—6 pm 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman 6:00 pm Saint Andrew School Board Meeting | 9 5:30 PM Choir | 10 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 PM Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm Ascension of the Lord Service with Epiphany Lutheran Church at Saint Francis | 11 | 12 SIU Graduation Special Blessing & Roses for Women at all Masses |
| 13 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY | 14 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 6:00 pm Saint Andrew's Awards Night | 15 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman | 16 1:30 pm Shawl Knitting Ministry 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 pm Family Mass (NO 7:20 am Mass) | 17 Saint Andrew School Graduation Breakfast 11:30 am Mass followed by Heritage Club at Giant City Lodge 5:30 pm Graduation for Saint Andrew School 5:30 PM Spanish Mass Choir | 18 | 19 10:30 am St. Peter's Cathedral—Liturgy of Ordination to Priesthood and Diaconate Pentecost Sunday—Wear RED |
| 20 Pentecost Sunday—Wear RED Miner's Ball Game Family Night from Parish | 21 5:30 PM Spanish Mass Choir 700 pm Pastoral Council Meeting | 22 5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman 6:00 pm Carbondale Interfaith Council at University Baptist | 23 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 pm Gifts of Compassion Meeting | 24 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 PM Spanish Mass Choir | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Memorial Day | 29 5:15 PM Mass and Holy Hour at Newman | 30 5:30 PM Choir | 31 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 PM Spanish Mass Choir | | |

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 p.m. or by appointment

Regular Mass Schedule:
Monday: 12:15 pm followed by Holy Hour;
Wednesday: 7:20 am
Friday & Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 am & 12:15 Spanish Mass

NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
 (Partnership Relationship)
 715 South Washington Street
 Carbondale, IL 62901 618-529-3311

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

Liturgical Year: Easter Time comes to a close.

- 1 Joseph the Worker
- 2 Athanasius, Doctor of the Church
- 3 Philip and James, Apostles
- 10 Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, observed on Sunday
- 14 Mattias, Apostle
- 20 Feast of Pentecost
- 27 Feast of the Holy Trinity
- 31 Feast of the Visitation of Mary

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

We have been reading from The **Acts of the Apostles** during Easter time and on Pentecost. Acts appears in the Bible after the four Gospels. It is an account of the lives and reflections of Christ's followers in the earliest days of the Church. During this season, we read from Acts rather than from the Hebrew Scriptures.

WHO WAS JOSEPH THE WORKER?

Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus, was a worker – a carpenter. Partly in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers then sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast reminds us that the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God

THE VISITATION

Mary learned that her cousin Elizabeth, despite her old age, was pregnant. So Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, visited Elizabeth. Elizabeth gave us part of the Hail Mary prayer when she said to Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Lk. 1:42.

Mary, though pregnant, inconvenienced herself to visit her cousin. She teaches us the value of kindness expressed in a simple visit – or Skype or e-mail or text or phone call or note or card. We learn the value of spending time with loved ones.

LET'S BE HOLY

Rejoice and Be Glad is Pope Francis' call to us to be holy. What does it mean to be holy? “I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is holiness found in our next-door neighbors, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them: ‘the middle class of holiness.’

Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.”

Prayer to the Trinity: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

5 second prayer: Each time you see an U.S. flag, pray for those who gave their lives in the service of our nation and for all current members of the armed forces and diplomatic services.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME THIS MONTH

- +Pray for all who work for a living and for all who cannot work.
- +Thank your mother and all who have nurtured you.
- +Congratulate all who have –graduated.
- +Enjoy springtime.
- +Visit the graves of deceased loved ones