

MARY,

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MAY

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>All Masses and Services listed are at Saint Francis Xavier unless otherwise indicated</p>			<p>1</p> <p>7:20 am Morning Prayer with Communion</p> <p>5:30 pm Choir</p> <p>6:00 pm Women's Club at Hunan's</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Evening Prayer with Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00 pm Movie on Immigration Detention Centers at Unitarian Fellowship.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am Mass - Graduation Sunday for all graduates</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation at Cathedral in Belleville</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 pm RCIA Banquet</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:20 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SIU Graduation</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 pm Awards Night at Saint Andrew</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass at Newman</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:20 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Choir</p> <p>6:00 pm Saint Andrew School Board Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 pm Mass followed by Heritage Club</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman</p> <p>5:30 pm Saint Andrew Graduation</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Last PSR</p> <p>9:00 am May Crowning/Family Mass</p> <p>6:00 pm Catechists Appreciation Dinner</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:15 pm Noon Day Prayer with Communion and Adoration</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass at Newman</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:20 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Choir</p> <p>6:00 pm Initial Child Protection Class in Xavier Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman</p> <p>7:00 pm Ascension Evening Prayer at Epiphany Lutheran</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Feast of Ascension</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>9:00 am Mass</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass at Newman</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:20 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:15 pm Mass and Holy Hour at Newman</p>	<p>31</p>	

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Regular Mass Schedule:
Monday: 12:15 pm followed by Holy Hour;

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

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Liturgical Year: We observe 7 weeks of Easter Time.

- 1 Joseph the Worker
- 2 Athanasius, Doctor of the Church
- 3 Philip and James, Apostles
- 14 Mattias, Apostle
- 27 Augustine of Canterbury
- 30 Feast of Ascension of the Lord (observed on Sunday June 2)
- 31 Feast of the Visitation of Mary

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Alpha, often represented with the Greek A, is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and **Omega**, the Greek O, is the last. See the A and O on the **Paschal candle**, representing **Christ**, the beginning and end of our lives.

Having fasted from the **Gloria** and **Alleluia** during Lent, we sing them with even greater joy during the seven weeks of **Easter**.

WHO ME? BE HOLY?

“ ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others....

Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.” **Pope Francis, GAUDETE ET EXULTATE, Par. 90 and 94.**

MARY

How well do you know Mary? Pope Francis made these observations about Mary in his letter following the synod on youth: “While still very young, [Mary] accepted the message of the

angel, yet she was not afraid to ask questions (cf. *Lk* 1:34). With open heart and soul, she replied, ‘Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord’. (*Lk* 1:38).

She was energetic, ready to set out immediately once she knew that her cousin needed her. She did not think about her own plans, but went ‘with haste’ to the hill country (*Lk* 1:39)... When her young son needed protection, Mary set out with Joseph to a distant land (cf. *Mt* 2:13-14).” For more, read **CHRISTUS VIVIT**, by **Pope Francis**

DYNAMIC CATHOLICS ARE GENEROUS

The corporal works of mercy are acts of generosity. The last for us to visit is Ransom the Captive/Visit the Imprisoned.

“Prison can seem like a remote place not connected with our real lives until we learn about someone’s son, daughter or other family member who is behind bars. ... That’s when it becomes more real.

We might support a prison ministry in our area with donations of our time, money and/or needed supplies.” onlineministries.creighton.edu
Note: WORD AMONG US mails to prisoners. See waupartners.org to donate.

5 second prayer: Visit the Pieta statute in the garden south of church, near the hall. Pray for all parents who have lost a child.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME THIS MONTH

- +Thank your mother; thank all nurtured you.
- +Pray for all who made their First Communion and all who were confirmed.
- +Congratulate all who graduated.
- +Share stories of loved ones with your family on Memorial Day; visit the graves of loved ones.
- +Pray for diplomats, aid workers, and military members who gave their lives for our nation.
- +Volunteer to help with the parish gardens.