



MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:15 pm Mass at Newman Center 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 6:00 pm Youth Commission Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Timeline	2 First Friday 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Word/Communion Service	3 8-10 am Pregnancy Matters Walk At University Mall 9 am to 12 noon First Communion Retreat
4 1—3 pm Youth Bowling at SI Bowl	5 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm RCIA	6 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation 6:00 pm Saint Andrew Penance Service	7 5:30 pm Choir 6—7:15 pm Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue at Saint Francis—sack dinner 6:00 pm Women's Club dinner/meeting 7 pm Knights of Columbus	8 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir NO Bible Timeline 7:30 pm St. John's Chamber Choir	9 SIU Break begins NO 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Family Stations of the Cross	10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 2:00 am on Sunday
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 12:15 pm Word/Communion Service 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir NO RCIA	13 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation	14 5:30 pm Choir 6:00—7:15 pm Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue at Saint Francis	15 11:30 am Mass followed by Heritage Club St. Patrick's Day luncheon 5:30 pm Mass followed by 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Penance Service at 6:00 pm	16 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration ends with 5:30 pm Mass	17
18 7:00 pm Confirmation Session	19 SIU Begins Classes 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm Pastoral Council 7:00 pm RCIA	20 5:15 pm Mass at Newman followed by Penance Service at 6:00 pm 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation	21 5:30 pm Choir 6:00—7:15 pm Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue at Epiphany Lutheran	22 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm Bible Timeline	23 5-7 pm Parish Fish Fry—Volunteers Needed	24 Holy Land Arts at all weekend Masses Aids Walk - Meet at Newman at 8 am
25 Palm Sunday—wear Red	26 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir 7:00 pm RCIA Retreat at Newman Center	27 11:30 am Chrism Mass at Cathedral 5:15 pm Mass at Newman 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation	28 5:30 pm Choir	29 6:30 pm Servers Practice 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	30 12:15 Stations of the Cross at Saint Francis; 3:30 pm Good Friday Services at Newman Center; 5:00 pm Altar Servers Practice; 5:30 pm Good Friday Services at Saint Francis	31 9 am Morning Prayer 8 pm Easter Vigil April 1 9 am Easter Mass Easter Egg Hunter after Mass

<p align="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</p> <p align="center">Regular Mass Schedule: Monday: 12:15 p.m. followed by Holy Hour; (Tuesday, Mass t 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</p>	<p align="center">Newman Catholic Student Center (Partnership Relationship) email: san@siucnewman.org 715 South Washington Street Carbondale, IL 618-529-3311 website: www.siucnewman.org</p> <p align="center">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</p>
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Liturgical Year: We begin Lent.

3 Katherine Drexel, American nun
7 Perpetua and Felicity, Early martyrs
17 Patrick, Patron of Ireland
19 Joseph, Spouse of Mary
24 Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop of San Salvador
25-31 Holy Week

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Kyrie, Elieison – Lord have mercy. Christe, Elieison – Christ have mercy. Changing from our usual English to Greek causes us to reflect on the meaning. The early Church used Greek as well as Latin and other languages. Many Easter rite Catholics still use the Greek so we unite with them this Lent as we all ask the Lord's mercy.

LENTEN ADVICE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error...."

Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive....

Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey....

Pause in order to look and contemplate!...

See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love....

See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility.

See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward....

Pause, see and return. Return to the house of your Father." **Francis, Ash Wednesday, 2018.**

MORE LENTEN PROJECTS

Clean out the closets or cabinets; take items to the Thrift Store for those in need. Start the by reading Matt. 25. Pray for those who will use your items.

Learn more about the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Sacrifice from some extra treat or snack each week and donate to CRS or Good Samaritan.

Devote each Lenten Sunday to family – no screens.

Try out meatless recipes from around the world; then learn more about the people of that nation. See csrcricebowl.org for recipes.

WHO WAS SAINT KATHERINE DREXEL?

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, into a rich family, Drexel became a religious and devoted herself devoted herself to native Americans and blacks. By 1942, she established a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools, Xavier University (New Orleans), and 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

5 Second Prayer: When you see trees sprouting new growth, thank God the Father for creation.

LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME

+Pray for those to be baptized and enter the church.
+Ask forgiveness during the Lenten Penance Services in the area.

+Pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday in church.
+Learn more about Blessed Bishop Romero, this saint on this month's calendar.

+Take the **WORD AMONG US** booklet home and read from it daily.