





MASS INTENTIONS October 12 - 17

MON	6:00	+ Favret and Dell Families
	11:30	Sp. Int. Phyllis Link (Birth.)
	12:05	+ Francis X. Gastright
TUES	6:00	+ Jerry Hamburg
	11:30	+ Grace Keller
	12:05	+ Ellen Meridieth
WED	6:00	+ Bob Doud
	11:30	+ Robert G. Blank
	12:05	+ Albert J. Isler
THURS	6:00	+ Darrell "Shifty" Powers
	11:30	+ Gerry Merkes
	12:05	+ Alice Willig (1 <sup>st</sup> Annv. Remb.)
FRI	6:00	+ Richard Niehaus
	11:30	Members O'Connor & Whalen Fam.
	12:05	+ Margie Gimpel
SAT	7:00	+ Adolfo LaVilla and Family
	11:00	+ Charles Weber



Congratulations to **Matthew and Meghan** (Ewing) **Gullette** and **Steve and Betty** (Moore) **Gessner** who were married October 3<sup>rd</sup>!



**FYI.** Each Sunday at every Mass during the month of October we will be counting heads of people at each Mass so we can report to the Archdiocese the average attendance at our parish. If you see ushers counting during Mass do not be alarmed or suspicious. Pregnant women are counted twice!



Our regular weekday Mass schedule will be followed for Columbus Day, Monday, October 12. The offices will be closed.

Week of October 12 - 16

6:00	Fr. Whitaker	<u>CONFESSIONS</u>
11:30	Fr. Chun	11:00-12:00 Fr. Casey
12:05	Fr. Casey	12:00-12:30 Fr. Chun

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:**

If you are willing to pray for vocations for Church ministry, please contact the office so you can be put on the St. Joseph statue list. You can catch Matt Lieser and Kyle Shinseki's becoming Jesuits blog at [http://stxchurch.org/faith-information/jesuit\\_formation](http://stxchurch.org/faith-information/jesuit_formation)

**CHURCH NOTES**

The **Sunday Collection** for October 4<sup>th</sup> was **\$10,607.46**, and the weekday was **\$562.99**. **October parish tithing** went to C.I.S.E., Mary Magdalene House, St. Vincent dePaul, Winton Hills Senior Computer Center, and Magis Fund. **THANK YOU for your generosity!**

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:** Donna Kay Kinney, Dennis Hutzel, Joe Merten, Sr., James Stratman, Ron Lally, Jeffrey Neihoff, Pam Kirshner, Amber Matracia, Bob Fennell, Joseph Jackson, Ed Merkes, Joe McDevitt, Rhua Kepferle, Betsey Wilson, Sally Latham, Elizabeth Brown, Marge Willis, Diane Gottmer, Ed Anderson, Camille Meyers, Elaine Ecker, Lola Davis, Joann Sanzere, Linda Dettmer, Erma McLaughlin, Donald Patrick, Alice Schutte, Cora Moore and all of our ill and homebound.

**X-CETERA**

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**Congratulations** to **Jack Patrick**, son of Matthew and Tara (Shannon) Veith; **Ava Florence**, daughter of Daniel and Heather (Aust) Carruthers; and to **Gavin Cole** and **Brooke Isabella**, children of Kevin and Tara (Dotzauer) Stealey who were baptized this past week!

Our neighbor, **Red Fox Grill**, is featured in this month's issue of Cincinnati Magazine. The Grill is open from 6 AM – 3 PM, Monday thru Friday.

**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

**R**XAVIER HEALTH MINISTRIES

We will be doing blood pressure checks in the undercroft after the Masses today. All are invited to participate.

**Seasonal Flu Vaccine** will be administered on Sunday October 18, 2009 in the undercroft from 8:30 AM to 12 noon. The cost will be \$20.00 for Medicare Card recipients (red, white and blue card only). Consent for immunization must be filled out prior to the administration of the vaccine. We will not be accepting any Medicare HMO's replacements as we cannot bill them. If there are any questions please contact Barbara Westendorf in the office.

**The Christmas Dinner Committee** will meet on October 19, 2009 at 6:30 PM. All committee members and interested people of the parish are encouraged to attend this important planning meeting.

**Caring Hands Homebound Ministry Meeting** will be held October 24, 2008 at 9:30 in the undercroft. All parishioners interested in participating in this parish ministry are welcome.

My husband is a car nut. That's why I could appreciate the card he gave me on our fifth wedding anniversary. It read, "The last 72,000 miles of my life have been the best ever!"



### PASTOR'S PACE

People often ask me what I prefer they call me. Being a priest, some feel awkward referring to me by my first name, a reflection of their upbringing, formality, and respect; others refuse to call me "Father" out of a similar line of thought. Most people use a combination of both, depending on the context. Frankly, with all that I am called day-in-and-day-out, using my first name has always been fine with me.

Today's Gospel refers how we refer to Jesus as his disciples. The rich man approaches Jesus and refers to Jesus as "good teacher". Jesus does not doubt that the man knows he is a teacher, but questions the sincerity of the label "good". Jesus is nonplussed with the man's flattery.

Jesus is called a lot of things throughout the Gospels: teacher, Savior, Messiah, glutton, drunkard, traitor, holy one of God, etc; surprisingly, most of what Jesus is called is not flattering. Nowhere is he referred to as "good" other than in the Gospel story we hear today and its corollary that we find in Luke's account. The rich man is looking for something from Jesus—affirmation, most likely; he wants a proverbial pat on the head and the praise that he feels he deserves for living a generally good life and checking off the boxes he has been told are necessary for salvation. What he is lacking, Jesus says, is freedom, the very thing that makes being a disciple of Jesus meaningful.

The man does not want to be challenged in his living; he wants to be confirmed that simply doing what he has been told is sufficient, and that doing the right thing should merit a reward. I wonder how many people who come to church time and again have similar sentiments. If we read the Gospel and believe it to be the word of God there is always something more to learn, something that challenges us, and makes us uncomfortable. Being a disciple means we are asked to be and do things that are quite outside of the box.

In his mind, the man had checked off the box of what is required of him, claiming to love God and neighbor sufficiently, but loving the life he had made for himself more than his genuine love that is oriented towards God.

Jesus needs no flattering; in doing so, we run the risk of putting him in a box where we are tempted to manipulate and control him, thereby allowing us to fashion him to our liking and comfort. A god of our making is quite easy to love and worship. God is God and we are not; our prayer and praise unites us to him but, if authentic and true, also challenges us to accompany him in his life and ministry. This, in and of itself, is good, indeed!

Let us remember each other in prayer this week!  
+Eric J. Knapp, S.J.

### FAITH FORMATION

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time    October 18, 2009

Isaiah 53:10-11	If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.
Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

#### FALL ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. X

Fr. Tim Schehr will be offering a three part Scripture series entitled **LISTENING TO THE WORD OF LIFE – AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**. In this three-part series Fr. Shear will invite us to explore Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life, by following Jesus through the Gospels and then read how his followers continued his saving work in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of the New Testament. Finally we will look at the Book of Revelation with its message about what Jesus means for the world. **The Scripture series begins Tuesday evening, October 13, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Undercroft.**

**We will offer the Sacrament of the Sick on October 25 at the 7, 9 and 10:30 AM Masses.**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: Please fill out the November/December availability

sheet located in the sacristy or go online at <http://stxchurch.org/home/liturgy-ministers>  
Deadline is October 18. There will be a formation and training for all ministers of the Word and Sacrament on Wednesday, November 4 at 7 PM. **All ministers, servers, and ushers are expected to attend.** Also, anyone interested in becoming a minister at St. Xavier Church should plan to attend this evening program.

Next Sunday, October 18, **Fr. Tim Kesicki, the Provincial of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces**, will preside at the 10:30 AM Mass as part of his coming to know the ministries of the Province. Come meet him!

**Local 12 Cookie Wars to Benefit CISE and ACUE**  
Local 12's Kit Andrews and Tim Hedrick will be in an epic battle to determine whose cookie is the tastiest. Kit's Chocolate Chunk Pecan will be up against Tim's Peanut Butter Picasso. The Cookies will be sold at Busken Bakeries and Remke Markets from October 5th through November 1st. **The sweetest part is that all profits from the cookie sales will benefit Catholic Urban Education through CISE in Cincinnati, and ACUE in Covington.**