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MASS SCHEDULE

Will resume May 25 as per the directives
from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Please see our website for other options
for prayer and spiritual communion



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Austin Jacob Duesing, and family, Mike Moore, Danny Dell, Keith Uphaus, Marty Yee, David Schwartz, Lora Lee, Joe Waters, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Joan Ludwig, Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Gerry Walsh, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, TJ Ducklo, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Merideth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, and Gregg.

MASS INTENTIONS May 18-23

MON 18	6:00 11:30	+ Rita Bleil + Fr. Joe Casey, SJ + Charlene Ellevera
TUES 19	6:00 11:30	+ John Sansalone + Amy Obermeyer (Birth.)
WED 20	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott + Judy Dyer + Casimir Zawis
THUR 21	6:00 11:30	+ Souls in Purgatory + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger + Souls in Purgatory
FRI 22	6:00 11:30	+ Fr. Bob Thul, SJ + Luke Witt + Evelyn Zembrodt
SAT 23	7:00	+ Henry Sievers



RESUMING MASSES AT ST. XAVIER

St. Xavier Church will be re-starting public Masses and Confessions on **May 25**. The schedule of Masses will be the same as it has been.

Be aware that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati continues to dispense all Catholics from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses. If you prefer to come to a Mass with fewer people, you might choose to come to a weekday Mass.

Social distancing is to be observed by those who come to our church. Some pews will be blocked off. Those who live in a household with one another may sit closer together; but otherwise, a six-foot distance is to be observed by all, both in sitting and in entering, exiting, and processing to receive communion.

Holy Communion will only be distributed to the faithful under the form of bread (hosts). Please receive Communion in the hand.

All are strongly encouraged to wear face masks when coming to church.

There should be no physical contact at the Our Father or the Sign of Peace.

Weekday confessions will also begin on May 25.

Fr. Bob Thesing, SJ

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

In the tribal community (native people) when the elder of the family or the tribe approaches his death, he calls his eldest or youngest son (as per the tradition of the tribe) to his bedside and advises him and imparts a final blessing. The purpose of this farewell address and the blessing is to indicate, who inherits the legacy of the family. The father admonishes the son to guard against complacency, to uphold the good traditions of the family and keep the memory of the ancestors alive. We see this happening in the Old Testament too. Abraham blesses his son Isaac, Isaac blesses his son Jacob (rather Jacob cheats his father and steals the blessing from his brother Esau), Jacob blesses Joseph and so on.

The gospel today indicates that **continuity is the core of the mission of Christ**. Jesus could have left the disciples to fend for themselves. That would have defeated the purpose and the mission of Jesus would have seen a disastrous end.

He rather appoints Peter as the leader of the group and addresses his disciples in his farewell speech and points to them, 'loving him' invites keeping the Word because of Father's love and the consequence of this is that the Father and the Son will come and make a dwelling in them. That is a great responsibility imposed on the disciples to keep the word and continue the mission of loving others. To fulfill this mission of loving and living his commandments he promises another Counselor (*Paraclete*) whom he calls as the Spirit of Truth.

The Greek word *Paraklētos* means "one called upon for support or assistance," thus an advocate. By naming the Paraclete as the Spirit of Truth, the disciples are not left orphans. The Paraclete is at the same time a representative of Jesus to his own disciples. Jesus would then ask the Father to gift that situation of love and faithfulness with another Paraclete to be with them forever. Despite the physical absence of Jesus created by his departure, his revealing mission is not coming to an end. It is moving towards a new era when the revealing role of Jesus will be taken over by another Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth. Jesus is about to depart, but his disciples will not be left orphans.

Parting is painful. Like the disciples we feel lost and lonely, forsaken and forgotten. We feel we have been left to fend to ourselves. We feel we are struggling alone. We are tempted to think that we are praying in a void. "I will not leave you orphans." How comforting and consoling are these words! Jesus does not leave us orphans. He is with us as He promised to be – yes, even to the end of time, giving us His Spirit to befriend us, an Advocate to plead our cause and fight our case. Empires have risen and fallen, crises and catastrophes have hit the Church, her leaders have proved unfaithful and unworthy – through it all the Church has emerged safe and strong.

As we approach the Pentecost Sunday let us pray earnestly to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by praying this prayer: **Come, Holy Spirit**, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for May 10 \$8,303

THANK YOU to all those who remembered to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. If you are interested to donate electronically, see our website for information about online giving.



*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Please remember **Anne Fetick**, who was buried from here this past week. We would also like to remember

George Lahner who passed away last week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

ROSARY

During the month of May, the month dedicated to Mary, Pope Francis has requested we pray the rosary. Since we are unable to be together in church at St. Xavier, we have set up a zoom link. Please join us every evening, when you can, at 7:00PM to pray the rosary together. The link is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74582340220>.

Meeting ID is: 745 8234 0220.

Hope that you will be able to join us.

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber (executive editor, America Magazine)

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of anxiety, give us peace. Jesus Christ, heal us!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

In collaboration with Spirituality Network, a silent Directed Retreat is being organized from 1st to 8th August 2020 at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, OH. The retreat fee is \$750 for a standard room. For information and registration: Fr. Jerome Veigas at jveigas@stxchurch.org.

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PLEASE JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN PRAYER:

Jesus you are here with me, in my life. You see me, hear me and follow me asking me to quietly ponder who you are and why you care so much for me. You forgive me so often. I feel your presence. Now I want to tell about it to those who have abandoned you. Touch me Lord to bring this about in prayer and a greater love and understanding of who you are, my Lord and my God, Amen.

We want to stay in touch with you during this time that we are not able to gather as a community. Below are ways that you can connect with us:

- Phone: Our Parish Office hours are modified, but we will gladly return your call. You can reach us at (513) 721-4045.
- Website: Visit for important announcements, opportunities for Sunday and weekday liturgies, daily Gospel readings and reflections and other resources for you and your family.
- Email: Sign up to receive important email notices and our weekly **Newsflash**. You can subscribe on the front page of the website.
- Facebook: Connect with us on Facebook page, updated daily. Search for "St Xavier Church" and click "Like"



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