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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 24 2020

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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, 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 Meridieth, 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 25-30

		MEMORIAL DAY
MON 25	6:00 11:30	+ Parish Book of Remembrance + Sheila Sullivan
TUES 26	6:00 11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Georges Elias Saade + William Papin Heinbecker
WED 27	6:00 11:30	+ Gerry Merkes + Jack Wenstrup + Joe Mucker
THUR 28	6:00 11:30	+ Suzette Casey + Rosalia O'Brien + Mary Beth Sauer
FRI 29	6:00 11:30	+ Lucille Vehr + Dolores A. Bermas + Fr. Joe Casey, SJ
SAT 30	7:00	+ Jane Webb

**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.

We are currently working with Cintas Company on best ways to keep the church sanitized.

Weekday confessions will also begin on May 25.

*Fr. Bob Thesing, SJ*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday offerings for May 17**      \$4,305

**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.

**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.

**Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky?**

Acts 1:11

Welcome back to the celebration of mass at St. Xavier Church! Tomorrow we will resume daily masses. What a strange, challenging, and troublesome time these past months have been. It seems almost fitting that we begin to reassemble immediately following the feast of the Ascension. If ever there was a time in the early church where the apostles must have thought, "Now what?" it was this event. Let's go back a bit in the recent readings in the Gospel story.

So first the Messiah, who the apostles expected to begin a new Jewish reign, is unceremoniously arrested, convicted, and crucified. These followers of Jesus were terrified of what was to happen next. Then the women go to the tomb, only to find Jesus has risen! Over the next weeks this Resurrected Jesus reveals Himself to his followers in the breaking of the bread. He also opens the scriptures to them more fully so they might understand that He came into the world to love God and neighbor. Just when the apostles were getting comfortable with these interactions with the Risen Jesus, He leaves them forever and *ascends* into the clouds. And once again, they stand there looking up to where He had gone and wonder, "Now what?"

These last weeks have been our first experience with a pandemic. It has caused people to waiver between thinking the sky is falling and that this is all a big hoax. Our children put us in lockdown. We have minimal contact with other people. It has been a challenge to practice patience, understanding and self-sacrifice. But look at what the apostles faced in that early church. Jesus sends them out to "make disciples of all nations" with the assurance that Jesus gives them. "I am with you always, until the end..." There was no roadmap to follow, except the Way of Jesus to love and spread His message of love.

That message is no different today. In our limited interactions, are we patient with others? Do we show understanding for the challenges others may be facing that cause us irritation? Are we living the Good News that Jesus calls us to share?

It will be a happy day when a solution is found so that this virus can be contained, and we can live our lives more fully. Until that day arrives, we need to stop looking up to the sky for an answer. We need to follow the call of Jesus and live our lives in faith, as though we truly believe that Jesus is with us always.

*Mrs. Kathy England*

**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 31**

4:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Bob Thesing, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

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5:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ



Please remember **Helen Sievers** who was buried from here this past week. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

**ST. XAVIER ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

We are looking for generous volunteers to assist with laundering and ironing of altar supplies. Bonus feature—lots of laughter and good friends—Within Social Distancing Guidelines! Call the office at 513.405.4045.

**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!

**SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT**

In collaboration with Spirituality Network, a silent Directed Retreat is being organized from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jveigas@stxchurch.org).

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**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.
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