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JUNE 14, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am (choir), 5:00 pm

Mon – Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

Confessions Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

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✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

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MASS INTENTIONS June 15—20

MON 15	6:00	+ Ann Fetick
	11:30	+ John B. Meyer + Barbara A. Haggerty
TUES 16	6:00	+ Brian T. Griffin
	11:30	+ Rosalia O'Brien + June Bessette
WED 17	6:00	+ George and Marilyn Schulenberg
	11:30	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially those from St. Xavier Parish
THUR 18	6:00	+ Betty Ferone (Birth.)
	11:30	SI Jennifer Sanders (Birth.)
FRI 19	6:00	+ Bud Twohig (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+ Hermann Sievers + Fr. William P. Welsh
SAT 20	7:00	+ Joe and Maureen Merten (Wedd. Annv.)

**FAREWELL MASSES**
Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

Fr. Pat Fairbanks, who has completed his term as pastor here at St. Xavier, will be celebrating his final Masses **TODAY** at St.X at both the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. This will be an opportunity for a celebratory “goodbye” for all of us. We will certainly miss Father Pat, and we thank God for his years of generous service to the St. Xavier community of faith.

St. Xavier Re-opens

Public Masses have resumed at St. Xavier Church. We will be following our regular schedule for both weekday and Sunday Masses. Welcome back to all who decide to come to our church this week!

Because of the pandemic you are **NOT** obliged to come to Sunday Mass. The Ohio bishops have removed this rule for the foreseeable future. If for any reason you do not feel safe coming to church at this time you may stay home and join worship via live-streaming Masses or via your private prayer. If you want to attend Mass with a small group, you might consider coming on a weekday instead of on Sunday.

If you do come to St. Xavier church for any Mass please observe the following regulations:

- wear a face mask to church
- keep a six-foot distance from others at all times
- sit only in pews that are not blocked off by white ribbon
- receive Holy Communion in the hand
- do not touch others at the Our Father or Peace Greeting

Obviously new rules can feel a bit burdensome to us, but our goal is to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible during this pandemic. Consider these rules a small sacrifice you are making out of love for yourself and your neighbors.

Fr. Bob Thesing, SJ

ROSARY - JUNE 17 at 7 PM

The rosary for June will be held at Divine Mercy Church, 318 Division Street, Bellevue, Kentucky. All are welcome to join us

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday offerings for June 7	\$ 4,885
Online Giving	5,830
Week of June 7	\$10,715

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.

RCIA: CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES
OUR NEW CATHOLICS

In light of the alternative schedule for the month of April and May, Our 9 candidates and catechumens will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Sunday, **June 28 at the 10:30 AM Mass.** Please keep them in your prayers: **Chelsea Cole, Chris Stratmoen, Brittany Bishop, Paul Dieterlen, Brittney Fernandez, LaToiua Foster, Zachary Powell, Riley Sheehy, Emily Voll**

Baptism Prep Classes

Baptizing your first child? Prep Sessions for the Sacrament are the third Tuesday of each month at **6pm** in the Parish Center. Next session with Deacon Tim is Tuesday, **June 16.** Call 513-721-4045 to register.

TENDER MERCIES—JUNE 28

Lunch at Tender Mercies will resume on Sunday, June 28. If you can donate a food item, please call the office. Thank you!

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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 513.721.4045.



**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 14**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 21

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

REFLECTION FROM FR, FAIRBANKS

In the last few weeks before my departure, a lot of folks asked me about the highlights of the past seven years, “What has been the most memorable part of being pastor?” What a tough question! Of course it comes down to relationships. The high points of any ministry come with meeting new people, knowing them, and sharing with them the life of Christ – in good times and bad. You have been the high point for me, and being a part of your family has **radiated Christ** just a bit more widely among us. “Finding God in all things” is really easy where people are on fire with faith, and that is one thing that characterizes the last seven years: *were not our hearts burning within us* (Luke 24:32). For one reason or another, you may have found yourself touched by one of our homilies, or especially moved by the Eucharist to change your life or your habits in a way that makes the world a better place. In recent weeks, the social unrest, health concerns, and the pandemic itself have caused us to seek the Lord and respond with passion to the crises around us. Some have found new ways to pray, others have attended a march, and still others have decided to “read more about that” in their newfound free time. Being on fire with God is certainly the highlight of anyone’s life. Maybe there was something spiritual at work when we installed that Ignatian phrase above the side exit door, “Ite Inflammate Omnia,” **Go and set the world on fire**. Little did we know that the fire of the Heart of Christ would send us out to be more forgiving, more loving, more patient, more tolerant, and more willing to spread the good news. Even in times of crisis like these, the fire of Pentecost works to foster greater unity in diversity (Acts 2:3,4) – if we but choose to receive!

To quote Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, “The world in which we live is not the world as God intended it to be. It is hurting; it needs hope. ... Let us radiate Christ.” Those two words “Radiate Christ” happen to serve as the motto adopted by the Cincinnati Catholic community in honor of the Archdiocesan bicentennial (1821-2021). *(continued next column)*

Having celebrated our own bicentennial last year, St Xavier Church is ready and willing to unite with the larger community and assist the local Spirit in its mission. “What more can we do to help?” As Jesuit priests and brothers have been known to pose this “magis” question to the Holy Father and local bishops, so each of us continues to seek ways we can live more faithfully the call to radiate Christ. How might you choose do that in the coming months and years? Good question!

Let me close with two invitations for your own personal meditation on that question. First, using the traditions of this Jesuit parish, find some aspect of our parish history that attracts and inspires you to radiate Christ more effectively. I would suggest taking a close look at the new document entitled: “An Illustrated Guide to the Artwork, Architecture, and Holy Men and Women Depicted in Our Church.” This is a newly updated tour guide of our church interior, created and updated by Jay Joyce. Let it serve as a way to set you on fire with the same fervor shared by those who had gone before us.

<https://www.stxchurch.org/Tour-of-Church-Interior>

I also encourage you to remind yourselves of the very creative fires ignited by many local artists who came inside our church last year to paint, sculpt, make music, pray, and sing. The **Exultate in Artes** was a passionate way to relive the traditions of our parish while reminding us of the work of the Holy Spirit. See photos at:

<https://www.stxchurch.org/bicentennial-events>

I recall in July of 2019 when folks would remark, “Father, we should do this arts fair every year!” I think it is a better plan to try the arts fair every *other* year, setting us up for prayers that, by 2021, we might be able to again open our doors and hearts to the creative activity inside each of us. Let us pray that our collective health allows the spirit to flow freely by then.

Finally, let us join with the Archdiocese in prayer to the Blessed Mother for that creative fire which spreads to other hearts, the radiance and beauty of knowing Christ.

Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son. Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy. May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts. Teach us to be God’s joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all we do, so that all people might know, love and follow your Son through this life and into the next. Amen.

St Francis Xavier, pray for us.

Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

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