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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2020

WELCOME TO St Xavier

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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

Baptism · Marriage · Anointing · RCIA to register call parish office 513.721.4045

MASS INTENTIONS June 29-July 4

MON 29	6:00 11:30	+ John Sansalone + Al Cook + Julia Mijures
TUES 30	6:00 11:30	+ George Lahner + Margaret Fessler + Valerie Ann Spurr
WED 1	6:00 11:30	+ Debra Schulenberg Day + William Lunny ⁺ Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
THUR 2	6:00 11:30	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday + Paul Burgheim (Birth.) + Chris Niehaus Family + Lauren Przybylski + Rev. Bob Bueter, SJ
FRI 3	6:00 11:30	+ John P. Boylan (1st. Annv.) + Julia Schmidt (Birth.) + Dick Goodwin (Birth.)
SAT 4	7:00	+ For the Parish



ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ₽ Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Sophia N. Cook, Ed Castellini, Jack Casey, Mary Grubbs, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, Jane Kramig, Mike Moore, Danny Dell, Keith Uphaus, Marty Yee, David Schwartz, Joe Waters, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelie Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia 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, 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.

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St. Xavier Church





Mass at St. Xavier

Public Masses have resumed at St. Xavier Church. We are 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-steaming 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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for June 21	\$ 5,589
Online Giving	3,611
Week of June 21	\$ 9,200

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.

WELCOME FATHER JIM ACKERMAN, SJ



Next Sunday Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ will be joining the staff at St. Xavier as Associate Pastor. For the last few years he has been working at St. Jude Church and St. Aloysius Church on the West Side. We are delighted to welcome him to our community at St. Xavier! WELCOME TO THE CHURCH—RCIA 2020

I recently signed up for a Twitter account. I am always about ten years behind on technological matters so for me I am right about on time. I can see how it can be captivating and take up a person's attention by just scrolling and reading and following and tweeting. It's all sort of interesting but usually leaves me wanting a more complete and better articulated story. I have equated it to eating handfuls of popcorn for dinner. Eventually you need some protein. I did, though, come across a quote from a young man who was explaining why he recently became a Catholic. He tweeted: "What my generation wants is a place for tradition and beauty in a world that abandons everything the moment it is familiar." It struck me as possibly accurate but somewhat sad. The good news is that he has been drawn to the mystery of the Church which is an endless source of grace through the fact that it is a great mystery. Mystery for us as Catholics means, "inexhaustible sources of truth, goodness, beauty and love" - which just begins to describe our Good and Providential God. The more "familiar" we are with God, I believe, the less we want to abandon that relationship and the more we want to pursue it.

This week, after a more than a two month delay we have the joy of welcoming our RCIA class into the fullness of life in the Catholic Church. These wonderful people: men, women, black, white, young, old, single, engaged, married, mothers and fathers and a lot of other interesting things have been familiarizing themselves for almost a year with the life of the Catholic Church, especially here at St. Francis Xavier and in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. I believe their familiarity is causing them to not abandon their pursuit of God, but to dive even deeper. They have vigilantly attended classes each week and pursued other activities, read books, listened to expert speakers, attended our Sunday and daily liturgies and pursued their own paths of prayer. It is with exceedingly great joy that we welcome them into full initiation into the Church. Through baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist they encounter Jesus Christ in the fullest way possible here on earth and begin to walk with Him ever more closely as his beloved disciples

Throughout their earthly journey. God will never abandon them no matter how familiar they may feel He has become in their life and we the Church welcome them and hope to become more familiar with these new members who have brought new life and new love into the heart of our parish Church.

Please welcome them and pray for them and thank God for them. I was accompanied in leading the RCIA with a great team of St. X parishioners: Alicia Citron, Carla Molina and Vince Steigerwald who gave loving witness to the Mystery of God and the Church and showed its living tradition and profound beauty in the love they showed to the RCIA class and to one another. Again, Welcome to all and Thank you to all for supporting the RCIA at St. Xavier.





PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 28

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 5

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

RCIA: CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES OUR NEW CATHOLICS

TODAY our candidates and catechumens will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist : Please keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations to: Chelsea Cole, Chris Stratmoen, Brittany Bishop, Paul Dieterlen, Brittney Fernandez, LaToiua Foster, Zachary Powell, Riley Sheehy, Emily Voll and Brennan Bucher.

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, **July 21.**

Call 513-721-4045 to register.

A new **RCIA class** will be forming in the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized in the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic from another Christian denomination please call the parish office and leave your name and number. You will be contacted with more information once the schedule has been established. The program usually starts in September and continues through the Easter Season. With the arrival of two new priests in the parish, expect to see some exciting new ways to be part of the RCIA program. For now, spread the word among family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings that a person can experience. Call the main office and tell Diane you are interested.



ST. XAVIER ALTAR LINEN MINIS-TRY

We are looking for generous volunteers to assist with laundering and ironing of altar supplies. Bonus feature—lots of laughter

ROSARY - July 15 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



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This was used at a prayer service for George Floyd by Archbishop Schnurr:

Examination of Conscience: A Look at Myself in the Mirror

Conscience is the "core and sanctuary" within us where we are alone with God and hear his call to "love good and avoid evil" and "do this, shun that."[3] Let us examine our conscience in light of the sin of racism, asking ourselves:

1. Have I fully loved God and fully loved my neighbor as myself?

 Have I caused pain to others by my actions or my words that offended my brother or my sister?
 Have I done enough to inform myself about the sin of racism, its roots, and its historical and contemporary manifestations? Have I opened my heart to see how unequal access to economic opportunity, jobs, housing, and education on the basis of skin color, race, or ethnicity, has denied and continues to deny the equal dignity of others?

4. Is there a root of racism within me that blurs my vision of who my neighbor is?

5. Have I ever witnessed an occasion when someone "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and I did or said nothing, leaving the victim to address their pain alone?

6. Have I ever witnessed an occasion when someone "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism with me inflicting the pain, acting opposite of love of God and love of neighbor?

7. Have I ever lifted up and aided a person who "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and paid a price for extending mercy to the other? How did I react? Did my faith grow? Am I willing to grow even more in faith through my actions?

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

