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JULY 12, 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS July 13—18

MON 13	6:00	SI Rebecca O'Leary (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Peter Ginocchio + Mildred Barto
TUES 14	6:00	+ Rita Bleil
	11:30	+ Henry Sievers + Barbara Eckerle (1st Annv.)
WED 15	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Hermann Sievers (Birth.) + Barbara Haggerty (Annv.)
THUR 16	6:00	+ J. Kent Stier
	11:30	+ Brian Griffin (1st Annv.) + Herman Miller (Birth.) + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
FRI 17	6:00	SI Frank and Sandy Fieler (50th Wedd. Annv.)
	11:30	+ Patrick Fairbanks, SJ (Birth.)
SAT 18	7:00	SI Vocations to Des Plaines Carmelites + Bud Twohig (1st Annv.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Sam Ionna, 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, Adelle 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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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-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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for June 28	\$ 4,162
Sunday offerings for July 5	\$10,050

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to **Alexander Siller, Braxton Hamm, Grace Sychay, Margaret Meyers and Susan Stewart-Pirone** who make their First Communion at 10.30 Mass today. Thank you to **Emily Conklin, John Kollar, Emily Whalen, Emma Kidder, Haley Orwig, Clare Krumme and Mary Fetick** for helping in Religious Education classes and preparing them to receive the sacraments.

In this Sunday's gospel from Matthew we begin a series of parables from Jesus, which will continue for the next few weeks. C. H. Dodd defines a parable as "a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt of its precise application to tease it into active thought." The subject matter is frequently God's kingdom of heaven.

So Jesus in these gospels is inviting us to think about what he is presenting, to let our minds move from what we already know to what may be new territory – a place of surprise, challenge, and perhaps wonder.

In the parable of the sower which we hear today Jesus tells us about a farmer sowing seeds quite extravagantly. The seed doesn't go into neat rows in the field, but seems to fly everywhere: on the paths, among the rocks, between the thorn bushes, and also in the field. What might that suggest to you about God and how God deals with the world? One thought it suggests to me is that (in the terms of St. Ignatius Loyola) we are invited to find God *in all things*. God's life-giving seeds may be in unexpected places or with unexpected people. God is always greater than we think and imagine! So the parable invites me to keep my mind and heart more open for unexpected gifts and promptings of God. Certainly I seek God in church, in the scriptures, in the sacraments. But might I also learn to recognize the Lord in the immigrant family seeking a safe home, in people who vote differently from me, in homeless people on the streets of downtown, in people of different races, creeds, or nationalities.

Not all of the sower's seeds thrive and bear fruit. Sometimes my best plans don't work or succeed either. But maybe I just need to sow more seeds, try different approaches – to help God's kingdom become more present on this land. Maybe I need to be more generous, more trusting, more patient? Maybe I need to let Matthew's parables shake me up and change my perspectives a bit more?

Fr. Bob Thesing, S.J.

Retreats at Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford

The Jesuit Spiritual Center will be again offering in-person retreats in August. Visit their website at or call them at 513-248-3500.



**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 12**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 19

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

FAREWELL MASSES**Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ**

Fr. Matthew Gamber will be leaving here at St. Xavier, and will be celebrating his final Masses on Sunday, July 26 at both the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. This will be an opportunity for a celebratory “goodbye” for all of us. We will certainly miss Father Matt, and we thank God for his years of generous service to the St. Xavier community of faith.



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.

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

**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.

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.

Tender Mercies—July 26

Please call the office if you can donate a food item for our parish trip to Tender Mercies this month. Thank you!

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER—July Our Families

We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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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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