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JULY 19, 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



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
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MASS INTENTIONS July 20—25

MON 20	6:00	SI Ted Teismann (Birth.)
	11:30	SI Francis Obermeyer (Birth.)
TUES 21	6:00	+ John R. Grosser
	11:30	+ Robert and Ceil Thelen
		+ Helen A. Hagen
WED 22	6:00	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott
	11:30	+ James J. Juergens
		+ Jerry Shoemaker
THUR 23	6:00	+ Edward Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	+ June Bessette
		+ Ray Fetick (Annv.)
		+ Dennis Knopf
FRI 24	6:00	+ John R. Grosser
	11:30	+ Margaret Fessler
		+ Grant Dibert
SAT 25	7:00	+ Gerald Rouse (Birth.)
		+ Robert Beck

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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 July 12	\$ 6,330
Online Giving	1,612
Week of July 12	\$ 7,942

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 **Jack Casey** who was buried from here this past week. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

The Spirit Comes to Our Aid

Something we learn at a very early age is that it is good to have a companion. Children are attached to their parents as infants but soon grow in connection to their siblings (if there are any) and then to other children and adults. As we mature, we find social groups, peers, classmates, etc. that all give us a sense of security. Many find a partner to marry and continue that wonderful companionship ministry. Even those who do not take a spouse find friends and cohorts to share their life. These companions are so important in our lives, especially when we are down, discouraged, and emotionally or spiritually weak. It is at our lowest times that we seek the aid of our God. We call upon him to help us and remove the heartache, the anxiety, the loneliness, the despair that impinges upon our life. Often, we are at a loss as to how to approach our God for help. We are so mired in our problems and worries that focusing on the God who cares so deeply for us is just too difficult. It is precisely at these times, St. Paul reminds us that, "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought." Like a parent, spouse, or good friend who knows when something is wrong, The Spirit comes to us and intercedes on our behalf. It should be comforting to know that we do not have to form eloquent words to ask God for help. The Holy Spirit does that on our behalf with "inexpressible groanings," silently and constantly to the Father.

In the post-Easter liturgies, we hear Jesus promising to send us an "advocate" the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit who will be with each one of us until the end of time [end of the age]. Jesus does not make empty promises. With the Holy Spirit at our side, we all have a constant companion who prays the perfect prayer for us. That is truly a wonderful friend and it is good to have this companion on our side. This week perhaps we could be a little more mindful of this ever-vigilant person of the Trinity and offer a word of gratitude. And if we ever doubt that the Spirit is "groaning" on our behalf, maybe we could reflect on all those darker moments in our life and remember how we were guided through it all. We don't need to know how to pray as we ought, but we do need to know that God gives us the Holy Spirit for our benefit.

Deacon Tim Crooker

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 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 26

4:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. James Ackerman, 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 - August 19 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: 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!

AmazonSmile

When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, Amazon will donate to St. Xavier Church! The first time you sign on at smile.amazon.com use your existing account email and password. You can select **St. Xavier RC Church, Cincinnati, OH**. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid minus any rebates and excluding shipping and handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges.

FORMED...

Great News: The parish has renewed its' subscription to FORMED – The Catholic Faith on Demand. It's been described as Netflix for Catholics. It is that, but so much better. You have free access to hundreds of videos, tv programs, audio programs, books, talks, children's programming to name but a few categories. During COVID Time it is especially wonderful that you have access to all these great materials for free. Take a look at the daily Mass as well as the current Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew which is the Gospel being read at Masses on Sunday this year. If you view a program that you think others in the parish would enjoy then please pass that information on to Diane in the office and we will publish your recommendations. A current favorite of mine is “On Pilgrimage” It is a documentary of an annual summer pilgrimage made in Wichita, Kansas to the parish of Father Emil Kapaun. Father Kapaun is up for canonization after giving heroic witness to the faith as a U.S. Army Chaplain during the Korean War. He was a simple priest from Kansas who has inspired many people through the simplicity, strength and courage of his faith. Tune in to be inspired. Please make use of this great parish resource as we find ourselves going through very challenging times. The Church is here for you, even through your laptops, deskpads and IPADS. It's easy and free to register. Go to Formed.org Password: 2GNYN7 Click “Register and enter your name, email address and desired password. You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! Fr. *Matthew Gamber, SJ*

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