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JULY 26, 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 July 27—August 1

MON 27	6:00	+ Herman Weinewuth
	11:30	+ Betty Ferone + Joyce Braun
TUES 28	6:00	+ Bob and Kay Dietrich
	11:30	SI Chip Walters + Elaine Brandt
WED 29	6:00	+ Rosemary Lennertz
	11:30	SI Gerry Motl (Birth.) + Glen Kattleman
THUR 30	6:00	+ Jack Casey
	11:30	+ Jim James (Birth.) + Timothy Haggerty (Birth.)
FRI 31	6:00	+ Feast of St. Ignatius
	11:30	+ Peter Ginocchio
SAT 1	7:00	SI Kevin and Kathy England (50th Wedd. Annv.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, The Robke Family, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Sam Ionna, Ed Castellini, Mary Grubbs, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, Jane Kramig, Mike Moore, Danny Dell, Keith Uphaus, 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, 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, Joseph Brehm, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Toni Lynn Bush, 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 July 19	\$ 4,967
Online Giving	3,312
Week of July 19	\$ 8,279

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 to Taft Neyer Noga, son of Charles and Amy Noga who was baptized last weekend.



Facebook: Connect with us on Facebook page, updated daily. Search for "St Xavier Church" and click "Like"

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Taking a break from the agrarian symbols of seed, weed, plants and yeast Jesus takes up other symbols like treasure hidden under the earth in order to explain the invisible reality of the Kingdom of God. Precisely because the Kingdom of God is a spiritual reality hidden from sight, Jesus needs to explain it through symbolisms.

When Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in a field which a man finds and sells everything he has to procure it, we are given to understand that the Kingdom of God is more valuable than anything else. Very similar is the example of the merchant who is after a fine pearl. The merchant searches and finds it. Unless we search we also will not find it. When Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like a net that catches fish both good and bad, and the bad fish are thrown away, the message that Jesus intends to convey becomes crystal clear. The bad will not find a place in the Kingdom of God. What do we do to find acceptance in the Kingdom of God?

The parables of the hidden treasure and of the pearl of great value express the whole-hearted commitment demanded by the Kingdom of heaven, which is of overwhelming value. The first parable speaks of the hidden treasure which is of such exceeding value that the one who finds it sells all his possessions to buy it. This manifests single-minded focus on the overpowering value of the Kingdom for which one would part with all else. The sister Parable of the Pearl has a similar message. While the merchant does not find it accidentally as he has been in search of fine pearls, when he does find the exquisite pearl, he recognizes its overriding value. To acquire it he gladly sells all his possessions. The Kingdom of God is of such compelling value and Jesus makes it accessible to the disciples.

The Parable of the Dragnet assures the disciples that there will be a final separation of the evil from the righteous. Thus, the Kingdom of heaven is like a net dragged beneath the surface; it inevitably gathers an assortment of catch, a mixture of both good and bad. Just as the good and the bad fish are sorted out after the net is brought ashore, so at the end of the age angels will sort out the evil from the just.

Father Jerome Veigas, SJ

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

**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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1

4:00pm	Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Bob Thesing, SJ
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FAREWELL MASSES**Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ**

Fr. Matthew Gamber will be leaving here at St. Xavier, and will be celebrating his final Masses Today 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. Please join us in the Parish Center after either Mass.



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.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

The Society of Jesus along with the world wide Church celebrates the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits on the 31st July. We invite you to join the Jesuits in praying this Novena Prayer as they prepare to celebrate this feast.

NOVENA PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord, who choose the weak and make them strong, raise the fallen, heal the wounded and gather the dispersed back to you. Renew us with the Spirit who moved St. Ignatius and his companions to serve your Son under the standard of the Cross. Grant us the courage to reach out to our forgotten brothers and sisters; the generosity to open our doors to those who seek you, and the wisdom to sow seeds of your Kingdom in the hearts of all we meet, for the greater glory of your Name, as we pray: Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To You, O Lord, I return it. All is Yours, dispose of it wholly according to Your will. Give me Your love and Your grace, for this is sufficient for me

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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