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AUGUST 9, 2020

WELCOME TO St Xavier

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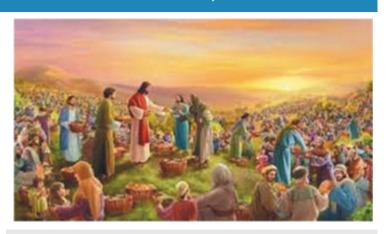
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 5:00 pm Mon - Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am Sat 7:00 am

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 August 10—15

MON 10	6:00 11:30	SI Cathy Streicher (Birth.) + Robert and Kathryn Herrlinger + John P. Boylan (Birth.)
TUES 11	6:00 11:30	+ George and Marilyn Schulenberg+ Christy Schiedemeyer+ Mary Lunsford
WED 12	6:00 11:30	 + Dr. Ward D. O'Sullivan (Annv.) + Robert and Judy Geisen + Tim Brennan + Dr. Ward D. O'Sullivan
THUR 13	6:00 11:30	+ Bob and Kay Dietrich (Annv.)+ Marilyn Neesham+ Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
FRI 14	6:00 11:30	+ John Sansalone+ Carl and Carolyn Voss (Annv.)+ Joe and Maureen Merten
SAT 15	7:00	+ Marietta Ginocchio



★ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Kathleen Allen, 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, 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 Mac-Dougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, 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, Darryl, and Gregg.



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 August 2	\$ 4,019
Online Giving	4,195
Week of August 2	\$ 8,214

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 Zachary and Emily (Robillard) Grbach;
- ...to Jan and Alyssa (Ingle) Porvaznik;
- ...to Michael and Heidi (Richards) Testa
- ...to **Austin and Tessa** (Austin) **Kummer** who were married at St. Xavier in July.

Whispers of the Heart

To say that the worlds is in a crazy place right now might seem to be an understatement. Even if we wanted to escape the constant barrage of Covid information, there are few places we can go to do that. The civil unrest and pure anger that populates our news programs gives us little respite from the turmoil in society. These recent headlines obscure the human suffering that is pervasive across the globe: oppression, human trafficking, starvation, religious persecution, corruption, and the everpresent political bickering. Is it any wonder that we find ourselves conditioned to apathy, depression, or despair? We search for answers to the lack of compassion and the inhumanity of it all. We want a sign—and we want it from God. We fashion in our minds what God's response should be and we accept nothing other than our own manifestation of it. Where is that great sign, that once-and-for-all indication that God is present and that there is a purpose in all the suffering? We, much like Elijah in today's first reading, are looking for God in the grandeur of this world. We know in our heart that God is all powerful, so we naturally conceive that God will speak to us as a powerful God. He will make his presence known in the thunder and lightning of the clouds, in the winds and torrents, in fiery eruptions. But none of that happens. God is "old school." Sure, God can use whatever means exist to speak to us. If we are working from home we might expect, as we stare at our computer screen, that God will send a message, an email, a text. Certainly, God can prompt us with a daily inspiration message or a pop-up video of something that causes us to think and maybe move us to pray for the unfortunate. But God always has spoken to his beloved through the receptors he created—our senses and our heart. Elijah found God in the tiny whisper of the wind, the whispers of the heart.

God is found in the quiet, in the silence. The noise of life, even in this new way of living, obfuscates the voice of our creator. We cannot hear because our lives are filled with the deafening sounds of the world. Most every church building is now reopened. Even as Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed, our churches provide a place where we can come and listen to God. St. Xavier Church is open during the day. Safety protocols are in place, but it is still an oasis of quiet and peace in the middle of the city. It is a place to be in a personal conversation with God. As Elijah found out; God is in the minutia. He does not shout but whispers to our heart.





PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 9

4:00pm	Fr. Bob Thesing
7:00am	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Cv Whitaker. SI

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 16

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



Congratulations to Luke Stephen Usher, son of Scott and Shannon Usher, who was baptized last week.

Congratulations to John and Kaitlyn (Click) Redden who were married last week.

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.

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, **August 18.** Call 513-721-4045 to register.

ROSARY - August 19 at 7 PM

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

Tender Mercies—August 30

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—August, 2020 The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is inviting Catholics to participate in the "Pray A Minute" movement from now until January 1, 2021. You are asked to pray one minute (or more) than you normally pray every day for the intention of peace, justice, and goodwill in our country. To learn more, go to www.PrayAMinute.com

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. 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!

SURVIVING DIVORCE

For men and women seeking healing from divorce. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM, Sept. 8—Nov. 24 St. Cecilia, 3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209. Please register by emailing Stephanie Ramsy at skb_steph@yahoo.com For more information please visit: catholicsdivorce.com to find out more about this program or Call Stephanie with questions at 513-331-0358.

Natural Family Planning New Live Online Class begins Saturday, Aug. 15, @ 1pm Eastern Time. For more information, or to register for a class, go to www.ccli.org or call471-2000 or 800-745-8252.

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

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