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AUGUST 16, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

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 17–22

MON 17	6:00 11:30	+ Margie Thompson SI Father Jerome Veigas, SJ (Birth.)
TUES 18	6:00 11:30	+ George Lahner SI Lucy Obermeyer (Birth.) + Frank Guarasci (Birth.)
WED 19	6:00 11:30	+ Dorothy P. Henneman + Father Joe Casey, SJ + Mary Jo Schwartz
THUR 20	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott + Norbert and Kathlyn Reinstatler + Charles and Juanita Jaber
FRI 21	6:00 11:30	+ John Sansalone (1st Annv.) + Alberta "Bert" Duwel (Annv.) + Barbara Vogelpohl (Birth.)
SAT 22	7:00	+ Thomas Lickteig + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Kathleen Allen, Frank Fieler, Jim Krohmer, Peter Bonventre, 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, 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, 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.

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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 August 9	\$ 6,155
Online Giving	3,407
Week of August 9	\$ 9,562

THANK YOU to all those who continue to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. If you are interested to donate electronically, see our website for information about online giving.

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

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. Mt 15:28

As I get older, I seem to spend a lot more time in prayer of supplication. I find that I do not ask so much for myself, but for my husband, our children and grandchildren, extended family and dear friends. But today's Gospel reading gave me pause. I questioned how "great is my faith" when I ask for God's help?

The woman in today's Gospel reading was persistent. Jesus is seen in many Gospel stories rewarding those who ask and ask for what they need. While Jesus may seem somewhat annoyed at the repetitious request for His help, in the end He recognizes the great faith that made them continue to ask for what they needed and He gives them what they requested. Now we all know that sometimes our requests do not seem to be answered. At least not in our time frame, or in the manner we think they should be answered. No matter how very annoyingly persistent we are. But do you think we give up after a while and decide God does not really answer our prayer? If the answer is "yes", perhaps it's because our faith is not great. We don't know what the negative repercussions might be if the request we pray for is granted.

Faith, real faith, is trusting that God loves us and always, always wants what is best for us. Each of us is His beloved child. If we ask for something, I believe with all my heart that He hears our requests. But God...well, He is the all-knowing, all-loving God. If He does not grant my request, it may be because He knows it is not for the good of my eternal soul. That is when I have to do a quick reality check. Do I truly believe in this great God or not? Do I believe in His passionate love for me? Do I believe He wants what is best for me? How great is my faith? *Kathy England, Pastoral Associate*

Marriage Preparation Class

Saturday, September 19 from 8 AM—4 PM
Are you getting married within the next year and would like to attend the class here? To register for a Saturday workshop please fill out the form at www.stxchurch.org/precana
Any questions, please email Kathy at kengland@stxchurch.org



"Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life dramatically."

**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

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Congratulations to Sebastian Thomas Lewis, son of Sean and Daisy Lewis, and to **Sloane Marianne Sullivan**, daughter of Sean and Ashley Sullivan, who were baptized last week.

Congratulations to Brian and Megan (Nicollerat) Pokrywka and to **Christopher and Tara (Bramble) Tippmann** 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.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

RELIGION EDUCATION CLASSES

Religion Classes to prepare for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will begin this fall. Classes meet every Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10. Please Register now. Call Diane at 513-721-4045 or email drozen@stxchurch.org to sign up.

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!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

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 Ramsey 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.

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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