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AUGUST 23, 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, 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 24—29

MON 24	6:00	+ Ann Fetick
	11:30	+ Charles B. Ginocchio + Filipe Mijures
TUES 25	6:00	+ Fr. Bob Thul, SJ (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+ Betty Ferone + Lois Keiser Reed (Birth.)
WED 26	6:00	+ Jack Casey
	11:30	SI Matthew Gamber, SJ (Birth.) SI Bob Ross, SJ (Birth.)
THUR 27	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Patty LaFauve
FRI 28	6:00	+ Debra Schlenburg Day
	11:30	+ Dorothy and Charles LaFauve + Mary Lynn Wetzel (1st Annv.)
SAT 29	7:00	+ Joyce and Carl Braun + Timothy Brennan



✠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

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 the Peace Greeting

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for August 16	\$ 4,268
Online Giving	3,207
Week of August 16	\$ 7,475

St. Xavier Church has been celebrating Masses for three months now since the re-opening in May. How is it going for you? Attendance at Sunday liturgies is about half of what it was before the pandemic began, and it is certainly great to gather with those who are able to attend. But it's also sad to know that many folks aren't yet able to return to church; we certainly keep all our faithful members in our thoughts and prayers, and we pray for an end to the scourge of the virus.

Worship isn't quite the same as it used to be. Wearing masks, blocking off pews, discouraging singing, keeping social distancing, minimizing the number of people in the sanctuary – yes, it feels different. But we still gather as God's people, we are still guided by the messages of the scripture, we are still nourished by the gift of the Eucharist -- and for all this I am most grateful.

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Xavier financially. Your contributions are essential, and most appreciated. Unfortunately, our Sunday collections have decreased about 40% because of fewer people currently attending Masses. So do know that any additional help covering this shortfall will be greatly appreciated!

Fr. Bob Thesing, S.J.
Interim Pastor

Quarterly statement from Kroger \$436.65
THANKS to all who signed up with their Kroger Plus Card! We really appreciate your support.

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

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

To give or not to give...

This is the question. How can we as Christians not want to help someone in need? As the first two individuals did so in the Good Samaritan parable, can we just walk on by? When I see someone on a street corner or the front of this church with their hand out, I am torn. Am I truly helping these people or just prolonging their troubles.

The people that are staging themselves outside of our doors here at St. Xavier for the most part, are not homeless and actually receive government assistance. There are some individuals at the interstate highway exits that are known to be dropped off by organized groups. Can we assume that these individuals will be all right without our help or do we hand them something for their immediate needs?

There are numerous organizations in our region willing to help and have the resources to do so. In the immediate vicinity are several kitchens to provide meals. The St. Anthony Center houses several within their walls i.e. Mary Magdalene House (Showers, Laundry), Mother Teresa Kitchen, Diapers etc. Tender Mercies provides housing for mentally disabled. Shelterhouse and City Gospel Mission are located in the west end providing places to sleep. City Link has several groups to help with housing and employment. St. Xavier Parish along with the Cathedral has a St. Vincent DePaul Conference along with fifty eight (58) other conferences in the area providing financial help to those in need. SVdP also has a food pantry and free pharmacy along with outlet stores. Lastly, from the weekly collections St. Xavier tithes to various social service agencies.

Maybe the answer is to try and suggest to the individual where to turn for help for the long run. Consider keeping your hand in your pocket and later on giving to one of these organizations where you know their needs will be met on a more permanent basis. *Chris Dole*, Facilities Manager

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, email Kathy at kengland@stxchurch.org



3rd Annual Cincinnati Festival of Faiths

Compassion through action 20/20 Vision for hope, healing and justice—August 23-30 (The Event is virtual this year.) For more information go to <https://www.equasion.org/festival-of-faiths/calendar-of-activities/>

**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 30

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

Congratulations to Wyatt James Hendrix, son of Joshua and Jessica Hendrix who was baptized last week.

Congratulations to Ryan and Tracy ((Minich) Alleman, and to **William and Sara (Ebner) Torbeck** who were married last week.

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 droden@stxchurch.org to sign up.

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.

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!

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, **September 15**. Call 513-721-4045 to register.

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LAST MILE FOOD RESCUE

Volunteers are needed to pick up unused food throughout the city and transport it to designated agencies feeding the hungry. Volunteering opportunities will begin in November. For more information, please contact Tom Fernandez, at thomas@lastmilefoodrescue.com, or Eileen Budo at Eileen@lastmilefoodrescue.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. Take a look at the daily Mass or the current Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew. 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! **This last quarter St. Xavier received \$436.65!** 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 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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