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AUGUST 30, 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 Aug. 31– Sept. 5

MON 31	6:00 11:30	+ John Murphy SI Roxanne Motl (Birth.)
TUES 1	6:00 11:30	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday + O'Connor and Whalen Families + Tim Brennan
WED 2	6:00 11:30	+ Shirley Riegling SI Jason Sanders (Birth.)
THUR 3	6:00 11:30	+ Bud Twohig + Gerry Merkes (Wedd. Annv.) + Pat and Anita Moran (Annv.)
FRI 4	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott + Joe McDevitt (Annv.) + Mrs. Ann Duffy
SAT 5	7:00	+ Helen Sievers



✠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, 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****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****PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday offerings for August 23	\$ 4,470
Online Giving	2,206
Week of August 23	\$ 6,676

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

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

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

This week I am completing my four-month term as the interim pastor here at St. Xavier. It's been a most interesting summer for me! First of all, coming back to the parish after being away for fifteen years brought surprises and delights – reconnecting with some old friends, meeting lots of new parishioners, seeing how the parish has grown and developed. And, of course, dealing with all the challenges of the virus was a totally unexpected surprise. I believe we are doing well protecting safety and offering the Eucharist at St. X, but we can never let our guard down because this virus is so contagious. I commend all of you for your cooperative spirit.

I am most grateful for the help and cooperation of the staff these past months. Ms. Diane Roden does a remarkable job of running the office and coordinating the wide range of parish operations. My biggest fear before arriving was that there would not be enough priests to handle all the sacramental needs during the summer, but God more than took care of us. Fathers Gamber, Veigas, Whitaker, and Ackerman all pitched in and kept our church alive with God's sacramental grace.

Speaking of the Jesuits, September will be a month of transition. Fr. Paul Lickteig, S.J., will be arriving as the new pastor right after Labor Day. Many of you probably remember Fr. Lickteig when he was an associate pastor here a few years ago. You are very fortunate to have him returning as the new pastor. Later in September Fr. Jerome Veigas will be returning to India to take up his new assignment there. And Fr. Bob Ross will return to celebrating Masses at St. Xavier, but on a more limited basis. He won't be taking the early Masses daily, but will preside a couple days each week.

As for myself, I will be returning to my ministry at Mother of Christ and St. Bernard parishes in the Winton Hills and Spring Grove Village neighborhoods. My work there is part of our Jesuit province's commitment to ministry with African Americans. Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J. and I are part of the "Peter Claver Jesuit Ministries" project done here in Cincinnati. So though I won't be here at St. X regularly, I'll still be close by.

Again, thank you all for your welcome and cooperative spirit this summer of 2020. May our Lord continue to bless you and bless all the efforts of St. Xavier Church.

Fr. Bob Thesing, S.J.

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

**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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 6

4:00pm	Fr. Jim Ackerman, 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

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. Register now. Call Diane at 513-721-4045 or email droden@stxchurch.org to sign up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

We are looking for teachers who can help in Religious Education to prepare children for First Eucharist. The classes will begin at the end of September and meet every Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10 AM. Would you like to join and share your knowledge of faith with children? Call Diane at 513-721-4045 or email droden@stxchurch.org

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? The next Prep Session is Tuesday, September 15 at 6 PM. Call 513-721-4045 to register.

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



Congratulations to Sean and Megan (Federle) Harkins who were married last week.

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. 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."

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: catholicdivorce.com

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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