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SEPTEMBER 6, 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  
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### ✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

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### MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 7—12

MON 7	6:00 11:30	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>Masses at 6 and 11:30 AM</b> <b>Parish offices closed</b>
TUES 8	6:00 11:30	+ Rita Bleil + Joe McDevitt (Birth.) + Kime Bessette
WED 9	6:00 11:30	+ Jack Casey + Lawler and McLaughlin Families + Mary Lunsford
THUR 10	6:00 11:30	+ Ann Fetiick + Suzette Casey (Birth.) + Joe and Maureen Merten
FRI 11	6:00 11:30	+ Shirley Riegling + Rosalia O'Brien + Jerry Shoemaker
SAT 12	7:00	+ Jane Webb + Shirley Riegling

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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 Peace Greeting****PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday offerings for August 30	\$ 4,700
Online Giving	1,639
Week of August 30	\$ 6,339

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

**AUGUST MASS ATTENDANCE (average)**

Sat. 4 PM	63
Sun. 7 AM	67
9 AM	75
10:30 AM	88
5 PM	88

**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

**Start with Charity**

The Sept. 6 Sunday gospel from Matthew 18 reminds me of a concept that I learned at a workshop that offered advice on “building community” in one’s household, worksite, religious community, etc. The advice was that when a brother or sister in one’s community is misbehaving, one should first try “CARE-frontation” vs. “CON-frontation.” In doing so, we ask ourselves, “How do we as a community offer charitable correction and a constructive response to errant behavior BEFORE stepping up harsher measures?”

In the gospel today, Jesus offers talking points on how to do this. He recommends starting with helpful critique just between two people. Gradually - if the problem persists - more severe steps are to be taken with more people involved in the corrective process. Notice, though, that it starts with charity, or as I learned: carefrontation.

Carefrontation requires effort, courage, and the ability to look at our brothers and sisters as Jesus looks at them. This is to be aware that we are capable of sinful behavior, but we are also capable of redemption and potential for change - for the better.

Ezra mentions in the First Reading this idea of “being a watchman” when he writes: “The Lord said ‘You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.’” God not only suggests that we watch out for our community but also that we have a responsibility to practice “carefrontation” and then step it up to more correction for the sake of the community.

I am reminded of the title of Harper Lee’s recently published prequel to *To Kill A Mockingbird* titled *Go Set a Watchman*. The title is a quote from a scripture verse in Isaiah. Harper Lee paints a portrait of the lawyer/ father, Atticus Finch, as a “watchman” for integrity, justice, fairness, and compassion. I believe that the Lord is calling us to do this and to use all of our talents to help build community – in the Church and in our family and civic life.

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

St. Xavier Church will be welcoming its new pastor, Fr. Paul Lickteig, S.J., next Sunday, September 13. Father Lickteig was ordained a priest in 2012, and he served as associate pastor here from 2013 to 2016. He recently completed his “tertianship” in Australia. Tertianship is the final stage of Jesuit formation; it includes making a retreat of thirty days according to the “Spiritual Exercises” of St. Ignatius, studying in detail the constitutions and other key documents of the Jesuits, and engaging in an apostolic ministry that helps challenge and stretch the young Jesuit. Let us welcome Fr. Lickteig as he arrives and takes on the leadership of our historic St. Xavier parish.

**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

**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 13**

4:00pm	Fr. John LaRocca, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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](mailto: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.

**Baptism Prep Classes**

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

**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](http://www.stxchurch.org/precana) Any questions, please email Kathy at [kengland@stxchurch.org](mailto:kengland@stxchurch.org)

**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](mailto:Thomas@lastmilefoodrescue.com) or Eileen Budo at [Eileen@lastmilefoodrescue.com](mailto:Eileen@lastmilefoodrescue.com)

**Congratulations to**

- **Eric and Sara (Smith) Spencer**
  - **Michael and Kendall (O'Keefe) Robins**
  - **Andrew and Palmer (Conti) Deye**
- who were married last week.

**FAREWELL MASSES**

Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ who has completed his time here at St. Xavier, will be celebrating his final Masses at St. X on Sunday, September 20 at both the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses.



This will be an opportunity for a celebratory "goodbye" for all of us. We will certainly miss Father Veigas, and we thank God for his generous service to St. Xavier Parish.

**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](http://Formed.org) Password: 2GNYN7 Click "Register and enter your name, email address and desired password.

**TENDER MERCIES—September 27**

If you can donate a food item...or if you would like to help serve for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office at 513-721-4045.

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.
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