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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Sept. 14—19

MON 14	6:00	+ Helen Sievers
	11:30	+ Suzette Casey (Annv. Remb.) + Mary Beth Bruner
TUES 15	6:00	+ Jack and Suzette Casey
	11:30	+ Mike Ruffin + Patricia Sauer
WED 16	6:00	+ Erwin and Norma Erhardt
	11:30	+ Chris Frank (Birth. Remb.)
THUR 17	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Patricia LeFauve + Margaretha Reber
FRI 18	6:00	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott
	11:30	+ Fr. Joe Casey, SJ + Charles and Juanita Jaber
SAT 19	7:00	+ Norma Erhardt + Tim Schilling (Birth. Remb.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Larry Reinersman, 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 September 6 and September 13 will be reported in the September 20 Bulletin.

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 sing-ing, 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 nour-ished 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 collec-tions 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

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

Greetings St. Francis Xavier Church community,

The blessings and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

By way of introduction, my name is Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ. Beginning with the masses this weekend, I will begin my time with you as Pastor. To those of you whom I have met, it will be a pleasure to serve and worship with you again! For those of you whom I have not met, what follows is a bit of biography. Ordained in June of 2012, I spent one year working on a Licentiate in Sacred Theology before coming here to serve under Fr. Pat Fairbanks in 2013. Three years later, I left Ohio and moved to Minnesota, where I served as Associate Director of the Jesuit Retreat House there. In January of 2020, I moved to Australia to begin a seven-month program of prayer and ministry in preparation for my final vows as a Jesuit. St. Xavier is my first assignment since my return from Australia. As this community is the place where I learned the “fundamentals” of being a priest, it seems only appropriate that you are the people who will receive me as pastor. God will be with us!

On a more personal note, four years is a long time to be away from a place you love. As I return, I have become more conscious of how the vicissitudes of life have changed life at St. X, leaving many of us questioning an uncertain and seemingly more dangerous future. Recent days have made us aware, yet again, of the ancient scourges of our human family and the call to follow Christ in their midst. In the evil of racial injustice, we hear the longing of hope in a shared experience of equality; with Covid, the fear and isolation brought on by an unfamiliar disease calls us to greater trust in God and unity in love; in the turbulent waters of this election year, we are reminded again of our need to seek common ground and share in the table of fellowship. Even if we cannot attend mass, we each know that we need Christ, and one another, now as much as ever.

It is such a consolation then, to hear the selected readings this Sunday. With each reading we hear of the importance of mercy, forgiveness, and love. And here is the grace: Each of the evils we face today are nothing new to God or the Body of Christ. With each generation, we must choose how we will attend to the light of Christ in the world's darkness. Each generation before us has made the choice of following Christ, and we join them in this shared discipleship. We listen for Christ's voice, Jesus, calling us to mercy and compassion, true forgiveness and understanding. We face the dangers and evils of our time, trusting in God and one another, that we may be one with Him, One Body in Christ. We are not alone, brothers and sisters. We are loved beyond all imagining.

At every moment, even at times like these, life has a way of placing us in circumstances that surprise and delight us. It is with joy that I am returning to the “family” that helped teach me as a young priest. The time I spent here taught me much about the ways in which we, as Christians, are called always to learn and grow in our embodiment of Love. My prayer this week is that you and I will continue to grow together as true Christians, practicing the kind of love only found in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

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

4:00pm	Fr. John LaRocca
7:00am	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ

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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

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 Any questions, please email Kathy at 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 or Eileen Budo at Eileen@lastmilefoodrescue.com

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.

Congratulations to Francis Reid McCreary, son of Terry and Rachel McCreary and **to Lyla Odelia Shaw**, daughter of Adam and Lindsey Shaw who was baptized here.



Congratulations to **Logan and Audrey** (Farber) **Malone** who were married here.

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.

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.

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 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."

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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