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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

WELCOME TO St Xavier

A Jesuit Ministry "in the heart of the marketplace" Registered Historic site founded in 1819 Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845 *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*

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Email: office@stxchurch.org 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. 21–26

MON 21	6:00 11:30	 Dennis J. Baron Joe and Maureen Merten Tony Montgomery (1st Annv.)
TUES 22	6:00 11:30	 + J. Kent Stier + Fr. Joe Casey, SJ + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger (Birth.)
WED 23	6:00 11:30	 + John R. Grosser + Mary and Michael Rodrigues + Donald C. Schmitt
THUR 24	6:00 11:30	 + Herman Weinewurth + Bob and Kay Dietrich (Birth.) + Edgar and Adelaide Dnetto + Sarah Rogers
FRI 25	6:00 11:30	 Bob and Kay Dietrich (Annv.) Kalyn Obermyer (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+ Vocations to Des Plaines Carmelites



Instance Prayer Ministry №

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, 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, 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, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelie 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, Carmeltia 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 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.

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Inward Reflection

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GENEROUS GOD

Have you ever grumbled when you did more work and were rewarded less? Did you ever grudge when someone was commended and you were sidelined? How can one be paid more when works less? That is certainly not justice. How can the laborers who worked just an hour be paid as much as the ones who labored the whole day in the scorching sun? It is definitely unfair but not in the sight of God! The parable in the gospel today assures that no one will get less than promised or be treated unfairly, for God knows the needs of each one.

Let us look at the parable in another way. God is the landowner and we are the laborers in his vineyard. The work day is our life span. Some he calls early; others later; still others at the eleventh hour. What matters is not how long we work or live; not the time allotted to us but the heart we put into the time that is given to us. Life is measured not with the duration of time, but the quality of life lived. It is a privilege to be called by God to work in His vineyard. It is even more a greater honor to work without wages and without counting the cost for God. He is generous and gives us more than what is due. His gifts do not depend on the clock or the calendar. Would you like counting your blessings and marveling at God's amazing grace in your life today?

When I think of life here in Cincinnati, a sense of gratitude wells up in my heart. It has been a wonderful experience of walking with you as you shared your space and time with me. Like a duck to water, your warm welcome eased my inhibitions and moments of fear. It has been truly a time of being at home with you.

Coming from another country and culture, I did face challenges like any new person in uncharted waters. Knowing multiple languages is a great blessing and at the same time that hinders one's capacity to be a good orator or an eloquent preacher. Some of you must have found me disrupting due to my poor diction and lack of facility in English, for English was my fifth language. Forgive me, for all those shortcomings because I know, in my weakness God's strength is made perfect. As I move from here, my first priority is to learn yet another language, the tenth one; to be able to minister the people effectively.

Like St. Francis Xavier, our patron, I am missioned to a new place in Kohima Jesuit Region with very little development. Liyai with a Catholic community of 3000 people and a school of about 500 students lacks many modern facilities including a proper road, internet and cell phone connectivity. Yet, I know the support that you are to me as I leave "to set the world on fire" and bring civilization to these most backward people. Whisper a prayer for this new mission of mine and I assure to lift you to God at every Eucharist I celebrate. Thank you and may God bless you.

Do not touch others at the Our Father or Peace Greeting

Receive Holy Communion in the hand

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of September 6	\$ 12,340
Sunday offerings for Sept. 13	\$ 5,362
Online Giving	2,222
Week of September 13	\$ 7,584

Sit only in pews that are not blocked off by white ribbon

Keep a six-foot distance from others at all times

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

Goodbye

This weekend we say good-bye to Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ. Goodbyes bring grace: they allow us an opportunity to acknowledge the good in another and express gratitude for what we have experienced in that person. One of the things that most pleasantly surprised me during these last two weeks was the number of people who spontaneously expressed their appreciation for Fr. Jerome. "He is always so joyful." "He always seems to have time for the person in front of him." "Whenever he is needed, he responds." Honestly, from the standpoint of a priest, these are some of the best compliments that a minster can receive.

From here, Fr. Jerome will spend three months learning a new language. He will then move on to become Principal of Loyola school, in Liyai, Manipur, which is located in northeast India. As the headmaster of a school with 500 students, one would expect Fr. Jerome to have enough to do. However, he will also be the Pastor of the parish there, which includes 3,000 people from the surrounding area. The Spirit of God is alive and well in Fr. Jerome. It almost goes without saying, we have been lucky to have a Jesuit of such talent and dedication here with us.

While last week we also said goodbye to Fr. Bob Thesing, SJ, it is with deep gratitude that I must acknowledge his service to this parish as a pastor. Fr. Bob's ministry here is an example of availability, a quality in Jesuits which allows them to be missioned where they are needed. His time here these past few months was perhaps made slightly easier by the fact that he served as pastor here for nine years during the late 90's and early 00's. However, his willingness to step in as interim pastor eased us through a time of transition here at St. Xavier, giving both Fr. Pat and me an opportunity to tend to matters of great importance in our Jesuit lives. Even more than this, however, is the fact that Fr. Bob stepped into this role during COVID, something I would call "providential". His knowledge of the parish helped set policies that would allow us to "open up" and begin ministering again in a smooth and responsible way. The grace for us is that he knows and appreciates the people of this parish. His willingness to serve here is part of what has made the Jesuit presence so important in this city. God be with you, Fr. Bob, as you move into your next ministry! Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ



Outward Action



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 <u>droden@stxchurch.org</u> to sign up.

Congratulations to Olivia Reese Pharo,

daughter of Nicholas and Maria (Trauth) Pharo who was baptized last week.



Congratulations to Eric and Chelsea (Farrell) Robinson who were married here 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 TODAY 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. Please join us in the Parish Center for some light refreshments



Please remember **Angela Fennell-Harris** and **Jean Schied** who have passed away. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

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."

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 20

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 27

4:00pm	Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

SPEAKER'S SERIES PROGRAM begins TODAY

The first Speaker's Series program of 2020-21 begins today and is designed to be done at home. For the *Journey of Faith* program you are invited to pray and reflect on the *Principle and Foundation* meditation for the next 2 weeks. This meditation is the first in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola. See the insert in today's bulletin or the parish website for an introduction and guide for the prayer. Then, spend quiet time with the Lord and let the Holy Spirit work within you and take you to new places.

A new **RCIA class** will begin **Tuesday, September 29 at 6 PM.** 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 will continue 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 office and tell Diane you are interested.

TENDER MERCIES—September 27

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

The Fennell-Harris family wishes to thank everyone for all your love and support, cards, masses, prayers and concern during their difficult time. Thank you! Mary Beth Fennell and family

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



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