# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **SEPTEMBER 27, 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* 

Pastor: Rev. Paul Lickteig, SJ Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ Office Manager: Mrs. Diane Roden Business Manager: Mrs. Judith Cox Facilities Manager: Mr. Chris Dole Deacon Tim Crooker Mrs. Kathy England Dr. Mark Bailey Mrs. Mary Beth Fennell Mr. Chris Crabb

## Email: office@stxchurch.org MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

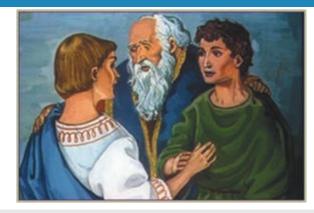
Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 5:00 pm Mon - Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am Sat 7:00 am

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. 28-Oct. 3

MON 28	6:00 11:30	<ul> <li>+ Ray and Ann Fetick</li> <li>+ John Klare (Annv.)</li> <li>+ Jim Meridieth</li> </ul>
TUES 29	6:00 11:30	<ul><li>+ George Lahner</li><li>SI Cheri Fields (Birth.)</li><li>+ Robert William Oehler II</li></ul>
WED 30	6:00 11:30	<ul> <li>+ Gerry Merkes</li> <li>SI Celeste Bunker (Birth.)</li> <li>+ Denise A. Erwin (1st Annv.)</li> </ul>
THUR 1	6:00 11:30	<ul> <li>+ John Sansalone</li> <li>+ Ron Goyette (Birth)</li> <li>+ Mary Lunsford</li> </ul>
FRI 2	6:00 11:30	<ul> <li>+ Fr. Bob Thul, SJ</li> <li>+ Fr. William Welsh</li> <li>+ June Bessette</li> </ul>
SAT 3	7:00	+ Ann Fetick + Angela Fennell-Harris



## **Instance** ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY™

#### Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Marie Koenig Siddle, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Larry Reinersman, Jim Krohmer, 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, Carl Ladwig, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana De-Vore, 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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## St. Xavier Church





## 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 Sept. 20	\$ 4,236
Online Giving	3,666
Week of September 20	\$ 7,902

**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.

#### SPEAKER'S SERIES PROGRAM

#### Journey of Faith - Week 2

God created us out of generosity beyond our imaginations. Experience another dimension of your relationship with God by prayer with the "*Principle and foundation*" of St. Ignatius Loyola. Whether you are beginning today or in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, God is constantly offering more for us to discover. Click on the "*Journey of Faith*" banner on the parish website for the prayer, guide, and more.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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.

## **Actions Speak Louder than Words**

No doubt we have all heard the saying that "actions speak louder than words." Usually we employ that statement when admonishing someone who says they do something but produces no evidence of having done it. Jesus gives a very good example of this in the Gospel when he tells of a father who has two sons. He asks one to do something and he refuses, then goes ahead and does it. The second quickly says, "yes Father" but never does anything.

Sometimes our mind and mouth get ahead of our heart and soul. We can be quick to find a request to be an annoyance. Doing something for someone else might make us feel "put upon." As we ponder the request our heart tells us it's the right thing to do, and so even though we said "no" we do it anyway. The inner workings of the human spirit are prompted by the Holy spirit in those who wish to practice their faith and be in a right relationship with God. Our words believe what is truly our intent-and our action. For a few, the cunning of their words proposes an escape hatch. We may know people who are so pleasant and agreeable who say they will do anything for us. They immediately ingratiate themselves to people, but never follow through with their promise. These people eventually infuriate us, and we stop associating or integrating with them. We come to know that their "yes" really means "no."

In our spiritual journey God asks many things of us. We may be tempted to say "no" only to realize that in order to be true to our Christian dignity that we really need to do what God asks. This is a process of conversion and a continuation of the spiritual formation that God cultivates in us. The person who says "yes God, I'll do that" but doesn't mean it and never follows through may find the path to salvation far more difficult.

Jesus offers all of us hope for there are many times we find the requests a little too strenuous, a little too demanding. We may resist for a day, a year, for much of our lives. Yet, the door is open for us to change our minds and let the heart and soul put into action the faith that has been instilled in us. Sinners enter heaven before those who claim to be righteous. That is of great comfort. Perhaps we should close our mouth and open our heart more.



## Outward Action



## PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND SEPT. 27

Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ
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#### PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 4

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

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"Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life dramatically."

#### Baptism Prep Classes

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session is Tuesday, October 20 at 6 PM. Call 513-721-4045 to register.



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With Deepest - Please remember Peter Bonventre impathy who has passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Caregivers need our help now more than ever, especially those who struggle with ongoing isolation, finding respite, managing emotions, and dealing with loss.We currently have in person, online, and telephone support programs. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement, please tell them about Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio, Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoelle at 513.672.3834 or visit the website at https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistancenetwork/ for more information.

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

#### **Retreats at**

Iesuit Spiritual Center in Milford The Jesuit Spiritual Center will be again offering in-person retreats in October. Visit their website at or call them at 513-248-3500.





#### **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Support St. X through Kroger!Tell all your family. friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Re-wards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

#### 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.



Thanks to all who have been helping our staff sanitize the pews after Masses. *We really appreciate the help!* "Many hands make light work!"

#### 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@lastmilefoodrescure.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. 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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