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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 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 Oct. 5—10

MON 5	6:00	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott
	11:30	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families + Donald C. Schmitt
TUES 6	6:00	+ Angela Fennell-Harris
	11:30	+ Carl and Carolyn Voss (Wedd.Annv.) + Marjorie Person (Birth.)
WED 7	6:00	SI Father Cy Whitaker, SJ (Birth.)
	11:30	SI Russell Sanders (Birth.) + Tim Brennan
THUR 8	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Ray Fetick (Birth.) + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
FRI 9	6:00	+ Angela Fennell-Harris (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Linda Klare (Annv.) + Lawrence and Mary Elizabeth Kyte
SAT 10	7:00	+ Gerald Rouse (Annv.) + Jason Scott (Birth.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Patrick Connor, 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 Lawwig, 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, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Toliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Carl Ladwig, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, 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.

**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. 27	\$ 5,013
Online Giving	2,292
Week of September 27	\$ 7,305

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**

This third week offers an opportunity to consider our faith journey through film. Notice when the characters turn to faith/God in their faith journey. When do we turn to God, or do we turn to other things? Spend some time talking and listening to God about your friendship with one another. If you haven't begun Weeks 1 & 2, check out the material on the website; and register for the ZOOM conference on October 18. Click on the "Journey of Faith" banner on the parish website for the prayer, guide, and more.

TENDER MERCIES—October 25

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 droden@stxchurch.org 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.

Have no anxiety at all...Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:6-9

Have no anxiety at all...really? Have you seen what is going on in the world? Oh, not just the wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, but the protests, riots, police actions, congressional bickering, and the upcoming election. Have no anxiety? That's a pretty tall order.

I listen to today's second reading with my typical skepticism. Jesus obviously was talking to a completely different crowd, right? He certainly did not intend it for us. Or did He? The human condition has really not changed that much. We want to be in control...of everything. And what we cannot control, well, it terrifies us. How would we react to all of the challenges of our time if we could offer the situation up to God with prayer and with thanksgiving?

In the Covid-19 world we are just *uneasy*. We hide in our fear instead of trusting in the benevolence of our compassionate Father. Could we just rest in the loving arms of God and really trust He has it under control? That He wants the best for us in all circumstances? And if we did, then what?

This passage tells us that we would receive the peace that surpasses all understanding. And that is the whole point. We simply don't believe in or trust that kind of peace. We rarely see it or experience it in our day-to-day existence. It requires a surrender to God that is the antithesis of how the world works. The very word *surrender* seems weak and ineffectual. But to surrender our lives to God is actually to acknowledge who is really in charge.

So how do we accomplish that surrender we know is for our own good? Begin by realizing you are human and no matter how awesome and capable you are, you do not have all of the answers. Take a step back and admit to yourself you don't have control over much of what happens and trust that the God who made you and loves you wants to help you. Then pray; and let God **know** you are giving your worry and anxiety to Him and are willing to be led to an answer. Then **let it go!** Stop trying to figure everything out alone. Begin to really listen to your intuition – that tiny voice of God inside – directing you gently to more peaceful thoughts. And as Ignatius constantly reminds us...*be grateful*. Gratitude puts our focus on what we have, not what we lack in all aspects of our lives.

It is a tall order to find peace today, and we must work at it. But try it. Have no anxiety at all... and God will grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding. Pretty good reward if you ask me.

Mrs. Kathy England, Pastoral Associate

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 11

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

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday October 4, 2020 is Respect Life Sunday. We ask for your prayerful mindfulness of the importance of the preservation of life – especially for the unborn child. This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of the landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) written by Pope St. John Paul II. The document passionately reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. This year's Respect Life theme is "Live the Gospel of Life." How fitting is our current pope's fervent prayer that we can take to heart on this important day:

"We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." — Pope Francis

Thank You

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

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 Homoele at 513.672.3834 or visit the website at <https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/> 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 Jesuit 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.



Congratulations to Alexander and Maureen (Rooney) Walk and to Tony and Janna (Hairston) Perrin who were married here last week.

**Baptism Prep Classes**

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

ROSARY - October 21 at 7 PM

The rosary in October will be held here at St. Xavier Church. All are welcome to join

**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,

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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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