



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 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 Oct. 19 - 24

MON 19	6:00	+ Jean Scheid
	11:30	+ Joan M. Reutter (1st Annv.) + Ray and Ann Fetick
TUES 20	6:00	+ Helen Sievers
	11:30	+ James J. Juergens + John Brannen
WED 21	6:00	+ Jack and Suzette Casey
	11:30	+ Rosalia O'Brien + Charles and Juanita Jaber
THUR 22	6:00	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott
	11:30	+ Mary Jo Schwartz + Tim Schilling
FRI 23	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Mary Lou Fortener (1st Annv.) + Nancy Chen
SAT 24	7:00	SI Larry Erhardt (Birth.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Paula Weber, Jerry Zoeller, Patrick Connor, Frank Fieler, Marguerite Kron, Marie Koenig Siddle, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Larry Reinersman, Jim Krohmer, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lawwig, Ed Castellini, the Grubbs Family, 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, 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 Tolliver 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 in pews that are not blocked off by white ribbon
 Receive Holy Communion in the hand
 Do not touch others at the Our Father/Peace Greeting

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for October 11 will be reported in the October 18 bulletin.

***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.*

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 begin today. There is still time to sign up! 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** began **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 can still sign up! The program will continue through the Easter Season. 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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you hoping to continue finding ways to creatively connect even in the midst of COVID? **Beginning in November, after the Sunday 5pm masses, Fr. Paul** will meet with small groups of young adults for some socially distanced food and fellowship. The goal of these meetings will be to introduce ourselves, and also to share ideas on how we might come together as friends in faith beginning this new year. If you are interested in chatting, please email office@stxchurch.org for more information.

Render Unto God

As the scripture goes, Christians are to be in the world, but not of it. While we have always tried to be solid citizens in our nations, Christians have also tended to live in an uneasy relationship with governing bodies. Whether Democratic, Republican, or Monarchic, ruling structures in themselves are not bad, but where there is power, there is always the potential for that power's abuse. In a very real way, faithful Christians, discerning between the way that power is used vs. the good that the Gospel requires, have stood as a collective conscience. We strive to participate fully in our national community, but we are always mindful that our informed consciences must act as a spiritual check against the potential abuses inherent in any system. We might all be American, but each one's soul is their own.

As citizens of the United States, these days more than ever, we feel the strain of living in accord with what is good and true, in the deepest meaning of those words. Over the last several decades, we have grown in recognizing both the immense goods that have been accomplished in our nation's history, while also recognizing the horrific injustices perpetrated in our society. We might often feel in one moment exceptional pride in who we have tried to be, and in another moment utter desolation at the ways we have failed. It is possible to feel both of these things and know that the perceptions are rooted in reality. Truly, this is part of our shared human history. We celebrate the good, we repent of evil, and hope to grow as a people.

There is a danger, however, that is more prevalent now than perhaps at any time in recent memory: the politicization of our religious beliefs. In various circles, we might hear that it is impossible for a Christian to belong to one party or another. Many go so far as to insist that members of the "other" party are, in fact, perpetrating evil by merely casting a vote, and that there is no way a person of good faith could dare to support "this" or "that" candidate. In some cases, codes of silence become the conditions of an uneasy truce between kin, because the alternative of severing ties is too terrifying to even consider. In other cases, rage and violence have taken the space of dialogue and communal discernment. All of this happens because we, as Christians, have forgotten some simple truths: political parties are not faith-based communities, and salvation does not come from the government.

"We must give to God what is God's, and give to Caesar what is Caesar's", to paraphrase Jesus's response to the Pharisees. The Pharisees recognized that the requirement to pay tax to Caesar out of the temple tax was a profanation because that money was intended to support the work of God. To ask Jesus if they should pay the tax placed him in the position of either denying the truth of religion or supporting outright opposition to Roman rule.

(continued in fourth column)

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND OCT. 18**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 25

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

With Deepest Sympathy Please remember **Joseph Crabb** who has passed away. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.* He was the father of **Chris Crabb**, Maintenance Man here at St. X. Please keep Chris and family in your prayers.

Thank You Thanks to all who have been helping our staff sanitize the pews after Masses. We can always use more help! "*Many hands make light work!*"

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. Please come and join us!

**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.



(continued...)

The punishment for either of these choices was death. There was no easy way for Jesus to respond to their question. Yet, with a single phrase, Jesus calls us to fidelity to God, even as we participate in a world that is less than perfect. This words still resonate today. We are Christian; Christ is our ruler; living God's law is our mission.

To be a Catholic in the current era places us at odds with the dominant culture. Truly, insofar as parties legislate our participation in ways that directly and indirectly assault human autonomy, freedom, and the culture of life, we are caught like people in the time of Christ, between a rock and a hard place. The thing is, our Creed is not a political ideal. We profess belief in Christ. We name a God who loves us and desires that we love others in return, no matter what the cost. And this is the true tax we must pay, to always praise, reverence, and serve God, and to love one another as ourselves.

It is no one's business how you vote this coming November. What is everyone's business, however, is the love and care with which you treat others as you engage in the process. Hold fast to your beliefs and do not violate your conscience, but let compassion be your guide as you consider the struggle of your neighbor. Engage in dialogue if that is your call, but please be mindful that your judgement is not equal in standing as God's. Whatever you choose, render unto God what you know in your heart to be truly of Love, Grace, and Christ's way of life. Whatever the result, at last, give yourself to praying for the salvation of us all. Because no matter what happens in these coming months, it is going to be a bumpy ride. We need all the prayers we can get.

Father Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

Last Mile Food Rescue

Volunteers are needed to pick up unused food throughout the city and transport it to designated agencies feeding the hungry. For more information, please contact Tom Fernandez at thomas@lastmilefoodrescue.com or Eileen Budo at eileen@lastmilefoodrescue.com

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."

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact Nancy MacMillan to place an ad today!
 nmacmillan@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6426

PRIORITY 1 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Insulation • Mold Removal
 Icyene® Foam • Fireproofing

513-922-0203
 5178 Crookshank Rd • Cincinnati
 www.priorityinsulation.com • www.icyene.com

ZINS PLUMBING, LLC

3827 Spring Grove Ave.
 513-681-2501
 OH License #13975

perrino landscape inc.

design • installation • maintenance

(513) 533-2300
 www.perrinolandscapes.com



Mark James, Parishioner

A Taste of Class

Catering For All Occasions
 513-481-FOOD (3663)
 www.atateofclass.com • caterer@isoc.net

Fort Thomas Florist and Greenhouses

63 So. Grand Ave • Ft. Thomas
 (859) 441-8049
 www.fortthomasflorist.net
 teleflora

A. ALL VALLEY PLUMBING

New • Repair
 Remodel • Sewer Service
 773-3311
 JIM KROEGER, Licensed Master Plumber
 - 24 HOUR SERVICE -

Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Ershell FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

Bellevue Fort Thomas Newport
 859-491-4500 • www.DMEfuneral.com
 Our families serving your families for generations

GREG HARNIST • TIM CORCORAN

CORCORAN & HARNIST

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

1457 Harrison Ave. (at Western Hills Viaduct) 921-2227

catholicmatch Ohio

CatholicMatch.com/OH

BEST FURNITURE GALLERY

STYLE. VALUE. QUALITY... SINCE 1941

1123 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.
 Ft. Thomas 859-441-2378
 Craig &Carolynn Reis Parishioners

www.BestFurnitureGallery.com

EVERDRY WATERPROOFING

E-Z Breathe ventilation system

RECLAIM YOUR BASEMENT
 513-874-7200 • 800-783-7202
 WWW.EVERDRYCINCY.COM

HYDE PARK PAINTING and CARPENTRY

321-4100

Remodeling • Roofing • Gutters
 Plumbing • Electric • Drywall
 Concrete • Int./Ext. Painting
 Your Complete Home Repair Company

Introducing the New Height of Luxury.

- 45 PRIVATE RESIDENCES
- ROOFTOP LOUNGE
- SWIMMING POOL
- FITNESS CENTER

Secured gated with underground or garage parking!

Spectacular views! Newport, KY. Units priced from \$200,000 to \$600,000. Call Jan @ 513-293-5763 to schedule a tour.

J.A. TRAUTMANN REALTORS Jan Meyer Licensed in Ohio and KY

SKYPOINT LUXURY CONDOS
 120 Main St | Newport, KY 41071
 SkyPointCondos.com Parishioner

GEO. H. ROHDE & SON

Funeral Home Since 1910

Four generations of family service to Eastern Cincinnati

3183 Linwood Ave • Mt. Lookout Square
 513-321-0404 • www.rohdefuneral.com

Steve Rohde, Owner/Director
 Denise Mercier, Manager/Director
 Darrell Schneider, Director

Dick Scott Planning • Heating • Air

a Schneider/Kris Knochenmann Co.

513-921-2254

catholicmatch Ohio

CatholicMatch.com/OH

PEST-ALL EXTERMINATING

531-1261

Peter Anderson Sr. & Jr.

Kraft Electrical & Telecommunications Services

Cincinnati 513-467-0500 Columbus 614-836-9300

www.kecc.com

Izzy's Famous Corned Beef

Western Hills • 5098 Glencrossing Way • 347-9699
 Downtown • 300 Elm St. • 721-4241
 Downtown • 610 Main St. • 241-6246

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.

Buy a bulletin ad space today!



DeBra-Kuempel Building Relationships. Building Solutions.

An EMCOR Company

513.271.6500
 www.debra-kuempel.com

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.

- 800-477-4574 -

Seven Hills Cleaning

Local and Independent
 513-314-7665
 sevenhillscleaning@icloud.com

Bayley LIFE IN EVERY MOMENT

bayleyle.org

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
 www.parishesonline.com