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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 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 Nov. 9—14

MON 9	6:00	+ James Ginocchio + Father Matthew Gamber, SJ
	11:30	+ Jerry Kreger (Birth.) + Ann Fetick
TUES 10	6:00	+ Kent and Peggy Stier
	11:30	+ Connie Obermeyer (Birth.) + Dennis Slattery (1st Annv.)
WED 11	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Christine Boylan Lytle (Birth.) + Rosemary Lennertz
THUR 12	6:00	+ Anna Mae Teismann (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Marilyn Neesham + Rosemary Lennertz
FRI 13	6:00	+ Jean Scheid
	11:30	+ Ann Fetick + Rosalia O'Brien
SAT 14	7:00	+ Angela Fennell-Harris



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Paula Weber, Philip Gigliotti, 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, 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, the Hancock family, 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 November 1	\$ 5,487
Online Giving	4,231
Week of November 1	\$ 9,718

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.

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 (8-10) 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. To sign up, please email: office@stxchurch.org

RCIA

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.

RELIGION EDUCATION CLASSES

There is still time to sign up for our Religious Ed Classes. 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.

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

*While they went off to buy it,
 the bridegroom came and those
 who were ready went into the wedding
 feast with him. Then the door was locked.*

Matthew 25:10

When I was quite young, 2nd grade to be precise, there was an all-school roller skating party. It was the first such event that my parents were going to allow me to attend with my older sister. The afternoon of the skating party, my neighborhood friend invited me to her house to play. While I was there her mother invited me to stay for dinner and I was excited to be asked. My mom agreed so I stayed for dinner. I left as soon as it was mannerly possible and raced home to get ready for the skating party. I still feel the pit in my stomach when I saw that our car was not in the driveway. My mom told me I had stayed too long at my friend's, and since I wasn't ready my dad took my sister and left without me.

There is something so painful about being left behind and excluded from something wonderful. That is the message of the Gospel today. If we are not ready when the Lord comes, we are not going to the feast.

So, then the follow-up question is:

What do we have to do to be ready?

If we are to be prepared to meet the Lord, we must have **charity** in our hearts. To followers of Jesus, charity is the highest form of love. It signifies the mutual love between God and man, that is made visible by our unselfish love for one another. Charity (a translation of the Greek word *agape*) is most clearly shown in the life, teachings, and death of Jesus. St. Augustine summarized much of Christian thought about charity. He said:

"Charity is a virtue which, when our affections are perfectly ordered, unites us to God, for by it we love Him."

Charity is much more than the passion or emotion of love. Charity is a radical commitment to love others with the heart of Christ. It is a daily habit we form by choosing to put others first, offering them all that Jesus asks us to give. It may be a small sacrifice or a heroic act of forgiveness. But whatever it may be, we need charity in order to be ready to meet our Lord.

The bottom line is: "Don't wait!" If there is a misunderstanding with someone, fix it. If you can help someone with an act of kindness, do it. Reach out to the lonely and forgotten with a call or card, even a text. Practice charity. We are His hands here on earth, and the time to get ready for the Lord is **now!**

Mrs. Kathy England, Pastoral Associate

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND NOV. 8**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 15

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

Baptism Prep Classes

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session is Tuesday, **November 10** at 6 PM. Call 513-721-4045 to register.

**ROSARY - November 18 at 7 PM**

The rosary in November will be held here at St. Xavier Church. Please come and join us!

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Enroll deceased family and friends in the Saint Xavier Book of Remembrance. Those enrolled are remembered at Mass once a month throughout the rest of the year. Special envelopes will be at the Pieta. Fill out the envelope or mail your name(s) to the office, and we will add the name(s) to the Memorial Book which is located at the Pieta during the month of November. AMDG

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We will again be collecting non-perishable food items after all the masses starting November 7-8 for St. Leo's Food Pantry. They will be delivered to them before Thanksgiving. Please place them in the boxes located at the entry of the side door. This year more than ever your generosity is much needed and appreciated. These are the items food pantries—and your neighbors in need—can really put to good use: Applesauce, Canned Chicken, Canned Fish (Tuna and Salmon), Canned Meat (SPAM and Ham), Canned Vegetables, Cooking Oils, Snacks, Crackers, Dried Herbs and Spices, Fruit (Canned or Dried), Granola Bars, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Meals in a Box, Nuts, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jellies and Jams, Rice, Shelf-stable and Powdered Milk, Soup, Stew and Chili, Whole Grain Cereal, and of course paper towels and toilet paper!

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

The Service of the Longest Night Prayer Service and Program will be held on Saturday Nov. 14 at 10:00 am in the Church. This service is for people mourning any type of loss. You are invited to experience God's comfort and support for your grief journey through song, prayer and scripture.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

As more people are returning to celebrate mass at St. Xavier, we want to seat everyone who comes to attend. Please "scoot" over to the center seat position so that someone else can occupy the pew without climbing over you. Our ushers have been asked to assist with seating people when they arrive. So please come a little early and move to the center! Our church has room for all. Thanks

JOURNEY OF FAITH

You are invited to continue to pray with the *Principle and Foundation* and explore God's love growing within us and our response to that love. Visit the *Journey of Faith* area of the website for additional versions of the prayer, gratitude and appreciations, and the link to the evaluation of this program. Your completing the evaluation is most appreciated.

St. Xavier Book Club

After many months of Covid silence, We will begin with the non-fiction book "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard. This is the true story of James Garfield. Born into poverty in Ohio, he rose to become a renowned congressman, and a reluctant presidential candidate who took on the nation's corrupt political establishment. If you would like a copy of the book, see Diane in the parish office. And, at the same time, you can also pick up a copy of the Book Club's voting choices for books the Club will read in 2021. We will then meet for a book discussion on Tuesday, December 15, at 3pm in the Parish Center, using appropriate social distancing in the large conference room. We hope you will join us!

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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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