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JANUARY 3, 2021

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS January 4—9

MON 4	6:00 11:30	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday + John Hourigan (Birth.)
TUES 5	6:00 11:30	+ Living & Deceased Cincinnati Area Jesuits + O'Connor and Whalen Families
WED 6	6:00 11:30	+ Toni Lynn Bush + Margaret Biegger
THUR 7	6:00 11:30	+ Christine Schoonover + Vaughn Lombardo
FRI 8	6:00 11:30	+ Parish Book of Remembrance + Helen Sievers
SAT 9	7:00	+ Angela Fennell-Harris



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Sawyer, Ray Teepen, Ralph Kitts, The Henne family, Mark Sanford, Jeff Yelton, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Loudner, 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 Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, 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, Charles Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Arnold Tepe, Adelie Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, 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, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, 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 and during Mass.**

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

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. Ushers can assist with seating people. So please come a little early and move to the center! Our church has room for all.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for December 13	\$ 8,442
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 2,589
Sunday offerings for December 20	\$ 9,469
Christmas	\$10,346
Sunday offerings for December 27	\$11,048

THANK YOU to all those who remembered to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. If you are interested in electronic giving see our website for information.

ST. XAVIER ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

We are looking for generous volunteers to assist with laundering and ironing of altar supplies. AT THIS TIME we would like you to take the Linens home to clean and iron and then return them.
 Call the office at 513.721.4045.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our book group will next meet on **Tuesday, January 26, at 3 pm** in the **Parish Center**. We will discuss our newest book "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann. A gripping, detailed account of the fate of English explorer Percy Fawcett who disappeared into the jungles of Brazil in 1925. If you would like a copy of the book, see Diane in the parish office. Come and join us!

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

COME LET US ADORE HIM

The feast of Epiphany is the day we reverence the Eternal Word being made flesh. We come before the Christ child to bend our knees in adoration of the divine mystery of the Incarnation. If you are still with me after those first two sentences, I applaud your tenacity.

See, for years, I found this practice to be too "precious" and pious for my more practical spiritual nature. Adoration was always dressed up in big theological words, and I was not sure that even the people who spoke those words understood. So, while I knew that "really" holy people were supposed to adore the baby Jesus, it never made sense to me.

When things started changing for me and the experience of adoration is when I read the following words:

"Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything." - attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ

Here the author describes how reflecting on what we love above all else will shape everything about our lives. Adoration is an act of the will, but it is also an act of feeling. Adoration is choosing to reflect upon, and then falling in love with, the real goodness, the deep beauty, and the amazing truth revealed through our existence in God's world.

The "heroes" of this feast are the Magi; learned travelers from a foreign land, following the light of a star, in search of the new king of Israel. Metaphorically speaking, they are following the light of truth through the dark, across a land they do not know, to find the grace of God perfectly revealed in the world. In a way, they represent each person who truly seeks God...they will always find their way to Christ.

The Magi studied wisdom, and their search brought them to the feet of an infant in a stable. Herod, however, offers a different perspective. He too professes a desire to come and "pay homage" to this new king, but each person listening knows that Herod's professed piety disguises his evil intentions. Unlike the Magi, Herod reflected on power, self-preservation, and state-craft, and his reflection brought him to desire the murder of innocents. As the scripture goes, "by their fruits you will know them". What each of these people reflected on decided everything about what they chose to do.

What we choose to reflect on becomes the lodestar by which we guide our lives. When we learn to adore Jesus Christ, we reflect in a real way upon that which *really* matters: ourselves as dependent creations of God in a magnificent universe. The love we cultivate for Christ will lead us to joy, sorrow, celebration, and sacrifice. When we love that which is truly good, beautiful, and true, when our devotion is to Christ, the eternal and endless source of goodness, we find a subject of devotion that will guide and sustain us in all we do.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 3**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 10

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

Congratulations

...to **Leah Michelle Krentzman**, daughter of Isaac and Theresa Krentzman II who was baptized here last week.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). With all the food and gift cards that our bought during Christmas, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier!

Our 2021 Parish Calendars are available at the back of church. Pick up one! **THANK YOU to A Taste of Class Catering** and to **Geo. H. Rohde & Son Funeral Home** for making it possible to have religious calendars available to our parishioners!



St. Xavier 2021 Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please pick up your box for 2021. If you don't have envelopes and would like a box, If you would like to discontinue your box of envelopes, or if you have moved, please call the office.

**WE are LIVE STREAMING!**

Two ways to Watch: From the Parish website: www.stxchurch.org (click on "Live Stream" button) or Youtube - search for St. Xavier Church Cincinnati



For many, 2020 cannot end soon enough. What strikes me about 2020 is not the difficulty, but the grace with which so many met these difficulties. It is impossible to express the gratitude I feel for the people of this parish who have so generously offered their "time, talent, and treasure" to the service of our community this year. May we all be ever more aware of God's gift of grace in this Christmas season. May God's blessing rest upon you and your families in this coming New Year!

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

St. Xavier Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of:

The deceased Members of the Bunker, England, Kammer and Toohey Families, Joe and Camill Beit-ing, Robet and Jean Kraljevic, Herman and Mary Frisz, Bill and Gerry O'Brien, Bob Fennell, Angela Marie Fennell-Harris, Tim Meyer, Joseph and Helen Rehtin, Stephen Rehtin, Patricia Rishforth, Tim Meyer, Mary Jo Schwartz, Jason and Mark Scott, Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ, Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ, Fr. Bob Ross, SJ, and all our parish staff and volunteers, Norbert and Lucille Woebkenberg, Irene Hollon, Stephen Walters, Paul L. Lank-isch, Sr., Sheila Sullivan, Frank Guarasci, Bob Au-berger, Federle Family, Robert Holzman, Mary Lud-wig, Elizabeth Dietish, Anina Adelminge, Harry Oli-ver, Jr., Stewart A. Himes, Deceased Members of the Lawler and McLaughlin Families, Bernie Kennedy, Dot Kennedy, James Greenwell, Dorothy Greenwell, Bykowski and Weber Families, Madix Family, McNama Family, Bob Turner, Catherine Turner, Al-ice Ten Barge, Ivan Ten Barge, Roesel Family, Byr-nes Family, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, Betz, Zoellner, and Sullivan Families. Please remember these inten-tions and all the intentions in our Parish Book of Remembrance.

TENDER MERCIES—January 31

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office. All donations are greatly appreciated!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. In our commitment to care for others, few Catho-lic organizations are as effective at reaching out and caring for material needs as SVDP. However, dur-ing COVID, our local group, which is funded specifically by donations from our Church and from the Cathedral Parish, has been underfunded. Thus, we are instituting a second collection on the 2nd Sun-days with proceeds going directly to St. Vincent DePaul. If you are unable to make a financial donation, please consider volunteering your time. For more information please contact our Conference Presi-dent, Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495. Collection date: **Second Sunday: January 10.**

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

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