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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 17, 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 18—23

MON 18	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
TUES 19	6:00	+	Jack and Suzette Casey
	11:30	+	Ann Fetick
WED 20	6:00	+	Judy Dyer
	11:30	+	John R. Grosser
THUR 21	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+	Nancy Fowler
FRI 22	6:00	SI	The Heyob Family
	11:30	+	Louise Dawson (Annv. Remb.)
SAT 23	7:00	+	Maureen Merten (Birth.)

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

William Waters, Sawyer, Ray Teepen, Ralph Kitts, The Henne family, Mark Sanford, Jeff Yelton, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, 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, Carmeltia 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 January 10	$ 6,418
Online Giving	4217
Week of January 10	$10,635
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL	$2,093

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.*

A BIG thank you also to all who have been helping our staff sanitize the pews after Masses. We can always use more help! *"Many hands make light work!"*

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

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!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Due to COVID, the Little Sisters will not physically be here on Sunday, January 10, but have asked us to put envelopes in the back of church on Sunday, January 10. If you would like to donate, you can also send your donation to: Little Sisters of the Poor,

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Here I Am, Lord

With the festive season of Christmas behind we enter into Ordinary Time. This is the brief few weeks from the end of Christmas to the beginning of Lent. There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. It is simply a period on the liturgical calendar marked in a numbered, or ordered progression, between the major liturgical seasons. A quick glance or casual hearing of the Sacred Scriptures for this week tell us that these are not mundane or ordinary in that sense. They are rich and full of meaning. Homing in on the first reading from the Book of Samuel we hear God calling young Samuel to be a prophet. A prophet, we know, is one who speaks the Word of God, one who is the human voice of God to carry His message to the people.

Though he didn't realize it was God calling him at first, Samuel answers with a very humble, "Here I am, Lord." It can be difficult to hear God's voice amidst the noise of life. There are so many voices shouting at us, so many activities, responsibilities, and demands, that the voice of God gets crowed out. When we do take the time to be in prayer or to quite ourselves so as to listen to God we seldom respond with "Here I am, Lord." Rather, we tend to run and hide. Being found by God is scarry enough without actually listening to Him. Too often we admit God exists and even that God is present in our lives, but we don't really want him to seek us out and talk to us. That would make us accountable, and accountability is just one more stress we don't want in our lives.

When God calls us, we'd rather say, "sorry you have the wrong number," or "he's busy right now, would you like to leave a message?" We can't screen God's calls. Oh sure, we can ignore them, as we often do, but God is persistent. We have to realize that God does not bring bad news. God only desires the best for His children. Does God demand accountability for our actions? Certainly. What parent, spouse, friend or employer does not? But accountability to God is the path of freedom, happiness, and eternal life. This Ordinary Time before we get to Lent and its wonderful messages, when we hear God calling let us stop and respond, "Here I am, Lord, thanks so much for reaching out and calling me. Now, speak Lord for your servant is listening." We just might find that this is no ordinary time!

Deacon Tim Crooker

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 17

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 24

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

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you looking for ways to continue growing in the Spirit and make connections with others? We are starting a Young Adults group for those interested in creatively connecting with others during the time of COVID. We will have our **first meeting with the Young Adults on Sunday, February 7 after the 5 PM Mass (6 PM) in the Parish Center.** Please feel free to join us!

ROSARY

Please join us on January 20 here at the church at 7 PM to pray the rosary! All are welcome.

TENDER MERCIES—January 31

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

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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.

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). With all the food and gift cards that our bought during Christmas, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier!

MINISTERS NEEDED

If you would like to minister as a lector, Eucharistic Minister and Server at any of our Sunday Masses, please email Mary Beth Fennell at mfennell@stxchurch.org or call the parish office at 513-721-4045. We will have a training session coming soon.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal. All 200+ parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join together to invite participation in this vital appeal. Envelopes are in the back of church.

The Lord Loves a Generous Heart

No one can predict a world mired in a pandemic. Every plan, program and liturgy are all put forth with speculation. The Giving Tree program this past Christmas was no exception. Everyone from the agencies themselves to the parishioner contacts, to the parish staff were uncertain if the program could succeed. Most of agencies asked for gift cards which are not exciting gifts. But it was the only way they could continue their ministry which they did one-to-one. With less people attending Mass, the opportunities for tags to be taken from the tree seemed limited. But once again the immense generosity of the St. Xavier parishioners stepped up to the challenge. This year there were around 300 tags on the tree and all but a few were taken. Those few didn't matter as the cash contribution and larger gift card amount more than made up for them.

The recipients of this year's Giving Tree: Peaslee Center, Cincinnati Area Senior Services and Our Daily Bread received over $3,000 in gift cards collectively. In addition, gifts to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly and First Step Home were the largest St. Xavier has ever collected for these agencies. From Little Brothers comes this note of gratitude:

"Particularly this year, with all of the chaos going on, we deeply appreciate your generosity and time to think of the elderly and help us with our Wish List Program. Without selfless people like the St. Xavier parishioners, we could not do this.

You are an essential link in this program, and we thank you. This year we provided gifts to four area nursing homes and approximately 150 elderly living independently. This has been an especially difficult year for them and knowing that someone cares about them is a life saver… and that life saver is you!"

Deacon Tim Crooker

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