

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

EASTER

APRIL 4, 2021

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

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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

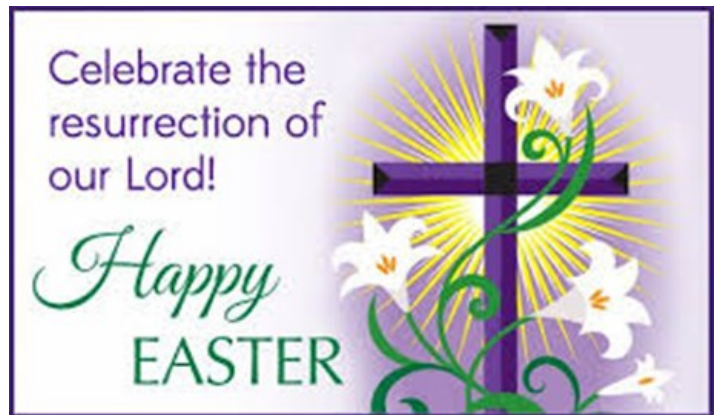
Confessions Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

Baptism · Marriage · Anointing · RCIA
to register call parish office 513.721.4045

MASS INTENTIONS April 5—10

MON 5	6:00	+ Joyce Reinersman (Birth.) + George Lahner (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Peter Ginocchio + Mary Lee Funk
TUES 6	6:00	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+ Tim Brennan + Hugh Schram
WED 7	6:00	SI The Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg + Michael A. Clauder
	11:30	+ Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
THUR 8	6:00	+ Johanna, Hermann, Henry and Helen Sievers
	11:30	+ Barbara Welch Dolphin + Carol Grosser
FRI 9	6:00	+ Elizabeth Kyte
	11:30	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
SAT 10	7:00	+ Jack and Suzette Casey



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Shirley Alley, The Buckmans, Ed Merkes, Mary Sue Loftus, Patti Bengal, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Sawyer, Ray Teeppen, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, Paula Weber, Philip Gigliotti, Frank Fieler, Marguerite Kron, 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, Danny Dell, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Joe Waters, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Arnold Tepe, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, 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, Lynda Pierce, Joseph Brehm, Gina Martin, Robert Miller, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Debbie Garnett, Jeanne Miller, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

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**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:**

We all want to return to normal as soon as possible. However, COVID is still active in our community. We need to continue practicing safe habits. As in the past, follow church policies, scoot over when asked, look for ushers to assist in seating, and always be ready to make space for others. Our church has room for all!

St. Xavier Church policies:

- Use the hand sanitizer when entering & leaving
- 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

Let's work together to keep each other safe!

*Go to the front page of our website to read Archbishop Schnurr's letter of March 15.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for March 21	\$5,115
Online giving	4,242
Week of March 21	\$ 9,357

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

Financial Note: If you are over age 72 and are required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. X by giving to St X directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. Consult your tax advisor.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2002, St. John Paul II established the practice of receiving a plenary indulgence for the faithful. "The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father* and the *Credo*, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*)."

As part of encouraging a return to confession, Reconciliation will be offered for one hour after the 10:30am and before the 5pm mass.

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! We speak these words, but we are still coming to know them in our hearts. We cannot fully understand the nature of the Resurrection! That is Ok -- We are learning!

The Resurrection of Christ is the triumph of life over death. Faith in Christ reveals that the final act we all participate in during this life, our own deaths, is not the end. In Christ, death is a beginning of something new, something that is beyond our capacity to even begin imagining. How will the new Jerusalem appear? What will it look like? What will we become?

In his book, "The Great Divorce", C.S. Lewis tells the story of a person who goes into the afterlife only to realize that the people we are now are the people we will always be, but perfected by grace. This does not mean that there will come a day when God makes us perfect. Rather, there will come a day when *we allow ourselves to accept God's perfect will for us*. At that moment, we will see how each of our struggles in this life, each effort we make to know the good, do the good, and be the good, somehow has a lasting effect on the character of our souls.

The virtue we practice here on Earth is but a precursor to the way we will live in eternity. The "Cardinal" virtues of Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Courage are not merely traits we hope we someday acquire. These virtues are somehow eternal acts of the will, and acts of the Spirit. The "Theological" virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love are the spiritual senses through which we will experience everything that God has in mind for us. All virtues are characteristic "ways of being" that we believe we will carry with us into the afterlife.

Acknowledging the Resurrection "here and now" is the beginning of a contemplation on life based in hope: whatever in us is truly good, lasting and eternal, will continue forever in Christ; whatever in this life is false, will pass away. To contemplate the resurrection in faith is to seek a life where selfishness, pride, and fear are replaced more, each day, by praising, reverencing, and serving God. The promise of the Resurrection is that whatever we suffer in this world, God's covenant of Love will reveal the True purpose of our lives here, and hereafter.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND APRIL 4**

8:45pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 11

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

Congratulations to those received into the church at the Easter Vigil:

...to **Terrence Singer** who was baptized, received First Communion and was Confirmed;
 ...to **Robin Koller and George Goldhoff** who received First Communion and were Confirmed;
 Welcome to the St. Xavier faith community!

Confirmation—April 18

Please pray for **Lucy Obermeyer, Mia Perron, Jenny Rosenthal, Amelia Frommeyer, Ryan Dunn, Madison Barlow, Katie Bucher, Jack Price, and Matthew Meyers** who will be confirmed by Father Lickteig on Sunday, April 18 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

ROSARY

Please join us on **April 21** here at the church at 7 PM to pray the rosary! All are welcome.

LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

Sundays at 10:30 AM Mass & 5 PM Mass
 Weekdays at 11:30 AM

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

Marriage Engaged Retreat

Pre-Cana wedding prep is Saturday, **May 15** for couples planning to be married at St. X Church. For more details:
kengland@stxchurch.org

Young Adult Ignatian Retreat

This weekend retreat, for men and women in their 20s and 30s, offers an exploration of the life, ministry, suffering, & death of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ and the Milford Young Adult Ministry Team will provide a series of presentations designed to assist you with your prayer, reflection and spiritual journey. The retreat will also include Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Silence, and Small Group Discussions.

When: April 23 - 25, 2021

Where: Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Cost: \$275 includes private room and meals

Registration: jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults

Call: Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500 ext. 10

St. Xavier Book Club-Tues., April 20 at 3 pm

We will meet in the Parish Center and discuss our newest book "Virgin, Mother, Queen: Encountering Mary in Time and Tradition" by Robert Fastiggi and Michael O'Neill. This book uncovers little-known details about Mary's appearances around the world since the time of Christ. Come and join us!

**We Remember those for whom Easter Flowers have been donated:**

Daniel Cornelius O'Sullivan, the Lawler and McLaughlin Families, Ed & Nancy Moran, Walt & Virginia Federle, the Byrnes Family, the Roesel Family, the Betz-Zoellner-Sullivan Families, the deceased of the West Family, the deceased of the Bressler family, Robert & Sally Steiner, Fr. Bill Steiner CSSR, Norbert & Lucille Wobkenberg, Stewart A. Himes, Harry & Mary Louise Rieckelman, Joe & Camille Beiting, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, James Powell, Charlie & Dorothy Johnson, Jean & Bill Stengle, Joseph & Helen Rehtin, Stephen Rehtin, Patricia Rishforth, Tim Meyer, Timothy Meyer, Connie McGill, Jo Schwartz, Mark & Jason Scott, Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ, Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ, Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ, Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Fr. James Ackerman, SJ, Fr. Bob Ross, SJ, Cinti Jesuit Community, Staff/Volunteers at St. Xavier, Fr. Matt Gamber, SJ, Dr. Mark Bailey, Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg, Herman & Mary Frisz, Bill & Gerry O'Brien, the Stahley and Chastang Families, Carlos E. Garcia, Carmen López, John E. Klare, Janie Dumler Klare, Frank Guarasci, Shelia Sullivan, Anita Moran, Patrick Moran, Serafine Montesi, Michael Probek, Fermina Probek, Anna Montesi, William E. Phillips, Gary Juengling, Ralph Guethlein, Jenny Flick, Daniel O'Sullivan, Tammy Greis, Bill & Rosario Jansen, Justin & Rita Weber, Mike & Gloria Duncan, Philip Duncan, Danielle Duncan, Anne Adelman, Elizabeth Dietsch, Robert Gotzman, Mary Larfing, Harry Oliver, Jr., Loretta Cappiello Curran, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Preston, Jerlina & Raymond Niemeyer, Ruth & Lovett Peters, Joanna Bistany, Joseph McDougall, James Dietrich, Johanna, Hermann, Henry and Helen Sievers, Jane and Don Webb, Mary and Wilbur Hinkel, Laura Jane and John Hinkel, and Lynn and Jay Rice.

