



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 11, 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 12—17

MON 12	6:00	+ Donald J. Maxwell
	11:30	+ Joe Merten (Annv.) + O'Connor and Whalen Families
TUES 13	6:00	+ Dick Quehl
	11:30	+ Martin Arens + Mary Ann Luckett
WED 14	6:00	+ Bill O'Rourke
	11:30	+ Kimberly Baysinger + Jane Kramig
THUR 15	6:00	+ Jack Burns
	11:30	+ Marietta Ginocchio Sl Margo Ackerman
FRI 16	6:00	+ Linda Dietrich
	11:30	+ Mary Helen Dyer
SAT 17	7:00	+ Bob and Jean Scheid



✠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 Dyer, 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 an appropriate distance from others
 - 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 28	\$3,823
Online giving	2,207
Week of March 21	\$ 6,030

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

TODAY 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 Mass and before the 5pm mass.

**Peace to the Walking Wounded**

A week after the joy of Jesus' resurrection, we have Jesus astoundingly entering a room in today's gospel. This no doubt elicited a few gasps from the attendees, and to allay their fears Jesus utters a "Peace be with you." And they all rejoiced. And after a second "Peace Be with you," He breathed on them with the breath of the Holy Spirit. Sound wonderful? It is. Happy times.

But then Thomas enters the gospel. When he is told about the incident, he retorts: "I don't believe that it happened." He's the male version of a "Debbie Downer." (No offense to those named Debbie or Tom). Maybe Thomas could hail from Missouri - "The Show Me State" or Texas with its "Don't Mess with Texas" slogan?

I believe Thomas is a walking, wounded person and hides it with a tough exterior. Perhaps Thomas has been burned by broken promises and family dysfunction? He may have found it hard to cope - possibly got a raw deal. He's a pessimist. Lost a parent, had a falling out with friends, struggled mightily? Maybe he got fired or laid off. He sure sounds a little road weary.

And so we have our Thomas with his "I won't believe it 'til I see it with my own eyes" demeanor. And perhaps we can learn this from him: Be careful what you wish for, since Jesus returns and finds our dear Thomas. Jesus makes a special appearance ...and we have this marvelous encounter between the two of them today.

Standing before us is Jesus. He is "post - crucifixion" but still suffering doubters. Yet if we don't see God suffering throughout the Passion of our Lord then we miss the love there. God suffers, and we learn that if one loves, then one will suffer. This would be hard to doubt.

Today, Jesus instructs Thomas, and all of us, with this command: Put your hand in my wounds if you want to know who I am. Notice he resurrects WITH the wounds. I think this is a profound and important thing to always remember for the wounds are part of his identity. They do not disappear even in resurrection. Nor do ours. Jesus asks us to put in our finger, our hand, our whole body . . .

Apparently, the wounds are visible -as we rise like Christ out of our own graves. Our wounds mark us like they mark Christ. Think you are alone in suffering? Think again. We all can relate to Thomas. Yet we have a companion in Christ - indeed. A kindred spirit. What connects us is that we all have the state of being wounded in common - and often in doubt. And then love walks in the door. Through the walls. With a reassuring voice, and a salve to save us: "Peace Be with you!"

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND APRIL 11**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 18

4:00pm	Fr. James Asckerman, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ/James Ackerman, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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, Tom Miller, Weber and Bykowski Families, Melnyk Families, Mario Pitocco, Barbara Pitocco, Lew Melnyk, Oksana Melnyk, Brown Family, Jim Robisch Family, Nick Dietrich, Diane and Ron Roden Family, Rich Pingilley, Harry Tenkotte Family, Ray and Ann Fetick, Jack and Suzette Casey, Kevin and Kathy England Family, Angela Fennell Harris, Bob and Jean Scheid, Carmelita Schlueter Family, Bob DeMange Family, Jackie Goetz Family, Charlotte Stickley, Lucille Vehr Family, Betty Ferone Family, and Dick Quehl.