



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**ASCENSION**

**MAY 16, 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 May 17—22

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| MON<br>17  | 6:00  | + John Sansalone   |
|            | 11:30 | + Helen Sievers (1st Annv.)<br>+ Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger              |
| TUES<br>18 | 6:00  | + Elizabeth Buchman  |
|            | 11:30 | + Flavian Becker<br>+ Dorothy P. Henneman (1st Annv.)                        |
| WED<br>19  | 6:00  | + Jerry Rouse  |
|            | 11:30 | + Michael A. Clauder<br>+ Amy Obermeyer (Birth.)                             |
| THUR<br>20 | 6:00  | + Srs. Mary Margaret Gough, OSB,<br>Rita Bilz, OSB, and Charles Wolking, OSB |
|            | 11:30 | + Pat Rishforth (Annv.)<br>+ Leo Grosser                                     |
| FRI<br>21  | 6:00  | + Les McGraw (Wedd. Annv.)   |
|            | 11:30 | + Mary Helen Dyer<br>+ Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger                        |
| SAT<br>22  | 7:00  | + Ed and Gerry Merkes  |



## Music

**May 16, 2021**

**Opening:** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! # 545

**Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1079

**Communion:** The Living Bread of God # 921

**Closing:** Go to the World! # 546



**611 Sycamore Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 513-721-4045**

**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
  - Communion will also be distributed on the side aisles
  - 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

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Sunday offerings for May 9 | \$4,252 |
| Online giving              | 5,037   |
| Week of May 9              | \$9,289 |

**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 for a detailed explanation



It has been a long time since we have had a chance to get together. Due to still so many safety precautions, it was decided to try and have a parish picnic outside. Save the date for **June 6**, at Sharon Woods Park 11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241. We have reserved the Council Bluff Shelter from **12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. More information will be added to the bulletin later. Hope you and your family can join us!

**THE ASCENSION****EMPOWERED BY**

When traveling to Jerusalem you can discover many of the traditional sites of important events in our Lord's life, death, and resurrection. So when I had the privilege of visiting the city, I was curious about these many places including the site of his Ascension. The name, Jerusalem, means "the City of Hello" but also "the City of Goodbye." Its root word "Salem" or "Shalom" also means "Peace." Indeed, today, on the Ascension, we get a hello, a goodbye, instructions to "go out and preach" and live gospel values, AND we receive hoped-for "peace" in the process.

On the hill of the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem I stumbled upon it – the site of the Ascension - with a plaque on the ground, overgrown grass, and some empty Coke cans strewn around it. I recall feeling rather sad, and a bit angry. But, my oh my, the view was spectacular.

I went back a decade later to pray there. I got there early and sat near a little church and saw little children walking to school. I would wave to them as they walked by. I enjoyed just waving and seeing which one's waved back. Very cute their smiles. And this time I was happy, for near the very spot that we believe Jesus ascended there are little children walking to school. It might be paved, and there are busses and cars, but there is life there.

I think the school is appropriate since Jesus was referred to as teacher or RABBONI. Mary Magdalene called him this at her first recognition. She also wanted to "hold onto him." In response, Jesus acknowledged his teaching role but then urged her to "let him go."

Today, Jesus teaches as he ascends. He teaches us lessons of faith, hope, forgiveness, mercy, redemption and love. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. And then he ascends – since he states he must. This facilitates a helper – the Holy Spirit - to help teach us and inspire us.

As he ascends, an image of a rocket comes to mind as he blasts off – into the stratosphere – up higher and higher. Today he is launched. The rocket ascends into space and time and thus establishes "satellites" in space that can enhance our lives. But we cannot just stare at the sky forever. We lower our gaze and notice the challenge of work to be down on earth. His hello, goodbye, and peace ricochet on this Ascension Day. May we be inspired to go, ourselves, into the future, assured by his loving and faithful invitation.

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND MAY 16**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 23**

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

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to **Annabeth Crenshaw, Brady Crenshaw, Ellie Cornella, and Josie Lyons** who made their First Communion last week. Many thanks to their teachers **Beth Cornella and Donna Brigger**.



**Congratulations to Spencer and Emily (Riepenhoff) Kauf** who were married last weekend.



Please remember **Edward Merkes** who were buried from St. Xavier last week.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
 And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**YOUNG ADULTS - May 16**

We are having a meeting for the Young Adults! If you are in your 20's come join us Sunday, May 16 (after the 5 PM Mass), faith, and fellowship will begin at 6 PM. For more information, contact: [pastor@stxchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stxchurch.org) Please join us!

**ROSARY**

The rosary group is praying the Rosary by ZOOM during the month of May to Mary since May is the Month of Mary. We will do it every evening at 8:00 PM Monday through Friday. Please try and join us when you can except May 19th when we will do the rosary in church at 7:00 PM. You are more than welcome to join us then too. Please email to join group: [jmeyer0555@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com)

**TENDER MERCIES—May 30**

If you can help support our efforts at Tender Mercies, please call the office if you can donate a food item for May 30.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, June 1, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book "The Trees" by Conrad Richter, the story of an American family in the wilderness of eighteenth century southeastern Ohio, and their eldest daughter raised in the forest far from the rest of humankind. Join us!

**ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Gerald Seissiger, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David Bunker, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Patti Bengal, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Sawyer, Ray Teepen, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, 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, Adelie 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.

**QR CODE**

Perhaps you have noticed these strange squares posted on the front of your hymnals? This QR code allows for electronic giving by connecting you via cellphone to "We Share", our online giving app. You can also aim your phone camera at the code shown and follow the on-screen prompts to make a donation!

**ARE YOU DISCERNING YOUR CALL IN LIFE?**

Join us for the "Zoom and See" Discerner Series, **May 25**. Build relationships and community with others on a similar spiritual journey and discover what your discernment could look like. Sponsored by the Office for Consecrated Life of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, it takes place the last Tuesday of each month, 7-8PM. Check us out on Instagram at #CincyconsecLife. Register at <https://forms.gle/R2Bi5MFDyv4eWeVL6> or contact Maria Reinagel at [mreinagel@CatholicAOC.org](mailto:mreinagel@CatholicAOC.org) or 513.263.6683

**Parking** - Free parking in the lot north of church (SW 7th and Sycamore) is available for **Saturday 4pm and Sunday Masses ONLY**. This **DOES NOT** include the parking lot on Sixth Street nor does it include the parking spaces beyond the alley. You will be ticketed if you are not parked in the designated lot.

**Bicentennial of Cathedral Basilica**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati celebrates its Bicentennial on June 19, when the Archdiocese will be reconsecrated to Jesus through Mary. A Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage will begin on May 16, and last for 33 days. Booklets are available in the back of the church. For more information: [www.mary2021.org](http://www.mary2021.org)