



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**PENTECOST**

**MAY 23, 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 24—29

MON 24	6:00	+ Henry Sievers (Annv.)
	11:30	+ William Long + The Schutte Family
TUES 25	6:00	+ Bob and Jean Scheid
	11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Carolyann Vissing
WED 26	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + Toni Lynn Bush
THUR 27	6:00	SI David Bunker
	11:30	+ George Schulerberg + Dick Quehl
FRI 28	6:00	SI Dave Bretnitz
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + Dec'd Members of Lasalle Class of 1966
SAT 29	7:00	+ Alice DeMange



## Music

**May 23, 2021**

**Opening:** O Spirit All-Embracing # 553

**Readings and Responsorial Psalm 104:**  
Lord, Send Out Your Spirit # 1084

**Communion:** Spirit of God # 554

**Closing:** Send Down the Fire # 557



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## The “New Normal”

With the CDC’s announcement last week changing their recommended mask and distancing protocols, we are in the process of returning to ordinary Sunday practices. Beginning June 6, Archbishop Schnurr reinstates the expectation of weekly church attendance (dispensed from in recent months).

In anticipation of this, *the parish of St. Francis Xavier no longer requests the use of masks or suggests guidelines for social distancing for those attending mass here.*

That being said, there will continue to be several pews in the front of church roped off, and hand-sanitizing stations will remain positioned around the church for your convenience and health.

It has been a long time since we have seen each others’ smiling faces at mass! May God continue to bless us as we return to a “new normal.”

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for May 16	\$4,139
Online giving	4,368
Week of May 16	\$8,507

**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! Save the date for **June 6**, so you can come out and kick off the summer with a **parish picnic** at Sharon Woods Park (11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241). We reserved the Council Bluff Shelter from **12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Please email Mary Beth at [mfennell@stxchurch.org](mailto:mfennell@stxchurch.org) if you can attend. Hope you and your family can join us!

## Overcoming Babel

In our Church’s liturgical year we tend to focus on two historical milestones: the birth of Our Lord, and his death and resurrection. These two form the axis on which our spiritual life spins. They are almost like bookends; the incarnation of Jesus and his salvific mission to restore our relationship with God. The recent solemnity of the Ascension piques a curiosity in us that this returning of Jesus to God the Father in heaven may just hold a further significance for us. Perhaps there is a place for us after this life—and that place really is with Jesus in heaven.

But there is another major Solemnity that often gets overlooked. Maybe it is because it doesn’t have all the pre-celebration hoopla that Christmas and Easter has, or maybe it’s because it comes so close to Memorial weekend that we are busy packing for vacation and pay it little regard. I am referring, of course, to Pentecost. Coming 50 days after Easter it closes out the Easter Season. Our human nature tells us that a closing ceremony is not as great as the opening (think Olympics). Besides, Pentecost has something to do with the Holy Spirit, but he doesn’t get the dynamism that the thundering voice from clouds of God the Father gets. He doesn’t create burning bushes or pillars of fire. He doesn’t come as a cute little child wrapped in swaddling clothes. He isn’t recorded as giving great speech’s, curing people, raising them from the dead, or dying for his message is a very public and humiliating way. No, the Holy Spirit just is— and that’s not all that exciting.

Yet, this day of Pentecost, is the day that the Church of Christ begins. It is the fulfillment of Jesus promise to send the Spirit of God to all believers to equip them to build up the kingdom of God. This day the focus turns away from what Jesus did and focuses on what Jesus wants us to do. This day we celebrate how the Church spread so far and so fast around the globe. This day we celebrate the unity and clarity of voice given to the Church by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to overcome the babel that ensued after the people demonstrated their arrogance before God.

When we pause to think about it, everything we know and believe comes from the Holy Spirit. Our divinely inspired Scriptures, our treasured Tradition, our worship practices, are all gifts to us from the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul writes that we are all one body, each of us with different spiritual gifts but from the same Spirit. More directly, he reminds us that no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. Let the babel cease and the praise ring out with one voice, one faith, one hope, one baptism which we all share through that same Spirit!

*Deacon Tim Crooker*

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND MAY 23**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 30**

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



**Congratulations to Isabelle Grace Tepe**, daughter of Timothy and Katherine Tepe who was baptized last weekend.

**Congratulations to David and Emily (Conklin) Critser** who were married last weekend.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

If you are in your 20's come join us THIS SUNDAY May 23 (after the 5 PM Mass), in the Parish Center. Food and fellowship begin at 6 PM. Meetings are held every other week, so if you cannot make it, feel free to join us in the future. For Information, Contact: [pastor@stxchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stxchurch.org)

**ROSARY**

The rosary group is praying the Rosary by ZOOM during the month of May to Mary since May is the Month of Mary. June 23rd the rosary will take place at Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY at 7 PM in the Grotto.

**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!

**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. Contact Maria Reinagelat [mreinagelat@CatholicAOC.org](mailto:mreinagelat@CatholicAOC.org) or 513.263.6683.

**✠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, 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, 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.

**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!

**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.

**Apostleship of Prayer**  
**The Pope's Intentions for May**  
**The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**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)