



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 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 July 12—17

MON 12	6:00 11:30	+ John Sansalone + Angela Fennell-Harris
TUES 13	6:00 11:30	SI Rebecca O'Leary (Birth.) + O'Connor and Whalen Families + Leo Grosser
WED 14	6:00 11:30	+ Henry Sievers + Dr. Larry Dunworth
THUR 15	6:00 11:30	+ Hermann Sievers (Birth.) + Elise Ellen Early (Birth.) + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger + Angela Fennell-Harris
FRI 16	6:00 11:30	+ Dec'd Membrs. of our St. Vincent DePaul Conference + Herman Miller + Anthony Roncone
SAT 17	7:00	SI Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ (Birth.)



Music

July 11, 2021

Opening: Amazing Grace # 645

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #1135

Communion: Here I Am, Lord # 777

Closing: Go to the World! # 546



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday offerings for July 4 and 11 will be published in the July 18 Bulletin.

Your generous support of St Francis Xavier parish has enabled us to give to these local charities: Catholic Charities of SW Ohio, Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, St Vincent DePaul Society & Tender Mercies.

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.

QR CODE

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 or from the front pages of the hymnal and follow the on-screen prompts to make a donation!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, July 13, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book "The Outsider: Pope Francis and His Battle to Reform the Church" by Christopher Lamb. The author details the pope's prophetic ministry and the inside forces that seek to upend . What does this mean for the Church? Please join us!

**Baptism Prep Classes—July 20**

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, July 20 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.



MONTHLY ROSARY will meet outside again on July 21st. We will meet at Divine Mercy Church, 318 Division Street, Bellevue, KY at **7 PM in their Grotto**. We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary during the months of July and August on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday evenings at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com and she will send you the link. Praying together is meaningful and rewarding. PLEASE JOIN US

**TENDER MERCIES—July 25**

If you can donate a food item for this month's trip to Tender Mercies, please call the office.

Two By Two

Even the casual Christian convokes an image of pairs of animals whenever we hear the phrase "two-by-two." The story of Noah leading the animals into a giant ark two-by-two is so ingrained in our imagination that anything that references pairs in this way automatically triggers a vision of a long line of every critter under the sun obediently walking up a ramp in orderly fashion. Jesus sends his closest twelve out among the people in pairs, two-by-two. He sends them out to spread the spread Gospel message, to cure ills and cast out demons. It is from this action of Jesus that the Twelve get the names that history records, apostles—one who is sent.

Jesus further instructs the Apostles to take nothing with them, no food, no sack of essentials, no second cloak, nothing but the sandals on their feet and a walking stick. This does not seem to be the way one would market an agenda or platform today. The bigger the glitz, the fancier the pundit looks, the more money he or she has, the better received is the message. But then again, Jesus has always been counter cultural. He instructs his closest followers who would eventually be the leaders of his movement to be simple and honest and forthright, letting the message speak for itself. Good souls and honest folk will receive the message and take it to heart. Those that reject the message are themselves to be rejected with the action to "Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

There is a certain amount of spiritual liberation in Jesus' words of the Gospel for today. He reminds us that not everyone is going to accept his words and live by vales he set forth. Humans have free will. God exposes us to goodness and the truth, but he does not force us to accept it. How often have we tried to explain the faith, encourage family and friends of the benefit of the Catholic religion, or defend the theology of Real Presence in the Eucharist, only to be scoffed and ridiculed? Don't we wish the streets, houses and offices were dirt floors so we could shake the dust off our feet in testimony against them? But we still need to love them. The message may be rejected but we cannot allow ourselves permission to abandon all care for those who do not accept it. Jesus never intended that. Maybe he knew that there was still more work for the Holy Spirit to do before certain people were conditioned to welcome what he offers.

In the meantime, we who profess an unwavering belief in Our Lord do the best we can to emulate the apostles. By virtue of our Christian initiation, we join the ranks of "ones who are sent" to spread the message. The words we speak may not cure a cancer, but they can be very powerful in healing a relationship or offering comfort. We may not dispel demons (another image of fiery horned creatures), but we can help people overcome addictions and self-destruction by showing them the unconditional love of our God. And if we do all that two-by-two, how much more effective would we be?

Deacon Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JULY 11**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18

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

**YOUNG ADULTS—JULY 18**

If you are in your 20's come join us! Food and fellowship begin at 6 PM (after the 5 PM Mass). Meetings are held in the Parish Center every other week. For Information, Contact: pastor@stxchurch.org

Engaged Retreat opportunity:

Bellarmino Chapel is offering an Engaged Retreat on August 20-21, 2021. Since the St. Xavier's July 21st session is closed and if you want to attend a retreat this summer, please contact Leah Reynolds at 513-304-1159 by July 31, 2021 for information.

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA DINING ROOM

They offer the urban poor in Over-the-Rhine an opportunity of dignity with a safe environment to have a hot meal served by compassionate volunteers. Meals are served Monday through Friday Breakfasts (excluding major holidays) at 7am-9am and Dinners (excluding major holidays) at 4-6pm. Located at 1615 Republic Street. If you would like to volunteer you can call Theresa Diersen at 513-549-0542 ext. 289 or tdiersen@sfsministries.org



The Jesuit Spiritual Center is collecting used board games, card games, and indoor/outdoor sports equipment for retreatants to use during free time. Please place your donation in the container in the church vestibule starting the weekend of **July 18th**. Thank you!!

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES NEEDS

YOUR HELP - Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is recruiting **volunteers to serve as mentors** to refugee youth ages 15-24. Work with refugee youth to promote social and civic engagement and support academic and vocational advancement. Volunteers must be 18 or older and commit 2 hours a week. No foreign language skills required. Contact Donald Foley at 513.672.3824 or dfoley@ccswoh.org for more information. **Affordable housing needed** for refugees resettling in the Greater Cincinnati area. For more information, contact Annie Scheid at 513.672.3784 or ascheid@ccswoh.org.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Chet Stewart, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Don Maushart, Sherri Powell, 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 Teeppen, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, Philip Gigliotti, 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 Lavwig, 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, 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.

Active Discipleship Day on Saturday, July 31st Save-the-Date:

July 31st is the Feast of St. Ignatius. In honor of that day, we will be coming together with other Jesuit works for an Active Discipleship Day, a day of prayer, service, reflection, and fun. So mark your calendars for Saturday, July 31, 9 AM to 1 PM at Xavier University. Look to future bulletins for RSVP information and more details!

LAST MILE FOOD RESCUE IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HUNGRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR CITY - Did you know that 35% of food goes to waste while 20% of Cincinnati's population struggles with food insecurity? Our simple app takes you every step of the way - from picking up food to dropping off at local non-profits. Would you donate an hour of your time to help us rescue good food and deliver it to those who need it most? To date, Last Mile has rescued 500,000 pounds of food in just seven months. Get started by downloading the app! www.lastmilefood.org/our-app

20th National Conference for Single Catholics Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country at the 20th National Conference for Single Catholics - August 20th-22nd, 2021 at the Omni Interlocken hotel in Broomfield, CO. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers (Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others!) as well as music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for more info/to register. Call 512-766-5798.