



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18, 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 19-24

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| MON 19 | 6:00 11:30 | + Jerry Rouse + Angela Fennell-Harris |
| TUES 20 | 6:00 11:30 | SI Ted Teismann (Birth.) + Francis Obermeyer (Birth.) |
| WED 21 | 6:00 11:30 | + Jackie Goetz SI The Schutte Family SI Christoher Niehaus Family |
| THUR 22 | 6:00 11:30 | + Dec'd Membrs of our St. Vincent DePaul Conference + Dennis Joseph Barron (Annv.) + Robert Poeppelman (Birth.) |
| FRI 23 | 6:00 11:30 | + Edward Thompson (Birth.) + Eileen Harper + Julia Mijares (Annv.) |
| SAT 24 | 7:00 | + Peter and Ruth Bonventre |



Music

July 18, 2021

Opening: As We Gather at Your Table # 839

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm # 1138

Communion: You Are All I Want # 726

Closing: Shepherd of Souls # 910



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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| Sunday Offering for July 4 | \$6,019 |
| Online giving | 5,003 |
| Week of July 4 | \$11,022 |
| Sunday Offering for July 11 | \$5,418 |
| Online giving | 4,562 |
| Week of July 11 | \$9,980 |

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.

thank you!

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, August 24, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book "The Stranger in the Woods" by Michael Finkel. This is the true story of a man who lived alone in a tent in the Maine woods, never talking to another person for twenty-seven years. A riveting story of survival that asks fundamental questions about solitude, community, and what makes a good life. Please join us!



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.

**TENDER MERCIES—July 25**

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

Laying Off the Desserts

In today's gospel Jesus models the benefits of going to a deserted place to pray and re-connect with God. Indeed, the gospel could be a good advertisement for making a retreat from life's distractions and the stressors of life. The end result proves to be a renewed perspective on life and patience for the people to whom we are called to love and serve.

Jesus attempts such a retreat with his disciples. The intimacy of the shared retreat experience no doubt left a lasting impression on the disciples. In the deserted place, the disciples can let go of anxieties, worries, and fears, as they encounter Jesus and his vision. We, too, are invited to go to this place every time we make a retreat or participate in the Eucharist.

Yet the desert is not always a preferred destination for many of us. It can be scary and forbidding. We anticipate that the journey might involve sacrifice and an alteration of our normal way of proceeding. It might be uncomfortable as our vision is refocused to Christ's vision. We are called, nevertheless, to still go there.

The distractions that can block our way into the desert could be the "desserts" in our lives. The desserts can be good and fun things but nevertheless sidetrack us from our purpose and mission. Often times society will applaud the "dessert" life with its rich sweetness and eschew the desert one with its simplicity and introspection.

Today, Jesus urges us in the gospel to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." And, surprisingly, "people were coming and going in great numbers." They were attracted to the possibility of releasing excess baggage.

Ask yourself if God is present in your desertand in your desserts? If God seems far away, then who moved? And upon exiting the deserted (or deserted) place we can see more clearly and hold the disposition more dearly what our Lord holds in today's gospel: a gaze of compassion and pity for all the people who have made a similar journey.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Can we mutter the 23rd Psalm in our response today: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." For it is the desert that helps us shed burdens and foster a redirection of one's gaze from self to one of mercy as our mission comes into renewed focus. The words "deserted" and "desserted" might sound the same, but they have completely different results. How will we weigh in?

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JULY 18

4:00 pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 7:00am Fr. Bob Ross, 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 JULY 25.

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

Caring for our Church

In the coming weeks, you will notice scaffolding placed around the perimeter of the church. Over the last several years, it became apparent that the clock tower and box-gutters on our church need to be repaired. As anyone who owns an old house knows, these types of repairs can come at inconvenient times and often prove to be time-consuming and costly. However, after carefully consulting with the Parish Council and Finance Committees and in the interest of preserving this historic building for future generations, it has been decided that now is the time to restore our church's belltower.

Over the next six months, this repair will address specific structural issues that have led to leaking and water damage, and it will also attend to the tower's edifice. Our hope is for a completed restoration by the end of this liturgical year, in time to open our front doors for the celebration of Christmas. Stay tuned for updates over these coming months! *Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor*

Congratulations to

Liam Louis Earley, son of Patrick and Julia Early and to **Henrik Aleksander Passmore**, son of Bruce and Kirstin Passmore who were baptized last weekend.



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

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Shirley Himmelmann, 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

Saturday, July 31st is the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. In honor of that day, we will be joining with Bellarmine Chapel for Active Discipleship Day, a morning of service and fun. We will gather at the Health United Building ("HUB" located at 1710 Cleaney Ave. on Xavier University's campus) on Saturday, July 31st at 9:00 AM, go out to service sites across the community, and return to HUB for an air-conditioned lunch, wrapping up by 1:00 PM. Please RSVP today at <https://form.jotform.com/Bellarmino/SummerService> or by contacting Bellarmine's Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severyn@bellarminechapel.org.

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 at 7am-9am and Dinners 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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

IS HIRING -There are full-time and part-time positions open in Mental Health Services, Immigration Legal Services, Language Services, Refugee Resettlement, and Mission Advancement. For a complete list of openings, please visit www.ccswoh.org/careers or reach out to Human Resources at hrd@ccswoh.org or call 513.672.371.

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!!