

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 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 26—31

MON 26	6:00	+ Bob and Jean Scheid
	11:30	+ Mary Helen Dyer SI Matt and Brandi Schwarz (1st Wedd. Annv.)
TUES 27	6:00	+ Jack and Suzette Casey
	11:30	+ Lily Ross (Birth.)
		+ Jane Weber + Pat Craver
WED 28	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ Joyce Braun (Birth.)
		+ Elise Ellen Earley (Annv.)
THUR 29	6:00	+ Dec'd Membrs. Of our St. Vincent DePaul Conference
	11:30	+ Elaine Brandt (2nd Annv.)
		+ Leo Grosser
FRI 30	6:00	+ Bob and Kay Dietrich
	11:30	+ Peter Ginocchio
		+ Gerry Motl (Birth.)
SAT 31	7:00	+ Eileen Mechley (Wedd. Annv.)



Music

July 25, 2021

Music for
July 25, 2021
OT 17B

Opening: We Come With Joy # 808

Readings and Responsorial Psalm:
The Hand of the Lord # 1141

Communion: All Who Hunger # 925

Closing: Now Thank We All Our God # 636



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offering for July 18	\$5,044
Online giving	4,247
Week of July 18	\$ 9,291

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, 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. **PLEASE JOIN US**

DO YOU SEW???

If so, we could use your help! A number of "worn" and old main altar clothes have been recycled into Purificators and/or altar clothes for the side altars. These items need to be hemmed. If you are available and willing to help with this task, please call Diane at the office. 513-405-4045.



When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Jn 6: 14-15

I always imagine that Jesus knew what his followers were thinking and planning long before they did. This was probably all that kept him safe and sane during his 3 years of preaching and teaching. Human beings are so predictable. "Look at that sparkly thing! We must have it! Look at that awesome leader! He must be our King and make our land superior to all others!" Jesus is teaching a lesson on generosity and sharing. The people's takeaway is "What else can this prophet, this magician, do for us?" How did Jesus continue to share his message when his followers never seemed to get his lesson?

Jesus showed us that there is plenty for all if we share what we have with open hands and open hearts. There could be enough for everyone, if we would only sacrifice a little, share some of what we have, work together for justice and equity. Why is this such a hard concept to grasp and implement?

The message of Jesus, indeed the Catholic faith, is not meant to be easy. I heard long ago that our Catholic faith is one of comfort and challenge. We have sacraments to support and comfort us when things get tough. But we also have the challenge of living this faith. In today's world it is very difficult to follow a faith that asks us to be loving – even to those we do not like or understand; to work for justice even when our definition of justice may not feel very comfortable to what Jesus asks of us; to live this faith – regardless of the cost.

What can make this faith easier to live? We should look at the last part of today's gospel and follow Jesus to a quiet place and pray. Even if the prayer is some completely quiet time, when we let go of our personal agenda and listen to the message our good and loving God wants us to think about. Silent, listening prayer can bring clarity to a world gone awry. It can give us peace.

Jesus never came to become the King of Israel. He came to save all mankind from death and give us everlasting life to enjoy forever in his kingdom. He did not crave earthly glory. He wanted to pass along a specific message to those who followed him. It is this message we still need to hear – and follow - today.

Mrs. Kathy England, Pastoral Associate



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JULY 25

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1

4:00pm Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 7:00am Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
 9:00am Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 10:30am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 5:00pm Fr. James Ackerman, 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 Ben Frederick Wells III, son of Ben and Carley Wells, Jr. who was baptized last weekend.

 **Congratulations to Patrick and Nicole (Christie) Poplis who were married last weekend.**

 **YOUNG ADULTS— August 1**
 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

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. Thank you!!

✠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 Cleneay 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.

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.

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