



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

**AUGUST 15, 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



## Music

**August 15, 2021**

### MASS INTENTIONS August 16—21

MON 16	6:00	+ Dave Donahue
	11:30	+ Marietta Ginocchio + Lucy Obermeyer (Birth.)
TUES 17	6:00	+ Margie Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	SI Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ (Birth.) + Diane Callahan
WED 18	6:00	+ Rev. Francis Flynn, SJ
	11:30	+ Frank Guarasci (Birth.) + Donald Taylor
THUR 19	6:00	+ Rev. Thomas Diehl, SJ
	11:30	+ Virginia Mae Hennard + Rev. Matthew Gamber, SJ
FRI 20	6:00	+ Dec'd Members of our St. Vincent DePaul Conference
	11:30	+ Virginia Fernandes + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
SAT 21	7:00	SI Rev. Paul A. Lickteig, SJ (Birth.)

**Opening:** On This Day, O Beautiful Mother  
- Louis Lambillotte, SJ

Refrain: *On this day, O beautiful Mother, on this day we give thee our love. Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover, trusting thy gentle care to prove.*

1. On this day we ask to share, dearest Mother, thy sweet care. Aid us 'ere our feet astray, wander from thy guiding way. (Refrain)

2. Queen of angels, deign to hear thy dear children's humble prayer. Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure, sweetly to thyself allure. (Refrain)

**Readings and Responsorial Psalm # 1206**

**Communion:** Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup # 926

**Closing:** Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above # 879



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offering for August 8	\$4,235
Online giving	4,445
Week of August 1	\$8,680

**THANK YOU** to all those who remember to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. **THANK YOU** also for your support with the **Archdiocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Collection!**

**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.

**YOUNG ADULTS— August 15 (today!)**

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. For Information, contact: [pastor@stxchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stxchurch.org)

**MONTHLY ROSARY**

We will meet at Divine Mercy Church, 318 Division Street, Bellevue, KY on **August 18 at 7 PM in their Grotto**. We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary during the month of August on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday evenings at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at [jmeyer0555@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com) She will send you the link.

**THURSDAY SOCIAL— August 19**

**Riverside Marina**, 145 Mary Ingles Hwy, Dayton, KY Please join other parishioners for a bite to eat and some socializing! Anytime after 4 PM!

**TENDER MERCIES—August 29**

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office. Any help is appreciated!

**Relationships Matter**

"The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." Today we celebrate the woman who utters this quote: the Virgin Mary. We honor her transition into heaven at the Assumption where she enjoys, in advance, the destiny reserved for all the just at the resurrection of the dead.

Why is Mary important? Why do Catholics place such an emphasis on "Our Lady?" There was a time when I was hard pressed to answer this question of the doubters and curious inquirers. A response came to me: "Because she said, "Yes." For she held Jesus closer than anyone else having carried Jesus in her body. I think this counts for something .... and earns an assumption into heaven.

What is her message? - what need does she fulfill for us? Perhaps it is to listen, believe, go, and stick to your God-planted convictions. What are your convictions? And how do they alter or "altar" your lifestyle, your world-view, your faith? A conviction is a firmly held belief or opinion, and it involves certainty, assurance, and confidence. This conviction leads to Mary's "fiat" - her authoritative proclamation - her magnificent Magnificat that we hear in today's gospel.

Which brings us to the Assumption - the why and wherefore. Why the special place for Mary? Perhaps the answer is not found in reason but in relationships - Mary's close relationship with Jesus as Mary transports us to Jesus. She disposes us to receive her son, to put a magnifying glass up to the Lord. She inspires us to service with strength - no pushover is she. She will say yes to God, raise a child and lose that child to murder - and accept it, her mission, her divine role. This we can surely assume insured her Assumption. Today she is free of space and time to make a visitation to us like she does with Elizabeth today.

When I think of relationships and how Mary disposes us to love Jesus, I conjure this song. May it resonate today and justify her Assumption: Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb; Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow. And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went; Everywhere that Mary went....The lamb was sure to go.

May her close relationship with the Lamb of God help us to assume that there is a place for us too, with Jesus, as she leads us by example.

*Rev. James Ackerman, SJ*

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**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND AUGUST 15**

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 AUGUST 22**

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

**Current COVID Policy**

Please remember that *unvaccinated parishioners* are kindly requested to continue wearing masks when attending mass at St. Xavier Church. Also, based on the recent release from Hamilton County Public Health, the wearing of masks in enclosed spaces or areas of close contact is recommended even for fully vaccinated people. Parishioners of St. Xavier are encouraged to wear masks while in the pews due to being in close proximity with each other, but this is not a requirement.

Priests, Eucharistic ministers, and musicians at St. Xavier will continue to wear masks during times of close contact during mass. We will not return to a mask mandate or seating restrictions unless notified by local government or Archdiocesan offices. As conditions change, as they may from week-to-week, it is possible that former COVID policies will be reinstated. We are not there yet.

Please be kind to each other during these coming weeks as we try to respond to the current pandemic as a community. Remain attentive to public health recommendations, to the common good, and to our need to care for each other. Patience and compassion are not always easy, but they are the foundation of all we profess.

*Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor*

**WE  
WILL  
MISS  
YOU!**

Please join us in thanksgiving for the generous ministry of **Fr. Bob Ross, SJ**, who will celebrate his final Sunday Mass here at St. Xavier on August 22 at 7:00 am. Fr. Ross has been an assisting priest here since 2013 and has faithfully served this faith community during that time. We wish him peace and many blessings!

**BEACONS UPDATE:****BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED**

**SIGN UP** - To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, sign up for the free monthly *Beacons Update* newsletter at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org)

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:  
Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Debbie Palmisano, 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 Teepen, 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, 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.

**Congratulations**

...to **Adelaide Belle Hausfeld**, daughter of Jeffrey and Alice Hausfeld and

... to **Chase Romes Compton**, son of William and Lindsay Compton who were baptized last weekend!

**Congratulations**

...to **Kurt and Katie** (Hungler) **Girdler** who were married last weekend!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS**

We are looking for teachers who can help in Religious Education classes to prepare children for the sacraments. The classes will begin at the end of September and meet every Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10 AM. Please email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org)

**RELIGION EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religion Classes to prepare for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will begin this fall. Classes meet every Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10. Please Register now. Please email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org)

**RCIA**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, whether converting from another denomination or being baptized for the first time, classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults begin soon. The program starts in September and continues through the Easter Season. Please spread the word among family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings that a person can experience. For information, email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org)