



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

WELCOME TO St Xavier

A Jesuit Ministry "in the heart of the marketplace"
Registered Historic site founded in 1819
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Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam

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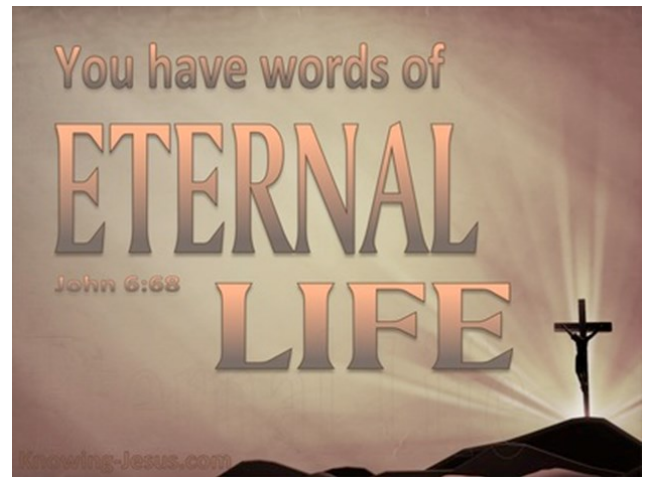
MASS SCHEDULE

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 22, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS August 23—28

MON 23	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	SI Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ (Birth.) + Eileen Mechley (1st Annv.)
TUES 24	6:00	+ Jerry Rouse
	11:30	+ Charles B. Ginocchio + Felipe Mijares (Birth.)
WED 25	6:00	+ Paul Hahn and Ralph Luebbe
	11:30	+ Rita Bleil + Felipe Mijares
THUR 26	6:00	SI Fr. Bob Ross, SJ (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ (Birth.) + Carol Craver
FRI 27	6:00	+ Deceased Membrs. Of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference
	11:30	+ Carl and Joyce Braun + Leo Grosser
SAT 28	7:00	+ Eileen Mechley (Birth.)

Opening: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light # 593

St. Henry Gloria -- inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm # 1153

Communion: Let Us Be Bread # 946

Closing: The Kingdom of God # 736



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offering for August 15	\$5,360
Online giving	4,222
Week of August 15	\$9,582

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— September 5

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

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at Divine Mercy Church, 318 Division Street, Bellevue, KY on **September 15 at 7 PM in their Grotto**. We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday evenings at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

**NEWS from Fr. Sossy**

Kindly be united with us in thanksgiving to God on Sunday, August 22 when the Bishop will bless St. Charles Lwanga Parish and the Jesuit residence. More so, please extend my gratitude for all the people at St. X for the great support they have continued to give us to stand firm as a parish.

Fr. Luyembe Sossy, SJ

Does this "real deal" shock you?

In today's gospel, Jesus asks this provocative question to his disciples: "Does this shock you?" The "shocking" issue is the belief which is at the center of our Catholic faith: Transubstantiation. Also known as "The Real Presence," Transubstantiation is the belief that, during a mass, the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus is "really present" in the Eucharist as opposed to a symbolic substitute. Thus we actually consume his body and blood.

Jesus admits that Transubstantiation is "a hard saying" as he calls it in today's gospel. It is hard to accept since it requires a leap of faith and firm commitment to one's beliefs. But when we break apart the word "Transubstantiation," we can make the understanding a bit easier. "Trans" means "alteration" or "change"/ a "crossing over," while "substantiation" refers to "substance" - something tangible - in our case the host and wine.

At the Last Supper Jesus stated, "THIS is my Body and THIS is my Blood." Perhaps the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist gives the saying "You are what you eat" a new importance. Jesus did... and so did a large number of people who staked their lives on it - and in doing so - lost their lives. Think about it: How are YOU different from ingesting the body and blood of Jesus into your own body via Holy Communion? You are most likely a different person from it, and it has shaped your world view. Sharing in the sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ makes us more reverential and respectful to our Lord, to the mass, and to our faith. "Welcome to the Suffer Club" could be our mantra as we recognize that if we love something or someone - we will suffer. Jesus loves us so much that he offers us his body and blood - in person, and person to person.

Is Transubstantiation similar to cannibalism, a student once asked me? NO. Cannibalism is done without the victim's consent and it happens once. Jesus willingly offers us his body and blood, and it happens repeatedly when we celebrate a mass. Yet, many shocked people jettisoned the faith since they could not accept this belief. They could not "cross-over" or transition to a new understanding that Jesus is the living bread and the living blood. May we let Christ live inside us as we take his body into ours as his thinking and dreams become our thinking and dreams in a total union - a real deal.

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ

Ignatian Retreat

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ will be Retreat Master for the **Young Women's Retreat** on September 17-19 at Milford Spiritual Center. Please contact Milford at 513-248-3500 for more information or to register. www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND AUGUST 22**

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 AUGUST 29

4:00pm	Fr. John LaRocca, SJ
7:00am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. John LaRocca, 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 thanking Fr. Bob Ross, SJ for his many years of generous service. He will celebrate his final Sunday Mass here at St. Xavier on August 22 at 7 am, and final weekday Mass on August 31 at 6am. Fr. Ross has been an assisting priest here since 2013 and has faithfully served this faith community as presider and confessor, while also ministering in small groups and offering counsel to many in need. Especially over the last 18 months, Fr. Ross's calm commitment has been an extraordinary blessing. While he will remain in Cincinnati and continue to serve a religious community "across the river," we will deeply miss his presence here. May God continue to bless Fr. Ross with all grace as his priesthood enters its sixth decade! A.M.D.G.

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

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Gloria Ionna, Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, 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, Adeline Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia 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 Nelson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

Congratulations

...to **Maura Elizabeth Robinson**, daughter of David and Kristine Robinson and who were baptized last weekend!

Congratulations

...to **Patrick and Emily (Matacia) Meyer**;
...to **Sean and Rachel (Randall) Redmond** who were married last weekend!

With Deepest Sympathy Please remember **Edward Carney** who was buried from here this past week.
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

TENDER MERCIES—August 29

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

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

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. For information, email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org