



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 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

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 6—11

MON 6	6:00	+ Deceased Membrs. In our Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris
TUES 7	6:00	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+ Tim Brennan + Angela Fennell-Harris
WED 8	6:00	+ Jeanette Zukor Mangold
	11:30	+ Lawler and McLaughlin Families + Leo Grosser
THUR 9	6:00	+ Parishioners of St. Xavier Church
	11:30	+ Virginia Mae Hennard + Lawler and McLaughlin Families
FRI 10	6:00	+ Dec'd Membrs. Of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference
	11:30	+ Deborah Hogan + Angela Fennell-Harris
SAT 11	7:00	+ Eileen Mechley + Angela Fennell-Harris



Music

September 5, 2021

Opening: Gather Us In # 848

Readings and Responsorial Psalm # 1159

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Remembrance # 384, 385, 386

Communion: A Place at the Table # 812

Closing: They'll Know We Are Christians #835



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offering for August 29	\$7,188
Online giving	2,502
Week of August 29	\$9,690

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!

**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.

**THURSDAY SOCIAL - September 16**

Local Post, 3923 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati. Come join fellow parishioners for some food and a little socializing! The fun happens around 4—7 PM!

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, October 5, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book "Born Survivors" by Wendy Holden. This is a true account of three pregnant women who meet in Auschwitz and fight for their own survival as well as the survival of their newborns. Please join us!

August MASS ATTENDANCE (average)

Sat. 4 PM	112		
Sun. 7 AM	101	Sun. 9 AM	144
Sun. 10:30 AM	199	Sun. 5 PM	164

**Be opened...**

Christ often worked miraculous healings for those with physical difficulties to reveal God's grace. With a single word, today we hear how a man born deaf and mute was able to hear and speak freely. Metaphorically, it can be noted that Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, offers an opportunity for this man to hear something else. In the opening of his senses, the man received *the Word*, the One who came to save all people.

"Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." We say these words every week. A friend of mine once mused out loud, "Do you ever wonder what the word is?" She then proceeded to go through various options, some were ridiculous ("abracadabra"), but as the conversation continued, the words she used became a series of words, speaking to her heart, naming the places where she herself needed mending.

To a certain degree, our senses are limited. We might only hear the words we are inclined to listen for (it has been said that the most beautiful sound in the world is one's own name spoken with love). Some words we ignore (how many times might a parent call their child's name to come and do a chore, only to have the child appear strangely oblivious). In other cases, we might hear words we do not fully recognize, or whose full definition we do not really understand. This last case, I think, is the case for us when it comes to God's healing words.

We come to church because we believe that there is something for us here: something to heal, to soothe, to enliven, and to inspire. We say the words, but do we hear them? Do we recognize Christ, *the Word*, in what we say? Do we allow the words of the Mass to open us up, reach into those wounded parts of our hearts where pride, hurt, and resentment might hobble us?

God's words for you, what might it be? What are the senses you long to have opened? What is the word you long to hear? Whatever the word, it has one origin and one goal: it is in the Word of God becoming flesh, flesh in Jesus, flesh in the body of Christ, flesh in us.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND SEPT. 5**

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 7:00am Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
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 5:00 pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

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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*

THANK YOU!

I have enjoyed sharing in the liturgy with the St. Xavier community and I appreciated your many expressions of support as I move on and as I celebrated my 80th birthday. It has been a blessing to meet so many of you personally and those many more around the altar where we realize how we are so connected by the Word and the Eucharist. Even the pandemic could not diminish that reality. Thank you for being there. I wish you the best as you welcome Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ to your community. May you enjoy his youth as much as I enjoyed your presence in my senior years!

Bob Ross, SJ

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Eileen Lee, Molly G., Gloria Ionna, Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Debbie Palmisano, Shirley Himmelmann, Chet Stewart, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Don Maushart, Sherri Powell, Gerard 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, 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 **Gabrielle Lincoln Stone**, daughter of Joel and Lisa Stone who was baptized last weekend!

Congratulations

...to **Joseph and Maureen (Ray) Dybdal** who were married last weekend!

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

PRAY the IGNATIAN EXERCISES

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are an extended retreat drawing one into an intimate encounter with God, in order to respond more generously to God's call. St. Xavier Parish will be launching *The Spiritual Exercises*, "in everyday life" beginning on September 19, continuing weekly through early May. Small groups will meet on Sunday morning. We use *The Ignatian Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien S.J. If you have a desire to discover how faith and everyday life can thrive together, and feel drawn into a deeper encounter with God, you are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Sandy Keiser by Sept. 15 at 513 477-2906 or email her at pakeiser@fuse.net

Welcome

This weekend we welcome a new face offering mass here at St. Xavier!

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ is joining us for full time ministry following his four years spent ministering to three parishes on the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota. Ordained four years ago, Fr. Jacob brings a keen sense of liturgy and sacramental ministry, as well as a kind sense of humor to our ministry here. God willing, Fr. Jacob will remain with us to minister for the next several years before heading off to Tertianship. Please reach out and welcome him in fine St. X fashion to his new position as associate priest!