



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 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. 13—18

MON 13	6:00	+ Elmer Link
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + Joseph Crabb (Birth.)
TUES 14	6:00	+ Sr. Jean Link
	11:30	+ John R. Grosser + The Schutte Family
WED 15	6:00	+ Herb and Rosemary Tobe
	11:30	+ Herman Weinewuth + Richard and Carleen Niehaus
THUR 16	6:00	+ Ed and Marie Vagedes
	11:30	+ Chris Frank (Birth.) + Martha E. Condit (1st Annv.)
FRI 17	6:00	+ Dec'd Membrs. Of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference
	11:30	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
SAT 18	7:00	+ Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jaber



Music

September 12, 2021

Opening: The Summons # 790

Readings and Responsorial Psalm:
I will Walk Before the Lord # 1162

Gospel Acclamation:
Mass of Remembrance # 327

Eucharistic Acclamations:
Mass of Remembrance # 384, 385, 386

Communion: Unless a Grain of Wheat # 783

Closing: Lift High the Cross # 881



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offerings for September 5 and 12 will be in

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 19**

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!

**TENDER MERCIES—September 26**

If you can donate a food item for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office. Thank you for helping!

**"Don't Go There(?)"**

It is counter-cultural, unconventional, and counter intuitive. This is how Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker, described her work in serving the poor – the folks no one wanted to deal with. Likewise, Thomas Merton, who found joy as a monk, described his ministry in a similar way: "One has to go against what might be perceived as conventional wisdom." And so, this ardent appeal to think like God (and not like man) is revealed to us in today's gospel. We, like Jesus, are urged to move toward, and even take up, a cross as we defy conventional wisdom. It might be as simple as wearing a cross around your neck this very moment, or as complicated as feeling that the way of the cross is being lived through you.

Has anyone ever said to you, "Don't Go There"? When it comes to bearing the cross, Jesus says to Peter, "Yes, I must go there!" Panicky Peter mutters, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you!" This after Jesus says that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Peter thinks that he is being prudent by *discouraging* Jesus. Yet Jesus responds with, "Get away from me Satan....you are thinking as man does and not as God does." I often wonder how Jesus said those words to Peter? I like to visualize the encounter – maybe there was a softer verbal exchange with a reference to the seduction of avoidance? Or maybe Jesus had his hand on Peter's shoulder – his cheek – with a look of correcting love – with a tilt of the head, a penetrating gaze? Or maybe it was a full-throttle chastisement.

I once read a comic strip called *The Far Side* that featured a suburban couple showing vacation slides to friends. In the scene, the couple projects a photo of them standing next to Satan in front of fiery flames, and the caption under the panel was, "Oh, yes, this is when Helen and I went to Hell and back." Have you gone to Hell and back? Most likely you didn't have a choice – or maybe you did. Maybe you didn't have to go but something pulled you – love, faith, charity?

Have you gone to Jerusalem, or more specifically, Calvary, in a symbolic way? Maybe Calvary is even in your own home. Suffering and taking up our crosses may not make logical sense when we are often advised by society to seek pleasure over pain. Like Jesus, we take up our crosses because we feel we must do so to be true to our faith – our hearts. So as you clutch the cross or medal around your neck, you can be in solidarity with Jesus. It is this divinely inspired joy of sacrifice that propels Jesus to take up his cross and draw you and me to "Go There," too.

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND SEPT. 12**

4:00 pm Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
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 10:30am Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 5:00 pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

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 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*

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

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

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

✠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 **Isabella Celia Moreno**, Eduardo and Graciela Moreno; and

...to **Cameron David Tonnis**, son of David and Allison Tonnis who were baptized last weekend!

Congratulations

...to **Christopher and Laura (Osborne) Schroer**;

...to **Clint and Rachel (Sheidler) Dury**;

...to **Alan and Anne (Minges) Flood**; and

...to **Thomas and Megan (VanSant) Millea** who were married last weekend!

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 SJ. 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

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