



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 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

**September 19, 2021**

**Opening:** The Servant Song # 751

**Readings and Responsorial Psalm # 1165**

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Mass of Remembrance # 384, 385, 386

**Communion:** Take and Eat # 950

**Closing:** Deliver Us, O Lord of Truth # 750



### MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 20—25

MON 20	6:00	+ Mike Humrichouser (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+ Tim Schilling (Birth.) + Clayton Wagenlander
TUES 21	6:00	+ Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	SI Fr. John Sterling + Michele Williams
WED 22	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + Gregory Michael Kasper
THUR 23	6:00	+ Edward & Gerry Merkes
	11:30	+ Lorna Schutte & Kathy Burger (Birth.) + Leo Grosser
FRI 24	6:00	+ Dec'd Membrs. of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference
	11:30	+ Kalyn Obermeyer (Birth.)
SAT 25	7:00	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + Jim Ginocchio (1st Annv.)

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**“First is Last”**

Last week Jesus spoke of His impending Passion and Death, and rebuked Peter when the apostle tried to dissuade Him. Today He speaks again of the Cross and the disciples are “...*afraid to question him.*” Little wonder, considering that when Peter questioned Him before the Lord called him Satan! Fascinating, isn’t it, that instead of asking Jesus what He was talking about, they began arguing among themselves about who was greatest? Perhaps, realizing that Jesus could be killed one day, they were trying to figure out which one of them should take charge, should His words of doom come to pass? And so again Satan enters the conversation, this time in the pride that erupted from the Twelve as each sought to claim himself as second to Christ.

So what does Jesus do? The only thing that can be done when Pride rears its head: He teaches humility. He brings forth a little child as a role model, to show them who shall be first in the Kingdom of Heaven, who shall be the greatest. For it was Pride that led Satan and a third of the angels out of Heaven; it was Pride that shut Adam and Eve out of Eden. It is therefore humility that shall be the measure of holiness, of greatness in God’s Kingdom. Thus when we receive the humble and the lowly, we receive Jesus; why? For, as He says, He is “... *meek and humble of heart...*” and He therefore says, “...*learn from me...*” (Matthew 11:29).

When we receive such people, when we welcome the lowly into our lives, we receive Jesus who is also lowly, and when we receive Him, we receive the One who sent Him: we receive God, who is not only humble and lacking in any Pride but who is also the greatest of all. A profound paradox! But consider how our God, as great as He is, bows to honor and serve us in every moment. Consider that, for love of all, He gave His Son; indeed He created the entire universe for our sake, as a sheer act of generosity and love to begin with. When we empty ourselves, when we seek to love one another as He has loved us in all humility, seeking to outdo one another in service, there is room in our hearts and souls for our humble God to dwell: He who came to us as a child is more fully able to embrace us as our Father.

*“You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.” -Micah 6:8*

*Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ*

Sunday Offering for September 5	\$ 3,930
Online giving	6,932
Total for September 5	\$10,862
Sunday Offering for September 12	\$ 5,683
Online giving	2,962
Total for September 12	\$ 8,645

**THANK YOU** to all those who remember to support St Xavier Church during these hard times.

**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

**MEET and GREET**

**September 26**

Please join Fr. Paul Lickteig and Fr. James Ackerman as we welcome Fr. Jacob Boddicker to our St. Xavier Parish Family. You are invited to come to the Parish Center after the 9 AM or 10:30 AM Masses on **Sunday, September 26!** Refreshments will be served.



**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 new-borns. 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 help-

**MONTHLY ROSARY**

We will meet at Divine Mercy Church, 318 Division Street, Bellevue, KY on **October 20 at 7 PM in their Grotto.** We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary every night in October for the month of the Blessed Mother at **8 PM.** Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND SEPT. 19**

4:00 pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
 7:00am Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 9:00am Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
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 5:00 pm Fr. John LaRocca, 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*

**SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES**

**October 3** Presentation from Noon to 1 PM

Come hear Fr. Endres discuss how pioneers and immigrants, despite persecution, transformed the city's Catholic presence, building an impressive network of churches, schools and charities. The early Catholic history of the city still reverberates today 200 years later. Light lunch available after the 10:30 AM Mass.

**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)

**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](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org)

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:  
 Laura Damico, 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, Carmelita 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 **Peter Andrew Schulcz V**, son of Peter and Stephanie Schulcz IV; and

...to **Piper Maxine Moman**, daughter of Austin and Lauren Moman who were baptized last weekend!

**Congratulations**

...to **Matthew and Claire (Sheanshang) Kanetzke** and

...to **Philip and Michelle (Spotts) Azar** 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](mailto: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](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org)

**BEACONS OF LIGHT**

**COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES"** - Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment **October 1-20** at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org) Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.