



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 31, 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**

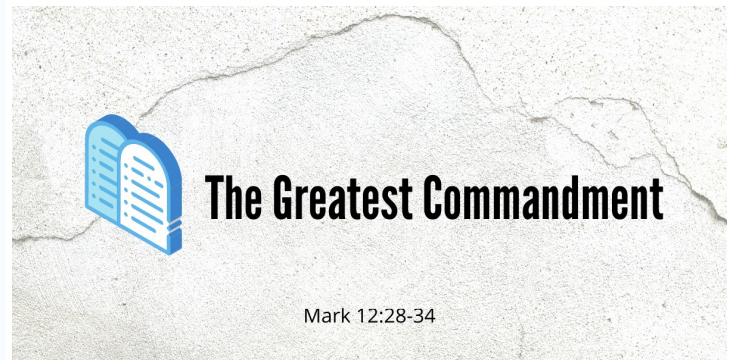
**Mon – Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am Sat 7:00 am**

**Confessions Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm**

**Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon**

### MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 1 — 6

MON 1	<b>All Saints' Day</b> Masses: 6 AM, 11:30 AM and 5 PM	
TUES 2	6:00 11:30	+ Phillis Rose and Neal Gilday + Jack Lawler (Annv.) + Jaden Woodard
WED 3	6:00 11:30	+ William Tholotowsky + Mary Elizabeth Kyte (Birth.) + Lorna Schutte & Kathy Berger (Annv.)
THUR 4	6:00 11:30	+ Michael Herman Kasper (Birth.) + Leo Grosser + The Schutte Family
FRI 5	6:00 11:30	+ Deceased Members of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference + Tim Brennan
SAT 6	7:00	+ Bruce Hampton



## Music

**October 31, 2021**

**Opening:** O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God #902

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption

**Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1183

**Scripture Readings:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

**Communion:** Let Us Be Bread #946

**Closing:** God Has Chosen Me #761



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## Happy Halloween!

Sunday Offering for October 24	\$ 8,392
Online giving	3,054
Total for October 24	\$11,446

**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— OCTOBER 31

At our meeting this weekend, Sunday, October 31st, come join a conversation on the nature of evil and the power of Christ as seen through the lens of *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis. Reading the book beforehand is encouraged but not necessary.

If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us in the Parish Center, Oct. 31, at 6pm (right after the 5pm Mass).

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food items after all the masses starting November 6/7 through November 20/21. These items will be donated to St. Leo's Food Pantry and delivered to them at Thanksgiving. Please place items in the boxes located in the back of the church.

### November 7

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Remember to set your clocks back



### Veterans Day is on Thursday November 11

St. Xavier parish will honor our Veterans on **Sunday, November 7**. On this day we join Veterans and active-duty military and their families at our parish Masses with a special blessing. We will honor their faithful service to our country, which reflects Christ's own service and sacrifice for our Church. All are invited to attend and are welcome to wear uniforms if you like.

### St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, November 16, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips. Echoes of the disappearance of two sisters reverberate across a tightly woven Russian community. This mystery novel brings us to a new understanding of the intricate bonds of family and community. Please join us!

### MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **November 17 at 7 PM**. We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays in November. Contact Jan Meyer at [jmeyer0555@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com) She will send you the link.



Wishing someone a happy Halloween almost seems to be incongruous. Looking at the items available for decorating for the holiday, one encounters very little that invokes happy. There is an obsession with the macabre, a certain pre-occupation with death, or the fantasy of zombie characters who are dead, but alive. I've never really figured out what they are supposed to be all about. The cute characters of the past have all but disappeared: Casper the friendly Ghost and his peers are not “spooky” enough to troll the neighborhoods requesting a “trick or treat.” Without sounding nostalgic, I do have to say that I miss the days when the home-made costumes were a wonderful expression of artistry and personality. For many it was a collaboration between the desire of the young person and his or her mother's sewing abilities that made for a delightful parade through the community streets.

But our world has latched on to a fascination with—well, let's face it—the ugly. Grotesque characters, horror and gore have replaced the angels, princesses, and good-guy cowboys of the past. Fr. Ronal Rolheiser OMI, a noted writer of spiritual books, offers one possible reason for this current fixation. He posits that human beings are hungry for experience. We have an insatiable appetite to experience all that life, and death, provides. This hunger drives us to achieve new things and to better ourselves. But left unchecked, it can lead us to things that are unhealthy, immoral, and dangerous to both our physical and spiritual lives.

Perhaps, like in so many other areas of our lives, we simply need a little re-tooling. There's nothing wrong with a little scare in a movie or haunted house once in a while. Nevertheless, when the dark side of things take over, we need to find our way back to goodness and wholesomeness. Halloween is one of those days whose reality has been overshadowed. The very name comes from our Christian heritage. It is quite literally “all hallows eve.” It originated in the vigil Mass for All Saints Day. All “hallowed,” that is “all holy,” eve is what the Church celebrated. It was not uncommon, centuries ago, for people to dress in the costume of their favorite or patron saint when attending the vigil Mass. The custom reminded people that we are all saints on a journey and that those who have died and have been marked with the sign of faith are with us still in what the Church traditionally calls the “Church Triumphant” in heaven. It is this blessed event that we truly celebrate on the eve of All Saints.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe the gruesome characters that climb the steps to my front door are actually depicting the martyred saints who died horrible deaths centuries ago, and today in nations around the globe. Maybe they are reminding us that too much blood has been shed in religious persecution. Well, that's the way I'm going to take it anyway. Happy Halloween!

Deacon Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND OCT. 31**

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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*

**THURSDAY SOCIAL - November 18**

**Sis's on Monmouth**, 837 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY. Come join fellow parishioners for some food and a little socializing! The fun happens from 4—7 PM! All are welcome!

**IGNATIAN ADVENT RETREAT**

Mark your calendars: Beginning on the first Saturday before Advent, November 27, St. Francis Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel will be offering a 4-week Advent retreat with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each Saturday will begin with a live ZOOM presentation. For those interested, there will be opportunities to meet in groups (both in person and over Zoom). Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

**Tender Mercies — October 31**

If you can donate a food item for this charity, please call the office at 513-721-4045. Thank you!

**Congratulations**

To our newly Baptized members:

...**Zoe Marie Janning and Henry Janning**, daughter and son of Jeffrey and Marie Janning;

And to these newly married couples:

...**Steven and Kelsey (Green) Russo**; and

...**Tyler and Abigail (Sietz) Sparks**

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:  
Diane Roden, Jim Harter, Peggy McWilliams, Fred Giglia, Shawn Ives, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, 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 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 Lawwig, 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, 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, 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, Iland, and Gregg.

**PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Enroll deceased family and friends in the Saint Xavier Book of Remembrance. Those enrolled are remembered at Mass once a month throughout the rest of the year.



Memorial envelopes will be at the back of Church. Fill out the envelope and we will add your name to the Memorial Book which is located at the side altar in the sanctuary during November. AMDG

**SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT**

A "Service of the Longest Night" Prayer Service will be held on November 13 at 10:00 am in the Church. This service and program is for all who are grieving a loss of any kind. With the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, we all experience losses of social connections, touch, mobility, to name a few. In addition, people are grieving losses due to death, divorce, unemployment, infertility, etc. Your needs for hope and healing are important, so we gather in prayer and conversation to provide comfort, healing and hope. The Prayer Service will be followed by a program in the Parish Center, designed to assist people in *Getting Support for Grief and Loss During the Holidays*. Please join us and feel free to invite friends and family members.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION**

Adoration is **CANCELLED** on November 2nd  
Come join the RCIA for a [church tour](#)  
Led by Fr. Ackerman beginning at 5:45.