



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 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

November 28, 2021

Opening: Christ, Be Our Light #590

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #993

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation
#198, 200, 202, 204

Communion: Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

Closing: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #395
(Verses 1, 2, 3 only)



MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 29—Dec. 4

MON 29	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Carl Ludwig (1st Annv.)
TUES 30	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ William C. Wester II + Sydney Allison Patrick
WED 1	6:00	+ Judy Dyer
	11:30	+ Joyce Reckner SI Winlove Chavez (40th Birth.)
THU 2	6:00	+ Jerry Rouse
	11:30	+ Leo Grosser + Rev. Robert Bueter, SJ
FRI 3	6:00	+ Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+ The Schutte Family + Jane Sansalone
SAT 4	7:00	+ Deceased Members of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offering for November 14	\$ 7,872
Online giving	3,582
Total for November 14	\$11,454

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 - NOV 28 “Friendsgiving”**

Please come join us for a belated pot-luck Thanksgiving feast. We will have brief meditation on the importance of gratitude and the nature of communal sharing followed by good food and great conversation. If you are in your 20’s or early 30’s, come join us in the Parish Center at 6pm (right after the 5pm Mass).

**Tender Mercies — November 28**

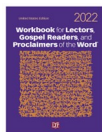
If you can donate a food item for this charity, please call the office at 513-721-4045. Thank you!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, January 4, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. This historical novel is the unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. Please join us!

READERS at Mass

The **2022 Lector Workbooks** are available in the Priest Sacristy for pickup after Masses this weekend. If you are a Reader at St. X, please pick up your copy.

**MONTHLY ROSARY**

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **December 15 at 7 PM**. We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays in November at **7 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). With all the food and gift cards that are bought during the year, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier! www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

**Raise Your Heads
Because Your Redemption is at Hand**

We might come to Mass on the First Sunday of Advent with the voice of Bing Crosby stuck in our heads, ready to sing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” thinking about Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus. But that isn’t, really, the purpose of Advent, and our Gospel reflects that: we hear nothing about the birth of Jesus but rather about the end of the world.

Merry Christmas indeed!

But when we reflect on that first coming of Christ we might begin to understand why the Church gives us Advent—a word that means “a coming, approach, arrival”—and why the Gospels speak of an end while our imaginations focus on a beginning. For the Son of God came during the Pax Romana, a time of relative peace in the known world thanks to the efforts of the Roman Empire which had subjugated much of it. He was born in absolute obscurity to no fanfare; even His own people who awaited the Messiah did not take note of His arrival. Some shepherds came at the urging of an army of angels; some strange foreign kings came from afar, having taken note of signs in the stars that a King would be born. As Christians we believe in His birth, and we profess our belief that He will come again, and that second coming will be nothing like the first, *“For that day,”* our Gospel warns, *“will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times...”*

That is why we celebrate Advent; that is why we meditate upon the mystery of His First Coming. We rejoice at His birth, we feel love and desire for this sweet Child who is our Savior, that the love and receptivity we experience may help us to anticipate with joy, rather than fear, His return. Advent is a time to practice being prepared for that second, unexpected arrival: His birth was long foretold and expected, but not even Jesus knows the day or hour of His return. But do not be afraid: when it seems the world is falling to pieces and terror is at every side, and it seems His coming is imminent, rejoice! For those who are ready will see that it is not the end, but rather a new beginning: *“... raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”*



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND NOV. 28

4:00 pm Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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Marian Art Talk & Display

St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a collection of Marian art by the local artist Holly Schapker, with an opening on Dec. 12 at noon in the Parish Center. The event will include a talk by the artist on Marian devotion and its intersection with devotional art. Light food and refreshments will be served. The collection will be on display through February. The Parish Center is located directly beneath St. Francis Xavier Church at 611 Sycamore St. in downtown Cincinnati. Enter beneath the scaffolding through the side door.

ADVENT RETREAT! Praying Together This Advent

For Advent this year, Bellarmine and St. Xavier parishes have invited Susan Stabile, spiritual director and specialist in Ignatian spirituality from Minneapolis, to lead us in prayer. (Check out Susan's website <http://susanstabile.com>). On the four Saturdays preceding the Sundays of Advent, beginning at 9am, Susan will offer (using Zoom) a presentation on the prayer theme for the week. Participants will have a booklet including daily prayer themes and prompts for reflection, and will meet weekly with a small group in person or on Zoom. Registration will be handled through Bellarmine Chapel, who has graciously agreed to host this event over Zoom and organize groups for meeting. We look forward to meeting members of our sister parish in each of our groups, though group participation is not required. Please contact Jane Myers myers@bellarminechapel.org if you are willing to facilitate a group. Please complete this form to register for an Advent Prayer Group: <https://form.jotform.com/213075473903051>

A Synod on Synodality?

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet, this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all diocese in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, our archdiocese is targeting Jan and Feb of 2022 for these meetings. Please carefully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. That opportunity will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.



Advent Blue Books are available at the back of Church. It contains prayers and reflections for Advent.

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 are 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

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
 Jennifer Scanlon, Mary Ann, 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 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, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, 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.

Congratulations

...to **Michael and Stephanie** (Chastang) **Fischesser** who were married last weekend!

Congratulations

...to **Jackson Thomas Hackett**, son of Joseph and Katherine Hackett; and

...to **Max Michael Ritt**, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Ritt, who were baptized here in the last few weeks!

Baptism Prep Classes—December 21

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, December 21 @ 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

Ignatian Examen

Bellarmino Parish has invited parishioners at St. Xavier to join them in praying the Ignatian Examen on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to pray this "simple life changing prayer" and spend 30 minutes reflecting and reviewing the day with God. Please complete the form which is in our News Flash this weekend. Select if you would like to receive notifications of the weekly Examen prayer time/Zoom link. Login details will be sent to your email a few hours prior to the meeting.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION



St. Xavier Church offers Adoration and Confession on Tuesday evenings from **6—7 PM**. Please come and pray with us!