



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

WELCOME TO St Xavier

A Jesuit Ministry "in the heart of the marketplace"
Registered Historic site founded in 1819
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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 Dec. 13—18

MON 13	6:00	+	Erwin and Norma Erhardt
	11:30	+	Deborah Hogan
TUES 14	6:00	SI	Special Intention
	11:30	+	Leo Grosser
		+	John Pazar
WED 15	6:00	SI	Parishioners of St. Xavier
	11:30	+	Lorna Schutte & Kathy Berger
		+	Joyce Reckner
THU 16	6:00	+	Eileen Joyner
	11:30	+	Patty Lockett (Birth.)
		+	Robert Poeppelman (1st Annv.)
FRI 17	6:00	+	Deceased Members of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference
	11:30	+	Living & Dec'd Members Ginocchio Family
		+	Denis Cronin (Birth.)
SAT 18	7:00	+	Lawrence Kyte, Sr.



Music

December 12, 2021

Opening:

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn #423

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #999

Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

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

Communion: A Voice Cries Out #416

Closing: God Has Chosen Me #761



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Offering for December 5 \$ 10,050

Online giving 6,909

Total for December 5 \$ 16,959

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.

**YOUNG ADULTS—DEC 12—GAUDETE SUNDAY
PRE-CHRISTMAS X-TRAVAGANZA**

Just in time for Christmas, the St. Xavier young adult group is BACK. After a loooooong hiatus due to covid, we are SO EXCITED to see your face again.

We're coming back with a bang and a show-stopping Christmas party including ugly sweaters, mulled wine, karaoke, Jesuits...AND JESUS.

WHEN: After the 5pm Mass on Sunday, December 12

WHERE: The parish center (below the church)

WHO: YOU. And any friends you want to invite.

FOOD: Heavy appetizers and desserts. And if you don't play with gluten, dairy, etc...we've got you covered.

DRINK: A classic selection of beer, seltzers, eggnog, mulled wine...and soda and water too.

DRESS-CODE: Light it up, people. Show us your best crazy Christmas sweater, light-up vest, tree-skirt skirt, and other over-the-top Christmas wear.

CHRISTMAS THURSDAY SOCIAL

December 16—Indian Mound Café

5226 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati. Come join fellow parishioners for some food and a little socializing! Join in with Secret Santa and bring along a \$10 Christmas Gift. The fun happens around 4—6 PM!


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.


2022 Collection Envelopes and Church Calendars.

The 2022 collection envelopes and church calendars will be available in the back of church after the Masses. **Thank you to Geo. H. Rohde @ Son Funeral Home and A Taste of Class Catering for making the church calendars possible!**

Christmas Masses: Christmas sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy. All Liturgical Ministers are asked to sign-up after mass if you are available to help with any of the Christmas liturgies.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Christmas Dec 24/25:

Masses: Friday at 4pm, 5:30pm, and Midnight;

Saturday at 7, 9, 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, Saturday,

Jan 1 (not a holy day of obligation) Mass: 7 AM with

confessions at 11 AM. **Parking** in the North Parking lot is available at **no charge** for all Christmas Masses.


Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice!

40 plus years ago, a dear friend made a small Christmas wall hanging as a gift for me. It simply said "Rejoice". It became a favorite Christmas decoration. My friend passed away 20 years ago. I always think of her beautiful smile when I find her gift and hang it on my wall. And I begin to find my joy in the Advent season.

When I first looked over the readings for this Sunday, I thought about writing this column on *not being worthy to loosen the thongs on His sandals*. We say that phrase, "Lord, I am not worthy" at every Eucharistic celebration. I thought I could easily write about that.

But then another thought struck me. It is Gaudete Sunday. The joyous third Sunday of Advent when we are reminded to rejoice at the coming of Jesus into the world on Christmas morn. With the gloom of gray winter days, the confusion and sadness of our world, I needed to be reminded to rejoice more than I needed to be reminded that I am not worthy!

During Advent, we take time to reflect on our lives with all its blessings, and its challenges. Sometimes we dwell excessively on the challenges, the sacrifices, the pain. We can become mired down in our unworthiness, oblivious to our blessings. Other times, we deny the pain and focus on joy. Denial is powerful; it takes prayer and reflection and courage to overcome its hold on us.

We need Advent to get back on track. With faith in God's deep love for us, we are called to face the realities . . . the pain, the disappointments . . . within the context of the joy that God's gift of Christmas brings and will always bring. Joy is all around us, in the sounds of music, the happy faces of the children, the beautiful decorations and lights. Joy is a choice, made by opening our hearts and trusting in God's light of love.

Let's face it, none of us is worthy of the gift of the Christ Child. None of us deserves the gift of forgiveness and salvation that He came into the world to bring us. But we are still given this wondrous gift. It is the very gift of hope we all need to remember every day. Our hope gives us reason to rejoice with all of the angels and the saints in heaven. Certainly reflect and prepare this Advent season. But for today, **Rejoice!** He is coming.

Mrs. Kathy England



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND DEC. 12

4:00 pm Fr. Jacob Boddicker, 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 19

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

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>

Advent Wreath Prayer—Week 3

As we rejoice that our time of Our Lord is near, we light three candles and pray for the people who we may never meet, living in makeshift houses of adobe or thatch, spending their days in search of clean water, food, and medicine, especially those served by our Jesuit Fathers in Peru, Kenya, and India.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

On Dec 23 we will decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to buy some poinsettias for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or clip this notice and return it with payment in the collection or mail it to the parish office.



Suggested donation \$10. Thank you!

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✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Robert MacDougall, Jennifer Scanlon, Mary Ann, 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, 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 **Stephen and Sarah (Wiechert) Krehbiel** who were married last weekend!

Please pray for the souls of the following parishioners who passed away during November and December:

With Deepest Sympathy
 Janet Fortin
 Ed Holman
 Carmelita Schlueter
 Fred Giglia

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

Bellarmine 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.

The **Ministry Schedule** for January, February and March 2022 will be done on December 13. Please update your preferences for any dates you are not available to minister. You may also email Mary Beth Fennell at mfennell@stxchurch.org.



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!