



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 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**

### MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 20—25

MON 20	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+	Mary Jo Schwartz (2nd Annv.)
		+	Ruth Due
TUES 21	6:00	+	Hermann Sievers (Annv.)
	11:30	+	Timothy Meyer (Birth.)
		+	Ed Holman
WED 22	6:00	+	Joe Danemayer
	11:30	+	The Schutte Family
		+	Ed Holman
THU 23	6:00	+	Johanna, Hermann, Henry and Helen Sievers
	11:30	+	Jack Lawler (Birth.)
		+	Dec'd Members of our St. Vincent DePaul Conference
FRI 24	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
	Masses: 4 PM, 5:30 PM, & Midnight		
SAT 25	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>		
	Masses: 7 AM, 9 AM & 10:30 AM		



## Music

**December 19, 2021**

**Opening:** Immaculate Mary #886

**Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1002

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25

**Presentation:** Gabriel's Message (10:30 AM only)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
"Most highly favored lady, Gloria!"

**Communion:** Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

**Closing:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel #395  
(verses 1, 6 and 7 only)

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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offering for December 12 will be published in the December 26 Bulletin.

**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— January 9

The Young Adult Group meets every other week. The next meeting is **January 9** after the 5 PM Mass. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us in the Parish Center at 6pm.

## 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!



## MONTHLY ROSARY



We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **January 19 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](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com) She will send you the link.

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](mailto:mfennell@stxchurch.org).

## 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.

## 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!**



**Thank You** to everyone who brought in gifts and gift cards! The picture above does not give the amount collected justice. It is only HALF of the room! Over 300 items were collected. These items are much needed to help our neighbors. We are blessed to have so many generous parishioners willing to lend a helping hand.

## Anticipation

As of this writing I am having a hard time thinking about Advent and the Christmas season. Why you ask? Well have you seen the front of our church. For the past five months, after several delays getting started, we are getting closer to the finish line.

The workers and the scaffold are moving down. The box gutters have been relined with new copper pans and expansion joints added. The top section along with most of the front has been tucked and sealed. The clock faces have been cleaned and painted. A new clock mechanism along with new wiring and updated hands will be installed this week.

The weather has been somewhat cooperative, so as to stay on schedule. The contractor's plan is to be finished by the end of January. That is, cleaned up and gone. I know it has been an inconvenience to everyone and I appreciate your patience. Please, just a little while longer.

So, with this fourth Sunday of Advent, we are getting close to what really matters. To help us with this, the church gives us three interesting people for us to consider before we launch into our Christmas celebration. The readings speak of Micah, Elizabeth and Mary. As we wait, how can we make this season special? God can use anyone. We have to allow God to take possession of us as he did Mary.

Micah speaks of the small town of Bethlehem, insignificant to the world at that time. Who would think the world could be changed by such a place? Who are we? How we live our lives can have an influence on those around us. John the Baptist in Elizabeth's womb leapt with joy when recognizing Jesus in Mary's womb. Others around us can recognize the presence of Christ within us and also be filled with joy.

Elizabeth was elderly and unable to have children and yet... Whenever we feel lifeless, powerless, or barren, we can learn a lesson from Elizabeth. Never give up hope. Mary as we know says yes, thy will be done. Mary trusted in God's plan even though she could not see the future. Mary trusted, and we are very glad she did. So with patience, determination to a goal, and faith we can persevere knowing that God is with us.

*Chris Dole, Facilities Manager*

# Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND DEC. 19**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 26**

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

**Marian Art Talk & Display**

St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a collection of Marian art by the local artist Holly Schapker. 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 Wreath Prayer—Week 4**

As we get ready to greet Our Lord when he comes, we light four candles and pray for the human family, redeemed by the Son of God who became incarnate for our salvation. May we who have kept vigil these four weeks be reminded that the gift of God’s Son is a gift meant to be shared with all the world.

**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 throughout the year, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier!

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**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 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: Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford, Becker, Robert MacDougall, Jennifer Scanlon, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Peggy McWilliams, 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 Dyer, 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 Wolf-ram, 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.

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR’S MASSES**

**Christmas Dec 24/25:**

**Masses: Friday** 4pm; Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
5:30pm; Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Midnight; Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

**Saturday** 7 am; Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
9 am; Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
10:30 am; Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ



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

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, Saturday, Jan 1** (not a holy day of obligation) Mass: 7 AM with confessions at 11 AM.

**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



**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!