



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 26, 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. 27—Jan. 1

MON 27	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+	John R. Grosser
		+	Carolyn Voss (Birth.)
TUES 28	6:00	+	Johanna Sievers (Annv.)
	11:30	+	The Schutte Family
		+	Ed Holman
WED 29	6:00	SI	Jeff Scott
		SI	Jim and Erin Schwartz
	11:30	+	Bob DeMange (1st Annv.)
		+	Joyce Reckner
THU 30	6:00	+	Victoria Hayes
	11:30	+	Deborah Hogan
FRI 31	6:00	+	Dec'd Members of our St. Vincent DePaul Conference
	11:30	+	Peggy Felkins
SAT 1	7:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance



Music

December 26, 2021

Opening: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #424

Gloria based on a French Carol—refrain #439

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #1007

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28
1 John 3:1-2,21-24
Luke 2:41-52

Communion: Of the Father's Love Begotten
#427

Closing: Sing of Mary #457



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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday, December 12	\$ 9,934
Online	2,937
Sunday, December 12 Total	\$12,871

Collections for December 19 will appear in the January 2 bulletin.

Opportunities for Supporting St. Xavier Church**Did you know:**

* You can gift appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares to St. Xavier Church and deduct the fair market value while paying no tax on the excess of the value over your cost basis.

* You can gift any portion of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA to St. Xavier Church and have that amount excluded from taxable income, in effect creating a deduction that otherwise might not be available if you use the standard deduction.

* Other forms of charitable giving might lessen your income or estate taxes.

For more information please contact Mary Stutler at mstutler@stxchurch.org.

The above is intended to be general information. Before initiating any tax planning, always contact your personal financial and tax planner.

**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 She will send you the link.

Winter Retreat with Susan Stabile

Plan to join us for a winter retreat on **January 28- 29, 2022** with Susan Stabile, retreat leader in the Ignatian tradition. Susan is currently leading the Advent at-home retreat remotely for us and for St. Francis Xavier parish, and will be with us in-person in January. **On Friday evening we will gather at Bellarmine Chapel from 7 to 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, we will gather at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The theme and registration information will be announced soon. Please save the date and plan to come!

“The Word became Flesh...”

At Christmas, we celebrate the seemingly impossible, or at the very least, the implausible: our belief that what we call God (a force that contains all the power and guiding principles in the universe and beyond; an essence that is thread through every single molecule that makes up what we can perceive – from the mysterious inner-workings of our souls where identities are forged, to the millions of vast nebulae spread throughout our galaxy where billions of stars are lit into being; a Being, a force, a presence that somehow exists beyond all time and space and is mostly beyond of our power to comprehend or describe) entered into our human experience.

Taking on the most basic of human conditions, His life revealed the worth and dignity of all people, in all generations, for all time. He emptied Himself and became human. A baby carried by his mother for nine months, born in a stable and laid in a manger (a trough for feeding animals), he would become bread for the life of the world. By fulfilling a promise, He decimated pantheons of gods: imaginative exaggerations of the worst and best of human desires. Jesus revealed what a life lived in the Spirit can be: the Truth, that our God is One, and He is with us, and we are in Him.

We are not alone. In Christ, our desires and yearning become hopes for something more than we can see, for something that God alone can give us. Rather than removing struggle, He gives us the grace to see how love can bring us through struggle. Rather than denying our free will and humanity, he reveals the fullness of power possible for us to be called children of God.

You are beloved. You have dignity and worth beyond measure. Your body yearns for something that the soul is only just coming to understand. Your life matters because our Creator loves us. It is not another person that gives you dignity, it is God loving you in that other person that reveals who you are. It is not your actions that make meaning, but God's love for you that gives your actions meaning. In every moment of our lives, it is not our success we celebrate, but rather we celebrate our souls finding their greatness in a fuller expression of who we are called to be in Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND DEC. 26**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 2

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

St. Francis Xavier Church is 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.

A SINCERE THANK YOU ...

to all who donated Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. Here are honored names of those for whom we continue to pray:



Orest and Lew Melnyk, Michael Long, Richard Quehl, Jr., Edward Merkes, Lawrence and Brendan Mullaney, Edward Carney, Bob and Jean Scheid, Janet Fortin, Carmelita Schlueter, Ed Holman, Fred Giglia, Timothy Meyer, Catherine Turner, Robert Turner, Alice TenBarge, Ivan TenBarge, the Betz and Zoellner Families, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, James Powell, Joe and Camill Beiting, Norbert and Lucille Woebkenberg, Stewart A. Himes, Joseph and Helen Rehtin, Stephen Rehtin, Patricia Rishforth, Timothy Meyer, Ted Motz, Margie Reinert, Alvin Reinert, James Case, Virginia Gerhetstein, Elmer and Carmelita Schlueter, the Fischer Family, the Wais family, Charlie and Dorothy Johnson, Ed Merkes, Mike and Gloria Duncan, Philip Duncan, Danielle Duncan, the Zerbe and Grote Families, the Hinkel and Webb Families, Laura Jane and Jon Hinkel Family, Dr. Mark Bailey, the Roesel and Byrnes Families, Jo and Ralph Schwartz, James, Mark and Jason Scott, Srs. Jean and Patricia Scott, O.S.B., Robert Gotzman, Elizabeth Dietsch, Mary Lorfing, Harry Olivertt, Rita Uhlein, Barbra Pitocco, Mario Pitocco, Oksana and Z. Lew Melnyk, Jennifer Rogers, Vincent and Belle Klink, Victor and Corinne Cebula, Robert and Jean Kraljevic, Sam and Gladys Ionna, Ruth and Robert Stallmeyer, Josephine and Frank Crea, Chris and Dan McNeal, Gladys Lupihacci, Robert and Sally Steiner, Fr. Bill Steiner, OSSR, Frank Guarasci, Sheila Sullivan, Patrick Connor, and Dot Kennedy, Bernie Kennedy, Dorothy Greenwell, James Greenwell, Scott Bolt, Dave and Joy Skiff, John and Mary Rita Ernst, Theresa Koenig, Lawler and McLaughlin Families Jay Stine, Daniel and Shirley Englehart, Joan Reed and the Staff of St. Xavier Parish.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
 Angie Naylon, 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 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, 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.

The Cathedral/St Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati

SVDP Conference members will be speaking about their mission and asking for your help the weekend of January 8 and 9, 2022. They provide the resources required for volunteers to visit residents of our downtown neighborhoods who need short term emergency help such as rent, utility bills, beds, furniture, etc. This help often avoids eviction or loss of utilities. The Conference relies entirely upon local donations to do this important work. Contributions can be made by mail to SVDP Cathedral Conference, 325 W. 8th St, 45202, on-line through the donation portal of the St. Xavier web site, www.stxchurch.org or through our regular collections. Envelopes will be provided in the pews and at the back of the church. If you are interested in knowing more about how you might help with these home visits, please call our Conference President, Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495. Thank you and may God bless you for your help.

Baptism Prep Classes—January 18

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, January 18 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

**Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION**

St. Xavier Church offers Adoration and Confession on Tuesday evenings from **6—7 PM.**