



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022

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

January 16, 2022

Opening: I Come With Joy #919

St. Henry Gloria—inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #1097

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of the Angels and Saints
#375,376,377, 388

Communion: Taste and See #930

Closing: O God Beyond All Praising #598

MASS INTENTIONS January 17—22

Martin Luther King Day

MON 6:00 + Parish Book of Remembrance
17 11:30 + Bob and Jean Scheid

TUES 6:00 + Jack and Suzette Casey
18 11:30 + Julia Schmidt (Annv.)

WED 6:00 SI Lois Kuta
19 11:30 + Julianne Baechtold

THU 6:00 + Ray and Ann Fetick
20 11:30 + Deborah Hogan

FRI 6:00 + John Sansalone (Birth.)
21 11:30 + Louise Dawson (Annv.)
+ Lawrence Dale Mullaney (Birth.)

SAT 7:00 + John Klare (Birth.)
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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday, January 9	\$ 10,578
Online	3,797
Sunday, January 9 Total	\$14,375
Christmas/End of Year	\$63,981

Opportunities for Supporting St. Xavier Church

- You can donate from your IRA or 401k directly to St. Xavier at any time and potentially gain a tax benefit
- For those 72 or older, you can donate some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD.) This donation is excluded from your taxable income and provides an associated financial benefit
- Remembering St. Xavier in your will and estate planning may also reduce 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.

St. Xavier Young Adults**YOUNG ADULTS— January 23**

The Young Adult Group meets every other week. The next meeting is **January 23** 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.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **January 19** at **7 PM**. **ZOOM** Rosary is on Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays 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!

TENDER MERCIES—JANUARY 30

If you can donate a food item for this month's trip to Tender Mercies, please call the office.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION**

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

“Do Whatever He Tells You”

We live in a world where no one wants to be told what to do. It seems every suggestion gives rise to rebellion. It is as if we are all toddlers screaming, “You can't tell me what to do!” What child development professionals call the stage of individualism for a growing infant we continue to find in adult life. Societal structures have given way to rampant individualism without regard to the common good or upon whom this self-proclaimed freedom may tread. Surely there are some valid reasons not to heed the command to “do what you are told,” especially where it goes against human dignity and the rights of the individual. The various issues and topics which dot our headlines cause us to ask, “to whom do I listen?” We are in constant search of the something, or the someone we can be certain possess the truth; on the person whose words will not lead us astray.

These past few weeks we have been given an opportunity to reflect on just such a person. Our liturgical celebrations have been sown together to form a single thread. Amid all the celebrations, grand and familiar music, talk of angels on high and kings from the East, the heavens opening, and the thunderous voice of God the Father, we come today to a wedding feast. Since Christmas we have rejoiced that a tiny baby was born of a lowly girl. The infant, heralded by the angels was the Son of the Most High. Shepherds came at the angels bidding to give him homage. Magi brought him gifts and returned home telling of the fulfillment of their prophecies. The child was presented in the Temple and the prophetess Anna foretold of his greatness. John the Baptizer tells us that Jesus is the Anointed One of God. Our heavenly Father speaks that Jesus is his beloved Son in whom he is well please. All these manifestations set the stage for the story today at the wedding feast of Cana where Jesus performs his first miraculous sign: turning water into wine.

Why all this fuss, all this prelude? The Scripture authors and the Church Fathers who ordered the readings for our liturgies want to cast away any doubt as to who this Jesus is. Now, at this wedding feast we hear the words that focus our attention to the mystery of Christ in a way no other can. We hear Mary, our beloved Blessed Mother tell us in her last recorded words, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Isn't it a shame that even her words are not heeded? Worse yet is when the very person whom we seek, the one who has the only living words, the words that can guide our hearts, minds, and actions, is ignored. Mary's command is not a request, her last words, her “mic drop” if you will, are the words in which every Christian is called into being. If you are still making resolutions for the New Year, listen to Mary—listen to Jesus and “do whatever he tells you.”

Deacon Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JAN. 16**

4:00 pm Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
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A Conversation about Marian Art:

Join artist Holly Schapker, art historian Dr. Ceil Dorgier, and Pastor Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ on **January 23rd** for a visual discussion exploring historical sacred art and contemporary works honoring Mary. The event will be from 11:30-1pm and the presentation will be approximately 11:45-12:45pm. 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. ****Please wear your masks as we are sensitive to this momentary high rise of the pandemic.***

The art collection will be on display through February.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, February 15, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book, *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld. A modern-day version of the Bennett family, the novel both honors and updates Jane Austen's beloved family tale. Please join us!

THURSDAY SOCIAL

January 20—RUSTY BUCKET, 2692 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, The fun happens around 4—6 PM! Join us!

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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The Pope Wants To Hear From You!

The Holy Father has called for a Synod on Synodality in Rome in 2023 to discuss ways the Church can better achieve its mission through the collaborative input of the global community. There will be a townhall meeting to gather your ideas on Saturday, January 29th from 9-11 AM at St Francis Xavier Parish in downtown Cincinnati. You can sign up to participate using the Archdiocesan website at www.catholicaoc.org.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Kevin England, Mary Preston, Colleen Rodenberg, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylor, 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 Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, 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 **Hudson Matthew Garrett**, son of Corey and Allison Garrett who were baptized last weekend.

...to **Zach and Michelle (Rowekamp) Stark** who were married last weekend.

2022 Collection Envelopes and Church

Calendars. The 2022 collection envelopes and church calendars are available in the parish offices.

Thank you to Geo. H. Rohde @ Son Funeral Home and A Taste of Class Catering for making the church calendars possible!

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

SVDP provides 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. If you are interested in knowing more about how you might help, please call our Conference President, Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495. Thank you and may God bless you for your help.

Our former associate pastor, Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ, sent a thank you message to our parish for the continued support of his mission work in India. Please read the enclosed insert which talks about all of the works that your donations are supporting.