



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 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 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

MASS INTENTIONS May 9—14

MON 9	6:00 + William Grieszmer 11:30 + Ann Fetick (Annv.)
TUES 10	6:00 + Johanna Sievers (Birth.) 11:30 + Mary Jo Whitaker
WED 11	6:00 + George Lahner (2nd Annv.) 11:30 + Bob Eviston
Thur 12	6:00 + Parish Book of Remembrance 11:30 + Mike Martin
FRI 13	6:00 + Edna Schmutte 11:30 + Charles S. Ginocchio + Cyril McCarthy
SAT 14	7:00 + Henry Sievers (Birth.)



Music

Opening: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing # 536

Responsorial Psalm 100:

We Are His People # 1072

Presentation: (all sing)

On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

Refrain: *On this day, O beautiful Mother, on this day we give thee our love. Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover, trusting thy gentle care to prove.*

1. On this day we ask to share, dearest Mother, thy sweet care.

Aid us 'ere our feet astray, wander from thy guiding way. (Refrain)

2. Queen of angels, deign to hear thy dear children's humble prayer.

Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure, sweetly to thyself allure. (Refrain)

Communion: With a Shepherd's Care # 725

Closing: Sing of the Lord's Goodness # 610

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DONATE





Sunday Offering for May 1	\$ 5,745
Online Contributions	5,744
Total For May 1	\$11,489

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 at least 70 and ½, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. You can also use the QCD to comply with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
 - For those 72 or older, you can donate some or all of your (RMD) from your IRA. 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
- Please consult with your tax advisor before making any contributions. For more information, please contact Mary Stutler mstutler@stxchurch.org*

YOUNG ADULTS— May 15

St. Xavier Young Adults



Identity: Who Does God Say That I AM

Join us in the parish center after the 5pm Mass for a discussion on how to let God speak to us about who we really are. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, please join us.



SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH PICNIC

Last year we had a Parish Picnic, and it was such a success that we are going to do it again this year! Save JUNE 5 as the date for the St. Xavier Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods Park. The address is 11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, OH 45241. We have reserved the Council Bluff Shelter from 10 AM to 8 PM. More information will be added to the bulletin as it gets closer to June. Hope you and your family can join us.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at **Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY** on **May 18 at 7 PM**. ZOOM Rosary is every evening at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.



Rev. John Kroeger is celebrating his Golden Jubilee here at St. Xavier Church on May 22 at 12:30 PM. You are welcome to join in the celebrations.

Belonging to the Lord

This fourth Sunday of Easter is typically known a Good Shepherd Sunday. The readings contain words and images of a flock following its shepherd. Even the images in the Book of Revelation employ the vision of the Lamb. The agrarian culture of the Middle East would have no problem understanding the metaphor of sheep and shepherd. The religious leaders of the time might have been in a tizzy about how the sacrificial lamb was now destined to lead the people. This notion continued Jesus' message that a new creation, a new way of thinking, a new kingdom was ushered in with his passion and resurrection.

But on this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus gives us more assurances. The Gospel of John is so full of hope that it is the beloved Gospel of many a Christian. To understand Jesus' assurances, we must first resign ourselves to being sheep, i.e., to be open to being led. Armed with the gifts of the Spirit, we sheep have the knowledge and wisdom to know the difference between truth and falsehood. Jesus, we know, with firm conviction of heart, is Truth. A few weeks ago, in the Passion reading we heard Pilate ask Jesus, "What is truth?" He should have asked, "Who is Truth?" Jesus may have responded to that. So as sheep who follow the Truth, we are not led blindly, but with purpose. Our Shepherd leads us to eternal life. He is the Lamb that was led to slaughter, not us. He gives us the assurance that no one can take us out of his hand. "My Father, who has given them to me is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Once we are in the hand of Jesus, no one can take us away. Evil will not prevail against one who has chosen to follow Jesus. Now that doesn't mean that the faithful sheep will not be tempted or will not stray. Sheep tend to do that. Jesus knows that, yet he lovingly calls us sheep. He knows he will need to constantly call us, corral us, and go searching for us when we wander off. Still, his assurance is that we will never be taken away from him. How wonderful, how comforting to know that we belong to the Lord, the Good Shepherd. We are his sheep, and no one can take us away from Him.

Deacon Tim Crooker

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND—MAY 8

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/Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—MAY 15

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ/Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION



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

Encountering Mystery: Contemporary Art Inspired by Ignatian Spirituality

St. Xavier Church is featuring an immersive exhibition of sacred art in the parish gallery. Using vibrant colors and rich textures, renowned local artist Holly Schapker offers a wide variety of paintings and unexpected installations inspired by her journey through St. Ignatius Loyola's Spiritual Exercises.

The Jesuits are celebrating their Cannon Ball Year, 500 years since St. Ignatius' conversion. March 12th marked a significant milestone because on that date in 1622, St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier were both canonized. The show will be open through July 31, St. Ignatius Loyola's feast day. The sacred art gallery is in the Parish Center, 611 Sycamore St. in downtown Cincinnati. The art collection will be on display Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM - noon. Closed on Saturday. For more information call (513) 721-4045. Hope to see you at this beautiful, spiritual, and inspirational exhibition.

APRIL Mass Attendance (average)

Sat. 4 PM	161	Sun. 10:30 AM	341
Sun. 7 AM	135	Sun. 5 PM	181
Sun 9 AM	236		



Ignatian Spirituality Going Deeper

Follow the path away for a few days. At nearby Milford. Spend a week in silence and meet with a spiritual director each day, as you rest and pray and walk, enjoying the river and trails, the trees. Come to understand your own story more deeply, to connect it to the Big Story we're all living. It's beyond "being better," it's being truly yourself now, deeply alive, connected to the Way of Christ, loving more.

June 3 - 10, July 8 - 15, August 5 - 12.
Call our office at 513-248-3500 ext. 10 for reservation or more information or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Emily Gear, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Maureen O'Sullivan, Doug Lange, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Katie Clabough, Peggy McWilliams, Mary Hudson, Kailey Gahan, Colleen Rodenberg, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylon, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Shawn Ives, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Debbie Palmisano, Shirley Himmelmann, Chet Stewart, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Don Maushart, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Ray Teeppen, Don Dryer, Dan Louder, Philip Gigliotti, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Alisha Meridieth, 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, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

Please pray for **Kevin England, Cynthia Fazio** and **Anthony Santoro** who were buried from St. Xavier. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon*



Congratulations

...to **James and Kelsey** (Forbeck) **Farris**; and ...to **Andrew and Renee** (Sovern) **Hamer** who were married here at St. Xavier Church.

First Communion— Sunday, May 8

Congratulations to **Maura Cramerding, Lucy Hummel, Emmett Willer and Julia Willer** who will receive their First Communion today at 10:30 AM.



Confirmation—Sunday, May 15

We welcome Archbishop Dennis Schnurr who will facilitate the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for **John Buecker, Kyle Vennefron, Vincent Listerman, James Michael Tincher, Sarah Steiden, James P. Shaffer, Lyla Shaffer, Isabella Neufarth, and Samantha Hummel** who will be Confirmed next weekend, May 15 at



St. Xavier Book Club We will meet on **Tuesday, May 10, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Sacred Time* by Christine Valters Paintner. The author introduces eight cycles of sacred time that help us move beyond the pressures of each day and into an intentional life. Please come join us!

