



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 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 30—June 4

			Memorial Day
MON 30	6:00 + 11:30 SI	Parish Book of Remembrance Mike Martin	
TUES 31	6:00 + 11:30 + +	Anna Jean Burg Ed Bunch (1st Annv.) Deborah Hogan (Birth.)	
WED 1	6:00 + 11:30 +	Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday Chad Fleck (Birth.)	
Thur 2	6:00 + 11:30 +	Virginia Havilis Lorraine Knapke (1st Annv.)	
FRI 3	6:00 + SI 11:30 +	Tom Huelsman Scott Miles Julianne Baechtold	
SAT 4	7:00 +	Virginia Mae Hennard (1st Annv.)	



Music

Opening: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! # 545

Responsorial Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne # 1079

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

Communion: I Will Be With You - Moore

Refrain: 'I will be with you!' That is my promise.
'I will be with you for evermore.' Trust in my love.
Bring me all your cares, for I will be with you for evermore.

1. You are my people, and I am your God. I made you a promise,
to be with you always, because I really love you. I really love you,
and I will be with you for evermore. *Refrain*

2. You have received me, now go and spread my word.
You are within me and I am in you, because I really love you.

I really love you, and I will be with you for evermore. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951, 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing: Go to the World! # 546

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DONATE





Sunday Offering for May 22	\$ 7,914
Online Contributions	2,848
Total For May 22	\$10,762

Another way to contribute to St. Xavier Church:

Do you have life insurance that, due to changing circumstances, is no longer needed? If so, please consider designating St. Xavier Church as one of your beneficiaries. This costs you no immediate cash outlay but will benefit the church when the policy matures. As an alternative, consider gifting the policy to St. Xavier, which will relieve you of the annual premium and will benefit St. Xavier upon maturity or surrender of the policy. Either way St. Xavier benefits while it costs you no immediate cash.

TITHING

10% of our Sunday and Holyday contributions have been shared amongst these charities: Catholic Charities of SW Ohio, Catholic Charities of Covington, KY, Tender Mercies, Virgin of Nazareth Parish (Peru), Loyola School/Kohima Jesuit Parish (Fr. Veigas), and St. Charles Lwanga Parish (Fr. Sossy).

100% of our Ash Wednesday collection of \$3,788 was sent to the Jesuits in Poland and Ukraine/Eastern Churches.

Synod on Synodality

The Archdiocese has published a summary of the Synod meetings. For more information, please visit: <https://catholicaoc.org/synod>

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30

Masses: 6 AM and 11:30 AM

Parish offices will be closed on Memorial Day.

YOUNG ADULTS— May 29**Taste of Cincinnati**

St. Xavier Young Adults Meet us in the church parking lot after the 5pm Mass and we'll walk to Taste of Cincinnati to enjoy the best local food in town. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, please join us.

**NEXT WEEKEND IS THE 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! **JUNE 5 AT Sharon Woods Park.** The address is 11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, OH 45241. We have reserved the Council Bluff Shelter from noon to 6 PM. Pack a cooler with food and drink! Hope you and your family can join us.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at **Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY on June 15 at 7 PM.** ZOOM Rosary is every evening at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

**The Challenge of the Ascension**

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The designated day for this event used to be on a Thursday, but, in our diocese, the Ascension has been moved to this Sunday to provide for a greater awareness of its implications.

What can we extract from this important event in our faith? Our scripture readings reveal to us: Faith amid uncertainty; assurance of God's promises; grace under pressure; perseverance amid persecution. We need all of these things now more than ever!

Indeed, Jesus has been aggressively preparing us for this day as He has stressed BELIEF in the recent gospels. "I am telling you this now so that when it happens you will believe!" says He. And what is happening? Jesus' *ascent* in order to facilitate the *descent* of the Helper – the Advocate – the Holy Spirit – the Holy Spirit that knows no boundaries of space and time.

Yet this facilitation involves a serious and delicate launch and landing. I often think of space, astronomy, rockets, and shuttles when I think of the Ascension – because Jesus blasts off in a dramatic way in front of the disciples just like the dramatic launches that characterize our space program. I love the names of those marvelous space vehicles: Enterprise, Columbia, Apollo, Discovery, Atlantis, Endeavour, even Bumper(!) and now we add "Jesus."

Every space launch involves human beings with hopes, dreams, and lots of preparation – the scientists, the astronauts, the public at large who, upon lift off, inhale nervously – just like perhaps the disciples did at the Ascension. Poignantly, I also think of another name of a space initiative: Challenger. Challenger was the space shuttle that tragically exploded in 1986 shortly after lift-off at 48,000 feet with 7 people including a teacher on board. Teacher, Christa McAuliffe, intended to teach her students from space – and in the disaster she did end up teaching us about commitment, integrity, principles, and ultimately faith. On live national television I remember seeing her parents staring into the sky in bewilderment as mysterious clouds of smoke enveloped the shuttle for they were not sure of what was happening. The quote in today's gospel comes to mind: "Suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'"

Indeed, Jesus will return at Pentecost and will inspire us men and women whose feet remain on the ground to appreciate the workings of the Holy Spirit. Like the apostles, can we be receptive to Jesus' Ascension as a catalyst for a growth in faith? And may the propulsion of the Ascension help our belief that good will come from lift-offs, partings, farewells, even deaths. And so we wait in great expectation and assurance for the promises of Christ that will shortly be revealed.

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!

JOB OPENING

Associate Director of Social Mission (Bellarmine Chapel & St. Xavier Church)

The Associate Director of Social Mission is responsible for the day-to-day management of a Jesuit Family of Parishes (Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church) social mission and outreach initiatives. Associate Director supports both Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church. Go to our website for more information.
www.stxchurch.org



Please plan to take part in our first Parish Family Mass, **July 31st at 9:30 AM**, outdoors at Xavier Yard, in front of Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier University.

THURSDAY SOCIAL - June 16

Riverside Marina, 145 Mary Ingles Highway, Dayton, KY. Come and join fellow parishioners for some food and light conversation. All are welcome!!



Weekend Retreat with Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

Join Fr. Michael Graham, former president of Xavier University, July 8 - 10, 2022 for a Men/Women's silent Ignatian retreat modeled on the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. Fr. Graham will offer a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. This retreat will include Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Spiritual Direction and time for private reflection. Embrace the silence and come to know the abundance of God's love and mercy. The fee is \$275 and includes a private room and meals during your stay at the Jesuit Spiritual Center. For more information or to register, please call 513.248.3500 ext. 10 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, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Katie Clabough, Peggy McWilliams, Mary Hudson, Kailey Gahan, Colleen Rodenberg, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylor, 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, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Don Mau-shart, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Don Dryer, Dan Louder, Philip Gliotti, 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.

Congratulations to Owen James Kaminski, son of Andrew and Jullian; **Ryan William McVey**, son of Eric and Maura; **Stella Marie McCarty**, daughter of Tyler and Joann; **Audrey Carolyn and Annie Marcella Marth**; children of John and Ashley; and **Preston Philip Cross**, son of Conrad and Ashley who were baptized here at St. Xavier.

Congratulations to Jacob and Aleza (Fleming) Clark and who were married here at St. Xavier!

With Deepest Sympathy Please pray for **George Corridan** who was buried from St. Xavier this past week.
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, June 21, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *The Taking of Jemima Boone* by Matthew Pearl. During the summer of 1776, this is the little-known true story of the kidnapping of legendary pioneer Daniel Boone's daughter and the dramatic aftermath that rippled across the nation. Please join us!



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INTERNSHIP - JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER AT MILFORD

Are you seeing a new chapter unfold in your life with God? Beginning in August 2022, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford will once again offer training in becoming a Spiritual Director. This two-year program will help you develop the skill of listening contemplatively to God's movement in a person's life as you accompany that person on his or her unique walk with God. Our staff of presenters has a long history of practicing this ministry in Cincinnati and elsewhere. They include Richard Bollman, S. J.; Fran Repka, RSM; Bob Thesing, S.J.; Donna Steffen, S.C.; Todd Long; and Anne Flanagan, S.N.D. de N. Paul Macke, S.J., the Jesuit Mission Coordinator at JSC, will direct the program. He has many years of experience in retreat ministry and holds an MA in counseling psychology and a D.Min. in pastoral psychotherapy. To learn more about this Internship Program, qualifications, tuition, and to find the online application, go to: <https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/sdi/>
The deadline for applying is June 15, 2022.