

SAINT XAVIER CHURCHJESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 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

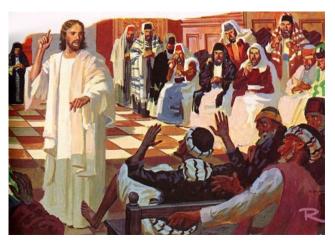
Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 5:00 pm **Mon - Fri** 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

Confessions

Mon-Fri 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

MASS INTENTIONS August 8—13

MON 8		Parish Book of Remembrance Richard and Carleen Niehaus Andrew Roeben Evans
TUES 9	6:00 + 11:30 + +	Bob McGee John Boylan (Birth.) Edward Carney (1st Annv. Remb.)
WED 10	6:00 SI 11:30 + +	Cathy Streicher (Birth.) Gary, Brad and Todd Wuebker (1st Annv.) Marisa Carter
Thur 11		Doris Ficker Deborah Hogan Edward Francis Castleberry
FRI 12		Claire Klotz Donald Earl Haas Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
SAT 13	7:00 +	Carl Voss (Annv.)



Music

Opening: Sing a New Song #607

St. Henry Gloria—inside back cover of hymnal

Scripture Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Responsorial Psalm 33: Bless the People #1148

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Joy and Peace #208

Eucharistic Acclamation: Mass of Joy and Peace #211, 212, 215, 216

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #728

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Closing: We Walk the Faith #680

Synod on Synodality

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

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Sunday Offering for July 31	\$ 5,549
Online Contributions	2,944
Total For July 31	\$ 8.493

Is a Beneficiary Designation Gift Right For You? Would you like to make an extraordinary gift to St. X but would also like to retain your assets for now? Consider naming St X as a beneficiary in your will or trust or one of your retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or IRA. Such a designation is revocable and can be changed at any time. Simply have your attorney amend your will or trust or ask your plan administrator for the form necessary for you to change your retirement account beneficiary designation. THANK YOU.

TITHING

10% of our Sunday and Holy Day 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).

Marketing & Communications Director.

The Parish Family of St. Francis Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier University is looking for a passionate, Catholic communications professional to serve as the new Marketing & Communications Director. This position will work closely with the pastors, office managers, parish staff, and volunteers to create digital and print communications that keep our parish community connected and thriving. Please see our website for the job description. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to jobs.bell.x@stxchurch.org.

Help Wanted: Teachers of the Catholic faith!



We are currently recruiting people who can help in our Religious Education program to educate children in subjects that include First Holy Communion, Bible study, Reconciliation, and Confirma-

tion. The annual classes are expected to begin in the middle of September 2022 and regularly meet on Sundays in the morning in the Parish Center. Would you like to join the team and share your knowledge

of faith with children? All potential teachers would need to complete the Safe Parish training modules that the parish will facilitate. For more information email Fr. James Acker-



man, SJ, jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you!

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at **Divine Mercy in Bellevue**, **KY** on **August 17 at 7 PM. ZOOM** Rosary is every evening at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.



COVID, Connection, and Communion

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come" (Luke 12:39). Life is full of unexpected twists and turns, full of surprises. While we are to be prepared, we can also be assured that God will take care of us. As Jesus says, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

I am writing this reflection in isolation, having coming down with COVID-19. It started with a little tickle in my throat, and then I developed the other symptoms of the virus. So, I was not surprised when I tested positive. The most disappointing thing for me was having to put aside all of the plans that I had made for the rest of the week. I had been looking forward to presiding at Masses, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and joining in our community celebrations for the Feast of St. Ignatius. COVID did indeed come like a thief in the night, taking away the plans that I had so carefully prepared.

While it was difficult to put aside my plans and my own agenda, I have also found comfort in the words of Our Lord: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). I have experienced God's loving care in the midst of isolation. One of my aunts wrote that to be apart physically at this time is an act of love. Thanks to the wonders of modern communication, I have been speaking to friends, family, and brother Jesuits in Jamaica, the United Kingdom, Vietnam, and throughout the United States. While I have been physically alone, I have felt a connection with others.

Connection with others is perhaps one way in which we experience God's kingdom. Through connection, we find ourselves in communion with one another. We humbly realize our interdependence, and are filled with hope. As the author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). God's kingdom is made manifest in the simplest of gestures done in great love: a phone call, an encouraging text message, cooking a meal, or a smile. Our experience of the pandemic reminds us that in the midst of great distress and uncertainty, the kingdom of God shines through in acts of human goodness. As Pope Francis writes in *Fratelli Tutti*, "For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line" (Fratelli Tutti, 54). Ordinary people doing extraordinary things; this too is part of God's kingdom. Pope Francis describes hope as being bold, looking beyond our own personal convenience (Fratelli Tutti, 55). These loving acts of hope are offerings to God. As we read in the Book of Wisdom, "For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution" (Wisdom 18:9).

God's kingdom might very well come like a thief in the night. It is good to be prepared. With open eyes and an open heart, we can also see the many ways in which God's kingdom is coming to us in the present moment, unexpected and full of hope. Many of our readings this summer have focused on hospitality and loving care for one another. As my time in Cincinnati draws to a close, I would like to express my great gratitude for the warm hospitality of the St. Xavier Church community. Thank you so much for your warm welcome. In Jamaica, they do not say goodbye but "walk good."

Rev. Aaron A. Bohr, SJ



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND—AUGUST 7

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—AUGUST 14

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

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!



PARISH FAMILY MASS JULY 31, AT 9:30 AM

Thanks to all who came to be a part of our First Parish Family Mass with Bellarmine. We estimated 550 attended. It might have rained outside but the sun and spirit was shining inside! Thanks also to all the volunteers that made the event possible! Go to Bellarmine's homepage to watch the Mass.

July Mass Attendance (average)

Sat. 4 PM

Sun. 7 AM 101 Sun. 10:30 AM 207

Sun 9 AM 130 Sun. 5 PM 158

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 sacred art gallery is in the Parish Center, 611Sycamore St. in downtown Cincinnati. The art collection will be on display Monday & Friday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM For more information call (513) 721-4045.

TENDER MERCIES - AUGUST 28

If you can donate a food item for August 28 please call the office. The items need to be at the tables at the side glass entrance no later than 11 AM on Sunday, August 28. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!



₩ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Paul Ioseph Lammermeier, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Cathy Eaglin, Andy Bailey, Mary Consuella, Emily Gear, Ryan Alleman, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Maureen O'Sullivan, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, 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, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, 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, 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, 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, Adelie 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, 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

Craig and Abbigail (Pille) Hellkamp who were married here last week.



ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on Tuesday, August 2, at 3 pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book The Great Fire by Jim Murphy. In 1871, the flourishing city of Chicago was transformed into a smoldering wasteland. This is a true story of how the human spirit triumphs amidst deep despair. Please join us!

In the back of church there are some copies of "Jesuits" USA Midwest Province Summer 2022

Baptism Prep Classes—August 16

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, August 16 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

Old St. Mary's Church Pregnancy Center

We will continue taking up a collection of baby supplies for the Pregnancy Center. Below is a list of what is needed. We will have a table up at the side entrance. Any help would be greatly appreciat-

- size 5 and 6 diapers
- pull ups boys and girls
- umbrella strollers
- bottles, shampoo, baby wipes, wash clothes, q-tips, lotion, Vaseline, pacifiers, sippy cups, onesies (0-3 months, 3-6 months), summer sleepers, bibs & formula
- donate through Amazon Wishlist at https://a.co/i1OfHHs
- cash donations (mark envelope Pregnancy Center and placed in collection basket) Checks should be made out to "Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center." (123 E 13th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202)

