



Sunday Collection for September 4	\$ 7,063
Online Contributions	3,799
Total For September 4	\$10,862
Sunday Collection for September 11	\$ 4,656
Online Contributions	4,254
Total for September 11	\$ 8,910

**DONATE HERE****Adult Education Opportunities:****Women's Spirituality Group**

We are launching a prayer/ discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 4th** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of scripture and a popular book. The first series of meetings will feature a reading of the book, The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant and related scripture. Meetings will be moderated by lay women leaders at St. Xavier and Fr. Jim Ackerman. For more information you can email jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

Men's Spirituality Group

We are re-launching a prayer/ discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our first meeting will be on Friday, **October 7th** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of the Sunday scriptures throughout the liturgical year. Meetings will be moderated by lay men leaders at St. Xavier and Fr. Jim Ackerman. For more information you can email jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

Baptism Prep Classes—September 20

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, September 20 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at **Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY** on **September 21 at 7 PM**. ZOOM Rosary is every evening at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com

**Embracing God's Creation**

Immersion

Ecological Initiative at St. Xavier High School
Meg Shaughnessy and the Environmental Action Club
Saturday, September 24 at 1 PM at St. Xavier High School,
600 W. North Bend Road. Contact Tim Severyn at
severyn@bellarminechapel.org for more information.

***The Call of the Prophets,
ever ancient ever new.***

Amos is the earliest of the prophets whose writings were passed to us in a single book. His appearance in Israel did not bear any of the marks of an acceptable social critic: he did not belong to the noble class and was not of a prophetic house. In true prophetic form, this revealed a way that God would call many of the prophets after Amos. Rather than bearing the mark of social status, they would be identified by their willingness to listen and respond to the call of God.

Occurring over a century after the Kingdom of David had split in two (Israel in the North and Judah in the south), Amos's writings initially are aimed at Israel, though eventually encompass Judah as well. Many of the criticisms Amos leveled at Israel would be echoed in the voices of the prophets who came after him. Truly, Amos's words still resonate today.

In particular, Amos comments on the Sabbath and how those who sought to build their own wealth looked to the Lord's day as a burden. In our current era, Sundays have taken on a character that it might do us good to reflect upon. As one preacher wrote (to paraphrase a friend of mine, who is a Lutheran minister): the Sabbath is not a reward for hard work, it is a reminder that our work will in many ways never be finished. The Sabbath reminds us that we are not God, and that taking rest from worldly things, calls us to the deeper rest we need found only in Christ. Ultimately, the Sabbath is a day that moves us from being productive to being present; it takes us from things of the world, bringing us to contemplate our presence in God, and God's presence with us.

It is somehow strange that the word of God that came through Amos almost 2,800 years ago still describes something of our own shortcomings. This, ultimately, is what makes people prophetic: not that their words were once correct, but that their words still ring true *because they are of God*. Amos's words speak to all people of all times because they call us to greater attentiveness of God's covenant. As it is written elsewhere, "those who have ears ought to hear."

Who we are as a people, is defined by the space we make in our lives to listen for God. What time do we spend listening for God in our days and weeks? Are we fooling ourselves in thinking that giving an hour every week to worship with the community is sufficient? Do we look forward to the Sabbath to satisfy our goals or God's? In Amos's prophetic words, may we receive God's invitation to grow in our attentiveness to Christ by making a new commitment to the Sabbath in our lives.

Fr. Paul A. Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND-SEPTEMBER 18**

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. James McCann, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—SEPTEMBER 25

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Nathan Wendt, 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!*

**Religious Education Classes for Children –****Register Now.**

Classes are forming now for religious education for children for this school year. We are offering:



First Communion classes: Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM - start on 9/18/22

Middle School Group: Sundays from 10 AM to 11 AM - start on 10/2/22

Confirmation classes: Sundays from 10 AM to 11 AM - start on 9/18/22

There will be a parent/ teacher meeting on **Sept. 11, 2022** at 10 AM in the parish center offices to discuss concerns and provide assistance in registration. For more information you can email Fr. Jim Ackerman at

jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

RCIA—Interested in Becoming Catholic?

A new RCIA class will be forming in the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic we would love to have you as part of our class! The program will begin in mid-September and continue through May 2023 culminating with the Easter Vigil.

Please spread the word among your family and friends

that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings a person can experience. For more information email Fr. Jacob Boddicker at jboddicker@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

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 Confirmation. The annual classes begin in the middle of September 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 Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you!



Parking Free parking in the lot north of church (SW 7th and Sycamore) is available for **Saturday 4pm and Sunday Masses ONLY**. This **DOES NOT** include the parking lot on Sixth Street nor does it include the parking spaces beyond the alley. You will be ticketed if you are not parked in the designated lot.

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Andrea Kittel, Paul Joseph Lammermeier, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Cathy Eaglin, Andy Bailey, Mary Consuella, Emily Gear, Ryan Alleman, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, 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 Lawwig, 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, 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, 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

- **Ella Paige Roller**, daughter of Todd and Lauren;
- **Callen Joseph Voss**, son of Vincent and Monica;
- **Violet Elizabeth Tassone**, daughter of Christopher and Lindsey;
- **Knox Charles Meyers**, son of Aaron and Angela who were baptized here at St. Xavier.

**Congratulations to**

- **Ryan and Elizabeth (Romes) Gahafer** who were married here at St. Xavier last weekend.



Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: Please fill out the October thru December. Deadline is **September 19**. Go to <http://scheduling.stxchurch.org>

Recruiting Altar Servers

We are recruiting **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** to assist our priests at the masses, funerals, and weddings. Perhaps the spirit is nudging you to embrace this opportunity? We are looking for boys and girls; men and women, who would like to learn to literally serve the Lord through active ministry at Masses and special events. We will train you! No experience necessary except a faithful heart! For more information email Fr. James Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you! (Funerals are usually at 10 AM weekdays.)

**ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, October 25, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Our Lady of Kibeho* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. The bloody 1994 genocide that swept across Rwanda left more than a million people dead. Thirteen years before the holocaust, the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ appeared to eight young people in the remote village of Kibeho, Africa, warning that the ethnic hatred must quickly be quelled by love. Please join us!

