



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 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 Majorem 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

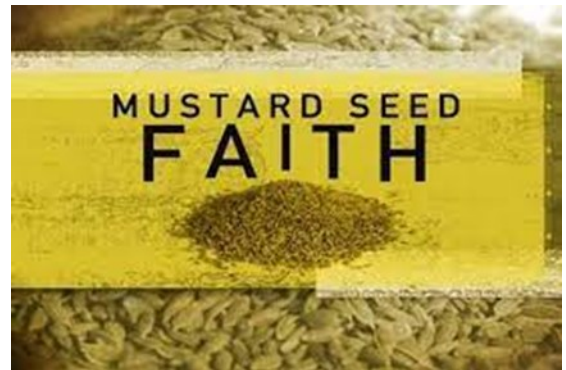
Confessions

Mon-Fri 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

MASS INTENTIONS October 3—8

MON 3	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	SI	Christopher Niehaus Family Roy Clear
TUES 4	6:00	+	John Durfey
	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Arthur DeLeeuw
WED 5	6:00	+	Sue Ayers
		+	Otto Putnick
	11:30	+	Tony and Ellen Viox (Birth.)
		+	Ed Bunch Kevin England
Thur 6	6:00		Mass cancelled (Staff Retreat Day)
	11:30		Mass cancelled
FRI 7	6:00	+	Harold and Mar Weber
		+	Mary Jo Whitaker
	11:30	+	Russell Sanders (Birth.)
		+	Carol and Carolyn Voss (Annv.) Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
SAT 8	7:00	+	Linda Klare (Annv.)
		+	Charles Ackerman (Annv.)
		+	Ray Fetick (Birth.)



Music

Opening: Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place #846

Mass Parts: Mass of Joy and Peace beginning at #207

Scripture Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice #1172

Communion: We Remember #681

Closing: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises #626

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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DONATE





Sunday Collection for September 25	\$8,418
Online Contributions	3,261
Total For September 25	\$11,679

**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 and/or to express your interest in attending, 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.

YOUNG FAMILY AREA

We are taking a look at what it means to pass on the Catholic faith. In doing so it's been brought to our attention that an optional young family area downstairs in the **Parish Center** could be of great use. While children are always welcome in mass, we have had parents mention a dedicated space would not only benefit their children, but would also allow them to better focus on the homily. This space will have the **Mass live streamed** for parents and children and will also include age-appropriate books and toys hand-picked by our team. In order to best support the young families within our community individuals just like you are purchasing items off of a set list to change the experience of St. X young families. Head to https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/DLC6IL51DTTW/ref=smi_ext_ink_lcl_cl to plant the seed of faith that can last a lifetime. You can also make a financial contribution to St. Xavier Church and in the memo section "Young Family Area." More information about this Young Family Program to come.

"Cutting the Mustard"

There is an old-fashioned phrase from the turn of the century (no, the one *before* this last one) where one could say of something excellent that "it really cuts the mustard." No one is quite sure where it comes from exactly, but it works for our Gospel today: the famous Gospel regarding faith and mustard seeds.

The apostles, perhaps beginning to realize exactly what the Lord was going to expect of them someday, asked, "*Increase our faith?*" to which Jesus replies, essentially, "*Even if you had just a little faith—the size of a mustard seed—you could do amazing things.*" Look at what the apostles were able to go off and do with their faith: even St. Thomas, who famously doubted in the Lord's resurrection, perhaps went further than all the others in bringing the faith to India. The apostles were able to do what they thought only Jesus could do: heal the sick, drive out demons, and even raise the dead. They had tremendous faith, but even they started out with but a tiny seed.

When we reflect on the lives of the saints, those men and women whose faith has inspired Christians down through the centuries, we might find ourselves intimidated, comparing our mustard seeds to their much greater faith. But remember Jesus promises that a little faith can go along way *if we would just do something with it!* In other words even just a little faith can "cut the mustard," can be enough—more than enough even—to serve Christ exceedingly well. But too often we allow ourselves to cower, to be discouraged, and we do nothing. Consider, then, how that seed of faith came to be planted in you in the first place, how it was the faith of your parents, perhaps, that led to your being baptized and raised in the Church, and their parents, and so on back to your first ancestors who gave up their pagan religion to embrace Christ. How many martyrs, how many sacrifices and tremendous acts of faith plowed the field in which, one day, your own faith might be planted? If nothing else, consider that the seed of your faith, ultimately, came from the fruit of the Tree of Life that is the Cross of Jesus: your faith is a gift of love.

Rev. Jacob J. Boddicker, SJ

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam**September Mass Attendance (average)**

Sat. 4 PM	111	Sun. 10:30 AM	205
Sun. 7 AM	195	Sun. 5 PM	133
Sun 9 AM	107		

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 2**

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND OCTOBER 9

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 Ackerman, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, 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! (No Adoration on October 5)*

Please be sure to welcome **Cary Powell**, who will begin her new position at St. X Church on Oct. 3rd. Cary will take on the role of Assistant Director of Social Ministry and Outreach in the Jesuit Parish Family. Her job will be to encourage the outreach and ministry already present both here at St. Xavier Church and at Bellarmine Chapel, while finding new ways for our distinct parishes to unite in our efforts to serve God and neighbor. Cary has been a parishioner and long-time friend of the Jesuit family in Cincinnati. We are looking forward always to finding new ways of engaging the downtown community through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Welcome Cary!

WELCOME**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. 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.

**Baptism Prep Classes—October 18**

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, October 18 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

MONTHLY ROSARY The Rosary for October 19 will be with ZOOM. We will NOT be at Divine Mercy on October 19. Rosary is also every evening at 8 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Donna Englehart, Jim Mittenzwei, 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 Naylor, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Shirley Himmelman, 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, 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 Himmelman, 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

- **Jack Camden Burton**, son of John and Lindsay who was baptized last weekend.

AND to

- **Jacob and Kateland (Koch) Lanzit** who were married here at St. Xavier last weekend.

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? 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!

PRAY the SPIRITUAL EXERCISES of ST. IGNATIUS

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are an extended retreat drawing one into an intimate encounter with God in order to respond more generously to God's call. St. Xavier Parish will be launching *The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life* beginning on Sunday morning, October 9, at 8:15—9:35 am (in person in the Parish Center) and Tuesday evening, October 11 (via ZOOM) continuing weekly through November 27. We use *The Ignatian Prayer Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien SJ, which is available online. If you have a desire to discover how faith and everyday life can thrive together, and feel drawn into a deeper encounter with God, you are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Sandy Keiser by October 6 at 513 477-2906 or email her at pakeiser@fuse.net