



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

## 6th Sunday of Easter

## May 14, 2023

### 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

**Baptism - Marriage - Anointing**

or to register call parish office at 513.721.4045

### MASS INTENTIONS May 15 - 20

MON 15	6:00	+	Henry Sievers (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Greg Friedmann
TUE 16	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
	11:30	+	Carl Huelsmann (Annv.) Kevin England
WED 17	6:00	+	Helen Sievers (Annv.)
	11:30	+	Catherine Ann Kearns Stephen Rentschler
THUR 18	6:00	+	Evelyn Eckert
	11:30	SI	Arthur Powell
FRI 19	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	SI	Amy Obermeyer (Birth.)
SAT 20	7:00	+	Otto Buzek



## Music

**Opening:** I Come With Joy #919

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

**Responsorial Psalm 66:** Let All the Earth Cry Out #1076

**Presentation of the Gifts:** 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:** No Greater Love #701

**Closing Hymn:** They'll Know We Are Christians #835

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**SACRED GAZE - ART INSTALLATION**

A new installation in the Parish Center by artist, Holly Schapker, focuses our attention on how when we gaze intently at an image, we allow ourselves to be changed. Are images a mirror of the viewer, a reflection of the artist, or an entryway into contemplating the divine? Featuring some previously seen images, as well as new paintings on the life of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, the artist allows us to examine the nature of spiritual intimacy in religious art.

**YOUNG ADULTS****Friday, May 26 - Escape Room**

Join us as we kick off the summer with an escape room then dinner. Meet at the Escape Game (28 W Freedom Way). Learn more about events at [www.stxya.com/events](http://www.stxya.com/events).

St. Xavier Young Adults

**JOB OPENING - Director of Sacramental Life**

The Director of Sacramental Life serves the Family of Parishes by coordinating all the sacramental aspects of parish life for St. Xavier Church. He/she is a close collaborator with the Pastor as a member of the Family of Parishes Leadership Team and supports the Pastor and other clergy in the ministries of sanctifying, teaching, and governing. Learn more at [www.stxchurch.org/join-our-team](http://www.stxchurch.org/join-our-team).

**ADSUM**  
A Campaign for Renewal



It's not too late to support the *Adsum* campaign! Scan the QR code to visit the campaign webpage where you'll find an online donation portal. Thank you for your generosity!

**ST. XAVIER ENVELOPES**

If you use envelopes and give with cash, we would appreciate it if you included your name on the envelope for the next several weeks. Thank you for your help.

**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:****Women's Spirituality Group**

We have 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 next meeting is Tuesday, **May 23** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. It will include prayer and a discussion on Chapter Four of *Women of the Bible* - Rahab. New members are welcome!

**Men's Spirituality Group**

Join us for 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 next meeting is Friday, **May 26** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

**ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, May 23**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book, *Amazing Grace for the Catholic Heart* by Jeff Cavins.

This book will take your heart and soul on a joyous spiritual retreat from the challenges and struggles of everyday life. Please join us to discuss this collection of stories of faith, inspiration, hope, and humor.

# Our Blessed Mother

I was blessed to become a mother when I was in my early twenties. I was young, unsure of myself, and not at all certain we could guide this child through all of the pitfalls of life. But through the grace of God, we managed to raise our first-born child into a productive, faith-filled man.

When I was younger, I had the misguided idea that becoming a mother was easy. I had no idea at the time of the struggles, pain, and hardship so many women endured trying to become a mother. I fear I said many insensitive things to friends not understanding how fortunate we had been in having a family, and the pain my words caused them.

I believe that our Blessed Mother stands very close to these women in their struggles. Mary knew human hardship well. She is the one we can call on to help us bear our burdens. Scripture tells us that Mary's heart would be pierced by a sword. "And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed," Lk 2:35. She is venerated as the Mother of Sorrows for having seven swords pierce her heart. There can be so much pain in being a Mother.

In His divine plan for the salvation of the human race and all creation, God chose and willed motherhood to be part of our redemption. God viewed motherhood as such a gift that He gave his only begotten Son the gift of a mother. God the Father chose, desired, and willed, that Jesus know a mother's love! Jesus, being faithful in all things and without any stain of sin, fulfilled the Father's commandment by honoring his mother and caring for her. So much so that even from the cross, in his last moments, he continued to honor Mary and blessed us by making her our mother as he entrusted her to the care of St. John.

This month we honor Mary. We pray especially for her help and intercession with her Son. Jesus began his public ministry with a miracle at a wedding feast in Cana. His mother asked for His help, and he did not refuse her. It should give all of us confidence to ask Mary for our dearest desires.

This Mothers' Day let's turn our hearts to Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus, and Mother of us all. With a mother's care she raised her Son and lived the joys and the grief that only a mother's heart can know. Always remember that the Mother of Jesus embraces us all today, and every day!

- Kathy England  
Pastoral Associate

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MAY 14**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 21**

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**

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ offers Adoration and Confession on **Wednesday** evenings from **6-7 PM**.  
*Please come and pray with us!*

**Congratulations to...**

...**Charlotte Annen**, daughter of Blake and Kathleen, who was baptized on May 5.


**PARISH PICNIC - Sunday, June 4**

All are welcome to join St. Xavier Church for our annual parish picnic! This year, it will be held at Sharon Woods Park (Council Bluffs Shelter) from noon to 6 PM. No parking or entrance fee. Bring your food, drinks, and chairs. Grills will be provided.

**THE JONAH PLAN**

Formed by St. X parishioner, Paula Trimble, the Jonah Plan is an initiative whose aim is renewal of the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their goal is to increase awareness and reception of Confession by building parish prayer groups and gathering resources. Visit [www.thejonahplan.org](http://www.thejonahplan.org) today!

**ARE YOU GETTING THE NEWS FLASH?**

 Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website, [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Cathedral/St Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is an all-volunteer organization serving the Downtown, OTR and Pendleton neighborhoods. The mission is to help solve short term emergency needs, such as rent, utility bills, furniture, beds, food, etc. for people living in those neighborhoods. On Saturday mornings, our volunteers pair up and visit the homes of neighbors in need. We then meet to decide what needs to be done to meet these needs. Often, this helps avoid an eviction or electric cut-off. We are guided by Jesus's words "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me". In the last quarter of 2022, we were able to help 82 families.

The conference relies entirely upon local donations to do this important work and we need your help. Please consider donating to this work either on-line through the donation portal of the St. Xavier web site, by mail to: Cathedral/St X SVDP Conference, 325 W. 8th St. 45202 or through our regular church collection in a marked envelope. Thank you and may God bless you for your help!

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Bernie Bueter, Kathy Stark, Richard Baylis, Jonathan Weber, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, Linda Hannel, Shannon Boyle, Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Sandy Keiser, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Sheilds, Phyllis Link, Molly Miller, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Megan and Vincent Koester, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, 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, Mary Hudson, Colleen Rodenberg, Angie Naylor, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Shirley Himmelmann, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, 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, Rosemary Kosky, Adelie Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, TJ Ducklo, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, and Ginny Wiltse.

**THURSDAY SOCIAL - May 18****Blinkers Tavern**

318 Greenup St. Covington, KY  
The fun happens around 4-6 PM!  
All are welcome.

**ROSARY**

The monthly group will meet at Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY on **May 17 at 7 PM**. We also pray the Rosary on Zoom every evening at 8 PM. Email Jan Meyer at [jmeyer0555@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

**TENDER MERCIES - May 28**

If you can donate a food item for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office at 513-721-4045.

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

You will notice in the bulletins, you can see the names of those souls for whom each daily Mass is offered. We also list the names of those who are sick in the parish. We encourage you to keep these names in your own personal prayer intentions.



Scan the QR code to support St. X Church and our missions in Kenya (Fr. Sossy), India (Fr. Veigas), and Peru (Fr. Arrieta). Thank you!



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