



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 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 22 - 27

MON 22	6:00	+ Jane Ikwueke (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+ Rick DiPiazza and Family SI Ryan Alleman
TUE 23	6:00	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
	11:30	+ Danielle Marceline + Thomas F. Rehme
WED 24	6:00	+ Henry Sievers (Annv.)
	11:30	+ Tom Doerger + John R. Grosser
THUR 25	6:00	+ Harold and Mar Weber
	11:30	+ Willard Leo Gibson (Annv.) + Claire Peters + Lawrence Osuagwu
FRI 26	6:00	+ Catherine Ann Kearns
	11:30	+ Kim Bunger
SAT 27	7:00	+ Martha Summa



## Music

Opening: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing #545

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Matthew 28:16-20

Responsorial Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne #1079

Presentation of the Gifts: Then Shall the Righteous Shine  
Forth - Mendelssohn  
David Skiff, vocalist  
(10:30 AM only)

Communion: I Will Be With You - Moore

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

Closing Hymn: Go to the World! #546

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## 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!

### 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).

### 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.

### ALTAR LINEN CARE: HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to help with altar linens. Your time is needed twice a month. Two hours on Monday and/or two to four hours the next Tuesday. Please call the office if you are interested. Thank you!



### 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.

## Do You See What I See?

Sounds like a Christmas song doesn't it? Here we are nearing the end of Easter season and I am thinking of Christmas. For some reason I was struck by the idea of shepherds looking up to see a star foretelling the coming of Jesus, and now the Apostles are looking up to see Jesus returning to the Father. Are our eyes open to see what the Lord has to offer? Are we observing everything going on around us?

Just a few weeks ago, we heard the story of "Doubting Thomas" and his need to see for himself that Jesus truly did come. In the readings today, I was struck that all of the Apostles still needed extra instruction and still had doubt in what they were witnessing. But with Jesus' ascension into Heaven, they understood what Jesus commanded and that he will be with them through the "end of the age".

In the second reading, Paul asks that the Ephesians be given the gift of wisdom - to come to know the mystery of God. The Ephesians, like ourselves, were not literally witnesses of Jesus' life. Paul asks, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."

Priest/author Henri Nouwen wrote a book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. In it, he details his experience observing Rembrandt's painting of the same name. In the painting, all the characters of the parable are present at the same time. Nouwen breaks down his observation of each character and their witness to the Father's forgiveness.



The painting is very descriptive of each character's feelings, but there's another twist. If you look closely, there are others in the background, witnessing the event as well. Could the others be us? Are our eyes wide open? Do we understand how God may be working in our lives?

- Chris Dole  
Facilities Manager

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 28**

4:00 pm	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, 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!*

**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.

*Last week marked 40 years of Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Xavier Church! The group meets every weekday from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center.*

**JESUIT RETREATS**

The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers retreats modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An experienced retreat director will provide a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and offer methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. The retreat includes opportunities to participate in Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, Healing Service, Spiritual Direction and time for silence and private reflection. Embrace the silence and come to know the abundance of God's love and mercy. To register or for more information visit:

[www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com](http://www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com).

**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.

**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).

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Bernie Bueter, Jim Brigger, Carla Niehoff, 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 Shields, 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 StanfordBecker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., NatalieHarding, 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 Teeppen, 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, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle 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.

**TENDER MERCIES**

This weekend, St. X Church welcomes Mike Reinert from Tender Mercies. Learn more by visiting [www.tendermerciesinc.org](http://www.tendermerciesinc.org).

**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).

**Parking** - Free parking in the lot north of church (SW 7th and Sycamore) is available for **Saturday 4 PM 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.

**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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