



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 16, 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

**July 17 - 22**

MON 17	6:00 11:30	+ Hermann Sievers + Herman Miller + Brian Griffin (Annv.)
TUE 18	6:00 11:30	+ Attiliano & Carolina DiGiovenale + Rosie Gibson + Adaeze Yvonne Okongwu (1st Annv.)
WED 19	6:00 11:30	+ Patrick Powell + Tony & Ellen Viox (Birth.) SJ Michael D'Netto in Thanksgiving
THUR 20	6:00 11:30	SI Ted Teismann (Birth.) SI Francis Obermeyer (Birth.) + Deborah Hogan (Annv.)
FRI 21	6:00 11:30	+ O'Connor & Whalen Families + Stephen Rentschler + Dr. John A. Masla
SAT 22	7:00	+ Ray Fetick (Annv.) + Jeannette Hoffman (Annv.)

## Music

**Opening:** Praise to You, Christ Our Savior #596

**St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal**

**Responsorial Psalm 65:** The Seed that Falls  
#1134

**Mass parts:** Mass of St. Frances Cabrini  
*(music sheet available on hymn book table)*

**Communion:** Change Our Hearts #493

**Closing:** Bring Forth the Kingdom #734

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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!

Stay tuned to the webpage and our Facebook/Instagram page for pictures and exciting updates on the renovation process.

- You can name St. Xavier Church as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy.
- You can make St. Xavier Church a beneficiary on your IRA or 401k account, which may reduce estate taxes.
- For those at least 70 and ½, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. You can also use the QCD to comply with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), which begins at age 73.

Sunday Collection for July 2	\$5,651
Online Contributions	5,365
Total For July 2	\$11,016

## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Are you receiving yearly envelope boxes, but you give through other means (online giving, donor advised fund, stock, IRAs; regularly scheduled checks; or other means)? If so, please let Diane know and we will remove you from the envelope list. This will not only eliminate a waste of resources but also reduce the parish cost of the envelope boxes.



## ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on **August 22 at 3 PM** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy. More than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during World War II, and a strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history. Please join us for a great discussion!



## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

### Women's Spirituality Group

Join us for 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 will occur on **August 29** after a summer hiatus. Over the summer, the group will read *The Poisonwood Bible* and *Women of the Bible - A 12 week Bible Study*. For more info, contact the parish office.

### 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, **July 21** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

## Thursday Social - July 20

Churchills's Bourbon & Brew Bar & Grill  
Turfway Park, 7500 Turfway Road, Florence  
The fun happens around 4 - 6 PM.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## Those Who Have Ears

Perhaps it's just my strange sense of humor but I find it entertaining that this Gospel reading always shows up in summer. The analogy of seeds punctuated with Jesus saying, "Those who have ears ought to hear," reminds me of the vast corn fields that fortunately still envelope our community. The saying that corn should be "as high as an elephant's eye by the fourth of July," rings in my ears. Silly? Yes, but there is somewhat of a connection here. Using common language of the time for a mostly agrarian culture, Jesus describes a sower scattering seed. Critics have maintained that if the sower is God, then he should have been a more judicious farmer and cast the seeds where they would yield much fruit. But God is not restrictive in spreading his grace of love and mercy. And we should be eternally grateful for that. For whom among us can honestly say that we were ready and fertile to receive and cultivate God's word?

The seed of our salvation is offered to all of us. Indeed, Jesus himself offered up his own life so everyone can have eternal life. He did not choose a select few. He did not restrict this salvific gift to only those pre-conditioned. Rather, he spread this invitation to anyone who "has ears." In this case Jesus is telling us that "hearing is believing," not "seeing is believing."

For the past 60 years since the Second Vatican Council, we have had the message preached to us that we not only need to hear the word of God but to put it into action. That is the essence of evangelization. In fact, St. Ignatius gives us the charge to "Go, set the world on fire!" His mandate is to take the Word of God to every corner of the globe and be the sower depicted in Jesus' narrative. Our Lord knew that the time would come when he was not present in human form to share the good news of the Father's love and mercy. That would take the "hearers" to cultivate, grow, blossom—and as any gardener knows—drop more seeds.

We don't need to be a farmer to understand what Jesus is saying. We don't need to cover vast areas with our seeds of Truth. We only need to "have ears" and spread what we can wherever we can. Some of our seeds will not germinate. Others will be short lived. Still others will be choked out by the elements of this world. But some will find the right conditions and grow. Those who work the land understand this better than most.

In my favorite hymn, I found many years ago the meaning behind not only this reason but the purpose of the Christian life. You can find in in the blue Gather hymnal number 598, second verse of "O God Beyond All Praising."

*The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
It's fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,  
Though small in mortal statue to heaven's garden  
grown.  
For Christ, the man from heaven, from death has set us  
free,  
And we, through him are given the final victory!*

Whoever has ears ought to hear.

- Deacon Tim Crooker



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JULY 16**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JULY 23**

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7:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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!*



**HELP A FAMILY FROM UKRAINE**

Fr. Paul recently announced that St. Xavier Church would host a Ukrainian refugee family next door in the Ignatius House. We need volunteers to help the family in any number of ways, from welcoming and transportation to immigration paperwork and education. To get involved in this exciting initiative, please contact Cary Powell at [cpowell@stxchurch.org](mailto:cpowell@stxchurch.org).



Scan the QR code to donate directly to this project.

**ROSARY**

The monthly group will meet at Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY on **July 19 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.



**Sunday, July 30, 2023 | 10 AM**

Join the Cincinnati Jesuit Works for an outdoor mass to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order!

**Xavier Yard**  
3800 Victory Pkwy  
Cincinnati, OH



Pack a picnic lunch and bring lawn chairs! There will be a picnic, activities and a raffle after mass. If you would like more information about the Mass or want to volunteer, please call the parish office at 513-721-4045.

**Please note: The 9 AM and 10:30 Masses at St. Xavier are cancelled on July 30.**

**ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:  
Karen Blankenship, Molly Miller, Susan, Bernie Bueter, Jim Brigger, Carla Niehoff, 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, 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, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Mary Hudson, Colleen Rodenberg, Angie Naylon, 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 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.

**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. [www.stxchurch.org/join-our-team](http://www.stxchurch.org/join-our-team).

**ARE YOU GETTING THE NEWS FLASH?**

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**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.



**YOUNG FAMILY ROOM**

During the Sunday morning masses, toys and books are available for families with young children. Follow the nursery signs upon entering the Parish Center.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**  
**Sunday, July 16**

Join us in the Parish Center after 5 PM Mass for a presentation and discussion led by Fr. Jacob about accepting Christ in our lives. Learn more at [www.stxya.com/events](http://www.stxya.com/events).

