



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 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

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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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



Music

Opening: Gather Us In #848

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 86: Lord, You Are Good and Forgiving #1137

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

Communion: In the Arms of God #714

Closing: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises #626

MASS INTENTIONS

July 24 - 29

MON 24	6:00	+ O'Connor & Whalen Family + Edward Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Julia Mijares (Annv.) + Jewel Dallas
TUE 25	6:00	+ Jerry Rouse (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Dennis Kemper SI Nick Kemper
WED 26	6:00	+ Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
	11:30	+ Richard Menke (Birth.)
THUR 27	6:00	+ Otto Buzek
	11:30	+ Jane Klare (Birth.)
FRI 28	6:00	+ Frances Martina
	11:30	+ Elise Ellen Early (Annv.) + Sandu Summe (1st Annv.)
		SAT 29

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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. If you would like help setting up online pledge payments, please contact Mary Stutler at 513-721-4045. Thank you!

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 9	\$7,773
Online Contributions	2,638
Total For July 9	\$10,411

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.



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 be 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, **August 4** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

BAPTISMAL CLASS

Due to the August 15 Holy Day, Baptismal class will be on Tuesday, **August 22** at 6 PM. Call the parish office at 513-721-4045 for more information.

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!



The Spirit Has Your Back

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Rom 8:26-27

I was taught how to pray as a child. We said grace before meals. I distinctly remember nightly bedtime prayers in the dark. I recall the glow from the night light as Mom recited the basic prayers with us as she rocked the youngest sibling to sleep. It was a comforting, peaceful ritual every night.

Grade school added to my library of daily prayers: Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity; the Angelus (recited at lunch recess); the Rosary; and all the prayers recited at Mass. By the time I reached adulthood, I was fully equipped to pray...or was I?

As life went on, I found that there were situations that my arsenal of prayers simply did not cover. How do you pray for the parents of a dying child? How do you pray when you feel helpless, hopeless? How do you pray when you are in a desert-place, and you feel that God has abandoned you?

Today's second reading speaks to my heart. I became aware of this reading from a friend who was struggling with her prayer life. She confided that this passage gave her great hope, because she was groaning in her soul, and she realized that her struggle was being aided by the Holy Spirit. I will never forget that.

If we're honest, there have been times in all of our lives when prayer has been difficult; and likely there have been times when prayer has been almost impossible. But the promise in this passage gives me great comfort. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us at times like these. The groans of the Holy Spirit are simply "too deep for words." There are times in our lives when, even though there were words to express our emotions, those words were not sufficient, so we simply groaned rather than voice words that could not satisfy. Even a groan has meaning. Even though the groans of the Spirit in prayer on our behalf are wordless, they are not meaningless.

What should bring us even more comfort is that, as the Spirit groans with us and for us, He groans in accordance with the will of God. We may not always pray in accordance with the will of God, but the Spirit does. And God answers.

The Spirit will always love us, and nothing can separate us from His love. It is with this love that the Spirit speaks to the Father on our behalf. Remember this when you are dry, empty, and haven't a clue what to say or how to pray. Just show up because the Holy Spirit already has. The Spirit has your back.

- Kathy England
Pastoral Associate



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JULY 23

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JULY 30

4:00 pm	Fr. McCann, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 am	CANCELLED - Jesuit Works Mass at 10 am
10:30 am	CANCELLED - Jesuit Works Mass at 10 am
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!



✠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.

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.



Scan the QR code to donate directly to this project.



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.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio serves vulnerable populations in 11 counties. We have many volunteer needs including workers for food pantries in rural counties, foster grandparents and mentors for refugee youth - and many more. If you are looking for ways to give your time and talents, visit our website, www.ccswoh.org, and click on the *Get Involved* tab.



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



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.



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.

Pack a picnic lunch and bring lawn chairs! There will be a picnic and activities 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.



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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