



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 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



Music

Opening: The Summons #790

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 119: Lord, I Love Your
Commands #1140

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

Communion: The Love of the Lord #792

Closing: Seek Ye First #658
(omit optional refrain)

MASS INTENTIONS July 31 - August 5

Feast of St. Ignatius		
MON 31	6:00	+ Erin Payne (Birth.)
	11:30	SI Gerry Motl (Birth.) + Jim James
TUE 1	6:00	+ Laverne Neltner + Stan Nolan
	11:30	+ Ann Fetick (Birth.) + Marguerite Ginocchio
WED 2	6:00	+ Families of Katherine Gormley and Eleanor Maley
	11:30	+ Kevin England + John R. Grosser
THUR 3	6:00	+ Norma Erhardt (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Harold and Mar Weber + Miguel Chavez (Annv.)
FRI 4	6:00	+ Hermann and Johanna Sievers (Annv.)
	11:30	+ Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, and Angie Barrett Eynon + Miguel Chavez (Annv.)
SAT 5	7:00	+ John and Patricia Burns (Annv.) + Tom Neyer, Sr. (Birth.)

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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.

Sunday Collection for July 16	\$7,548
Online Contributions	4,983
Total For July 16	\$12,531

Sunday Collection for July 23	\$5,786
Online Contributions	2,843
Total For July 23	\$8,629

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.



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our Religious Education program for children for the 2023-2024 year will **begin in mid-September**. Like last year we will offer three courses: a First Communion preparation class, a Middle Group (grades 3 to 6) class, and a Confirmation preparation class. All classes will be held on Sundays in the morning. More information will be forthcoming. Please contact Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org for more information and to receive a registration form or call the parish office.

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 Tuesday, **August 29** from Noon to 1:15 PM in the Parish Center. Our next meeting will focus on "Chapter 5: Deborah, A Powerful Voice in the Time of War" from the book, *Women of the Bible - a 12 Week Bible Study* and contemporary book, *The Poisonwood Bible*. For more info, please 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 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 **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!



This Is the Day

This week's readings had me all over the place and yet brought me back to one conclusion. We hear of a need for knowledge, understanding, the "end of times," and the "rewards of heaven." Through prayer and participation in the life of Christ, we can achieve the ultimate goal, which Matthew calls "the kingdom of Heaven."

In the first reading from the first book of Kings, Solomon asks for knowledge and understanding. It reminds me of the Serenity prayer: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change: the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that the spirit is there for our times of weakness and to help us in our prayers to God. God calls us and asks us to work for good and are "conformed to the image of his Son."

As for the Gospel, I will address the last part first and the first part last. The last part tells of the "end of times." One thing that popped into my head immediately was a song from a post-punk rock band called The The. The The had a song out in the late 1980's called 'Armageddon Days'. In this song, the band sings that the human race has "forgotten the message" and "is about to reap what it sows." This is pretty cynical, coming from a band that had a hit with 'This is the Day' just a few years earlier. In 'This is the Day', The The sings about waking up to a new day after changing to a more positive approach to life. The chorus is, "This is the day your life will surely change. This is the day when things fall into place." Do you understand the possibilities and graces God has given you? Don't waste the opportunities that each day provides.

The first part of Matthew's Gospel this week has Jesus sharing parables of the kingdom of heaven: a treasure that can be attained and shared. It is not our place to judge (St. Vincent DePaul Society's mantra) but to live our lives to "his will." There is hope for all of us because God's judgment is best described as justice tempered with mercy.

- Chris Dole
Facilities Manager

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JULY 30**

4:00 pm	Fr. Jim 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - AUGUST 6

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Bill Murphy, 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!

NOTE: No Adoration on Wednesday, August 2.

**HELP A FAMILY FROM UKRAINE**

Fr. Paul 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.

UPDATE: We have established contact with a family and have begun the legal process of getting them to the United States!

**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.

UKRAINE PRAYER SERVICE & PROGRAM

On Thursday, August 3 at 7 PM, St. Francis de Sales Church (1600 Madison Rd. 45206) is hosting a prayer and music service in support of Ukraine. It will include speakers from Ukraine and a presentation by Mr. Bob Herring, President of the Sister City Program of Cincinnati and the chair of the Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership. For more info, visit www.stfrancisds.com.

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.

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.

✠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, Ginny Wiltse, and Mary Preston.

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.

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.

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.



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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