

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 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

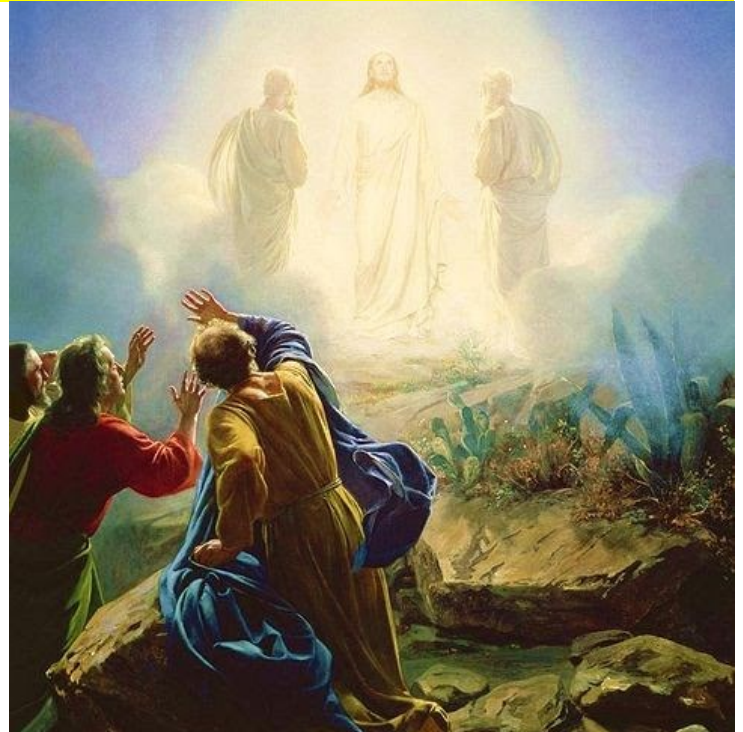
Confessions

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

August 7 - 12

MON 7	6:00 11:30	+ Catherine Ann Kearns + Karen Fitzpatrick (1st Annv.) + James Young (1st Annv.)
TUE 8	6:00 11:30	+ Helen D. Williams + Stephen Rentschiller + Dr. John A. Masla
WED 9	6:00 11:30	+ O'Connor & Whalen Families + John Boylan (Birth.) + Mary Ann Schuh
THUR 10	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Helen Dyer SI Cathy Streicher (Birth.) + Jan Dorrian + Michael Funck
FRI 11	6:00 11:30	+ Diane Schmitt SI Larry & Faye Busse (50th Wedding Annv.) + Margo Ackerman
SAT 12	7:00	+ Stephen Lehrter

Music

Opening: How Good, Lord, to Be Here! #877

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 97: The Lord is King #1204

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

Communion: Behold the Lamb #939

Closing: We Walk By Faith #680

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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.

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!



TENDER MERCIES

If you can donate of food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on Sunday, August 27. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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.



ROSARY

The monthly group will meet at Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY on **August 16 at 7 PM**. We also pray the Rosary on Zoom every evening at 8 PM. Email Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our Religious Education program for children for the 2023-2024 year will begin in mid-September with a parent meeting on **September 10 at 10 AM**. 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 in the Parish Center. Please contact Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org for more information and to receive a registration form.

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. This 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*. New participants are always welcome to join!

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 18** from Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

"I Am" All You Need

Don't you love "mountain top experiences"? They can be exhilarating and life changing. Today we are asked to go up a mountain with Peter, James, and John, and re-configure our understanding of who Jesus is. Let's go up! There we meet Elijah and Moses - two pillars of the Old Testament and two familiar fellows to our Peter, James, and John because of their Jewish roots. On the mountain, Elijah stands for the ancient prophets and Moses, the law. But look who emerges? Jesus emerges from a cloud and is made "known" before their eyes. Indeed, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!" they all could exclaim.

Earnest Peter blurts out, "Lord should I build three tents, one for Moses, one for Elijah, and one for you?" The answer from Jesus is a NO; I am all you need. As Elijah and Moses disappear with their own mountain top experiences completed, they fade into the cloud. And there is our Lord, Jesus, in dazzling white, a blazing image of Godliness, who lights their fire. Peter, James, and John now re-configure their understanding of who this Jesus really is: the new Prophet, the new Lawyer, the Divine savior. In the Transfiguration, today, Jesus transitions into a supernova of divinity as he illuminates their eyes.

Meanwhile, here in 2023, we are given the Luminous Mysteries in the Rosary (also known as the Mysteries of Light) as a vehicle to commemorate Jesus as a living, breathing, light to world. Their powerful luminosity furthers our understanding and advances our awareness of the ministry of Jesus and his potential to be a "transformational figure" in the Transfiguration. We can Thank Pope John Paul II who introduced the Luminous Mysteries in 2002. In an effort to bolster the Rosary's Christ-centeredness, the Pope focused more attention on the public life of Jesus that includes Jesus' public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion. This includes today's mountain top experience. The five Mysteries of Light that the Pope presents to us are: 1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, 2) his self-manifestation at the Wedding of Cana, 3) his proclamation of the Kingdom of God 4) his Transfiguration and 5) his institution of the Eucharist.

Personally, I take a few fruits from the Luminous Mysteries, the first being a desire for holiness as I set out to climb the mountain of life. The Transfiguration also musters spiritual courage and imagination. It pulls us into a cloud of knowing as it transports us into a new awareness that Jesus is all we need with an "A ha" moment of biblical proportions: "Wow - this is God!" We need this as it assists us in holding onto our vision; God's vision. We must go up the mountain, keep the vision, go into the light, then come down the mountain and live it. Peter, James, and John needed a transfigured moment like this to deal with the valley they would all descend to soon enough. We do too. How has Jesus figured into your life? How has He transformed your life? May his assurance of "I am all you need" sustain us forever.

- Fr. Jim Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - AUGUST 13

4:00 pm	Fr. Michael Graham, 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. Paul Lickteig, SJ

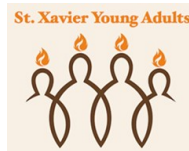
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

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

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

St. Xavier Church's Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more about upcoming events, please visit

www.stxya.com/events.

**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.

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.



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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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, 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.

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.

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.

- 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.