



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 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



Christ and the Canaanite Woman - Jean Germain Drouais (1784)

Music

Opening: Gather Your People #837

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 67: O God, Let All the Nations Praise You #1149

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

Communion: We Remember #681

Closing: Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race #833

MASS INTENTIONS

August 20 - 26

MON 21	6:00	+ Catherine Ann Kearns
	11:30	+ Steven Doherty + Brian Kelly
TUE 22	6:00	+ John Sansalone (Annv.)
	11:30	+ Joseph Votan SI Paul Lickteig, SJ (Birth.)
WED 23	6:00	+ John Kohrman Family
	11:30	+ Felipe Mijares (Birth.) + Deborah Hogan
THUR 24	6:00	+ O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	+ Charles B. Ginocchio + Dr. Richard Merke
FRI 25	6:00	+ Margo A. Ackerman
	11:30	+ Timothy Masters + Dr. John A. Masla
SAT 26	7:00	SI Bob Ross, SJ (Birth.) SI Kene, Noelle and Luna

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Fr. Paul's Parish Picture Project

One of my favorite parts of each week is standing by the door to greet people as they enter and exit mass. As you can imagine, with so many wonderful folks, it is challenging to remember the names that go along with faces. To better serve you as Pastor at St. Xavier, we are trying something new: a parish picture project!

If you are a parishioner, we ask you to please consider emailing your name and a photo of yourself to office@stxchurch.org. To be clear, these images will not be published in a parish book. They will remain in our database so that we, the priests and staff of St. X Church, can grow in our capacity to better recognize the names and faces of people we see every week. Your participation will help ensure that our private parish database is up-to-date and allows your ministers to better care for you.



With gratitude,
Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

WINE & CHEESE AFTER MASS

After the 4 PM Mass on Saturday, **September 16** join your fellow parishioners for a social in the Parish Center with wine and cheese.



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our Religious Education program for children for the 2023-2024 year will begin with a parent meeting on **September 10 at 10 AM** in the Parish Center. Like last year we will offer three courses: a First Communion preparation class (starts Sept. 17), a Middle Group (grades 3 to 6) class (starts Sept. 24), and a Confirmation preparation class (starts Sept. 24). 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.

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!

The first mass back upstairs in November will be here in no time. However, 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!

ADSUM
A Campaign for Renewal



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

Rejection & Acceptance

If you have gone through your life thus far—no matter your age—and have never experienced rejection, you are a very graced person. Rejection, in all its many manifestations, is a part of human existence. From the toddler play group to the school yard cliques, to the sports and drama try-outs, to higher education applications, job interviews, relationships, work environments and so on, rejection seems to be ingrained in our personal development. Coaches, mentors, and social sciences will tell us that how we handle rejection is not only a mark of our character, but indeed, builds it. Surviving rejection shields us from the emotional woes that accompany being turned down, shut out, or outright excluded.

Our Church has spent over two millennia trying to assure people that they are valued and chosen, that no one is rejected. The great Bernini colonnade in front of St. Peter's Basilica was modeled after the concept that the Church embraces all people through the love and mercy of Christ.

Yet today we hear Jesus tell a woman who begs for his pity to go away. This appears to be a side of Jesus of which we would never come to expect. On the surface it seems cruel, harsh, and even exclusive. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." How those words must have stung! However, we know that Scriptures record Jesus speaking in hyperbole. He says things to exaggerate his point. It was not Jesus, but his disciples who urged him to send her away. Jesus uses the moment to teach an important lesson—two. He does what his disciples ask. The woman responds with poise and persistence and above all, great faith. With that Jesus assures her that what she has asked for will be granted.

The lessons: everyone of faith is accepted by Jesus. Mercy is not reserved for those of a select clan, nationality, or ideology. Jesus hears us all, accepts us all, and rejects no one. He himself was rejected by his people, his nation, and the political powers. He knows human rejection. And he knows the loving embrace of the Father. Mercy follows repentance, life follows death, acceptance follows rejection. That is the assurance of Jesus.

- Dcn. Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - AUGUST 20**

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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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!



Sunday Collection for August 6	\$ 7,917
Online Contributions	4,957.50
Total For August 6	\$ 12,874.50

Sunday Collection for August 13	\$ 7,777
Online Contributions	3,175
Total For August 13	\$ 10,952

IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Why do I feel a lack of purpose? What am I supposed to be doing with my life? As young adults, we have received an invitation from Christ but often lack the imagination to see it. How will you discern your personal call? St. Xavier Church invites all those in their 20s and 30s to the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, OH, from **September 15 - 17** for an overnight weekend retreat. Visit www.stxchurch.org and click the sign up link on the homepage!

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 a 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.



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.

WEDDING SACRISTAN

We are looking for additional ministers to help as Wedding Sacristans. We have weddings almost every weekend on Saturdays at 2 PM or 6PM. We are trying to get more sacristans so that two people would only have to work at one wedding once a month, either at 2 PM or 6 PM. You would also have to work the rehearsal on the Friday before the wedding. Many hands make light work! We do compensate you for working the weddings. If you are interested, please contact Mary Beth Fennell at mfennell@stxchurch.org. She will give you more information and let you know when there will be a meeting of all the ministers later this year. Please pray and consider this joyful ministry.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Karen Blankenship, Susan, Bernie Bueter, Carla Niehoff, Richard Baylis, Jonathan Weber, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, Linda Hennel, Shannon Boyle, Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Sandy Keiser, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Shields, 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 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, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Mary Preston, and Steve.

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, **September 1** from 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.



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!

**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.