



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 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



Saint Peter (1838-40) - Giuseppe De Fabris - St Peter's Square

Music

Opening: Sing a New Church #743

St. Henry Gloria - inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 138: Lord, Your Love Is Eternal
#1152

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

Communion: In the Arms of God #714

Closing: Faith of Our Fathers #677

MASS SCHEDULE NOTE

There will be no 6 AM Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.

MASS INTENTIONS August 28 - September 2

MON 28	6:00	+ Margo A. Ackerman + Fr. Ed Pigott, SJ (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Mary O'Reilly + Carol Imbus
TUE 29	6:00	+ Ken Frohlich
	11:30	SI John Daymut SI Ron Rohlfing
WED 30	6:00	+ Greg Bollin
	11:30	SI Roxanne Motl SI Jide and Empress
THUR 31	6:00	+ Richard Hoffman (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Margo A. Ackerman + Mary Sue Butler
FRI 1	6:00	+ John Wills
	11:30	+ Vincent Cawley + Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett & Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT 2	7:00	SI Jason Sanders (Birth.) + Carol Lipps McGinnis

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**FR. CY WHITAKER, SJ**

We would like to thank Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ for presiding at our masses and assisting our parishioners during the month of August. Fr. Whitaker's presence was a great help to our staff of priests during the summer vacation season. He is a beloved homilist and presider who brings to us a vast knowledge of the Church, its sacraments, and scripture. His commitment to the mission of St. Xavier Church is immensely appreciated. Thank you, Fr. Cy!

**ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, October 10, at 3 PM** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. This is an unforgettable novel about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people, a teenager and a widower. Please join us for a great discussion this story!

**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!

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.



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.

ADSUM
A Campaign for Renewal



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

Peter, the "Everyman"

*Simon Peter said in reply,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:16*

Of all of the followers of Jesus, I have always had a special place in my heart for Peter. He was "everyman." Peter had all of the failings, doubts, enthusiasm, and love that we each hold in our hearts in our relationship with Jesus. Peter tried to walk across the water to reach Jesus; Peter asked for Jesus to wash him completely, not just his feet, to be made clean; Peter denied Jesus three times when it was the most crucial time to support Him.

But with all of his failings, Peter knew in his heart that Jesus was the real deal. He was the Messiah the Jewish people had been waiting for. Peter didn't get some secret message to realize this. He heard and saw the very same things all of the other people of his time saw and heard. But Peter had the gift of faith that is given to each of us. Peter heard and listened; Peter saw and believed.

It must have been difficult even for the disciples to declare that their new leader, Jesus, was in fact the Messiah they had heard about all their lives. But Peter was impulsive in both his behavior and speech. So, while his fellow disciples answered Jesus' question cautiously and diplomatically, Peter boldly acknowledged what he felt in his heart. He was clear; he was specific; and he described his fundamental conviction in a beautiful phrase. This Gospel story highlights Peter's central role as a representative of the disciples' community in this confession of faith. Here, for the first time, the titles of Messiah and Son of God are joined together. Peter wasn't constrained by what others thought or by their reaction to his belief. Peter declared Jesus to be the Messiah because God had given him that truth and had opened his mouth to confess it.

What did Peter mean when he used the term, *Messiah*? The fundamental meaning of this word is 'anointed' or supernaturally empowered. This anointing, this empowering, is described in the Old Testament. Kings and prophets are described as having anointing, supernatural empowering, It is used generally of people who have a remarkable, miraculous empowerment from God.

Peter was the first of the disciples to recognize this in Jesus. Imagine Jesus' amazement that finally someone understands what He has been about. No wonder He immediately names Peter the rock or foundation of His fledgling church. It is a good reminder for each of us. Listen and really see what is going on right in front of our eyes. Miracles happen every day due to the actions of the Messiah.

- Kathy England
Pastoral Associate

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - AUGUST 27**

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 3

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. Michael Graham, 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!



Sunday Collection for August 20	\$ 6,534
Online Contributions	4,848
Total For August 20	\$ 11,382

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!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

A new RCIA class will be forming in the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic we would love to have you as part of our class! The program will begin in mid-September and continue through March 2024 culminating with the Easter Vigil. Please spread the word among your family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings a person can experience. For more information email Fr. Jacob Boddicker at jboddicker@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

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.

**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.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
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 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 Naylor, 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 Lawwig, 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.

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.

WE ARE HIRING

We are seeking a full-time Parish Family Director of Marriage Ministries for St. Xavier Church and St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel. To learn more about this position, please visit our website at www.stxchurch.org/job-openings.

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