



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023



## Welcome to St. Xavier

Registered Historic site founded in 1819  
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845  
*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

### Parish Staff

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## Mass Intentions

*September 4 - 9*

MON 4	11:30	+	Joseph McDevitt (Annv.) + Kevin England
TUES 5	6:00 11:30	+	Jean Schied (Birth.) + Jean Schied (Annv.) + Brent Himmelmann
WED 6	6:00 11:30	+	Bill Busemeyer + Angela Fennell Harris (Annv.) + Joseph McDevitt (Birth.)
THU 7	6:00 11:30	+	Frances Martina + Winifred Aspell + Stephen Rentschler + Patrick Connor (2nd Annv.)
FRI 8	6:00 11:30	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families + Dr. Richard Menke SI Mac, Tobe, and Jese
SAT 9	7:00	+	Stephen Lehrter

## MUSIC

**Opening:** The Summons #790

St. Henry Gloria  
*inside back cover of hymnal*

**Responsorial Psalm 63:** My Soul Is  
Thirsting For You #1155

**Mass parts:** #384, 385, 386, 390

**Communion:** Unless A Grain of Wheat  
#783

**Closing:** Tree of Life #475

## CONNECT WITH ST. X!

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's  
weekly email newsletter by completing  
the form on the homepage of the website.



Artwork: *The Crucifixion; The Last Judgment*  
*Jan van Eyckca (c. 1440-41)*

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday  
4 PM

Sunday  
7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
6 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday  
7 AM

### Confessions

Monday - Friday  
Noon to 1 PM

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



**ADSUM**  
A Campaign for Renewal



It's not too late to support the Adsum campaign! Scan the QR code to visit the campaign webpage. If you would like help setting up online pledge payments, please contact Mary Stutler at 513-721-4045. Stay tuned to the webpage and our Facebook and Instagram pages for pictures and exciting updates on the renovation process.

## Children's Religious Education Classes

Our Religious Education program for children for the 2023-2024 year will begin with a 30-minute 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](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org) for more information and to receive a registration form.

## Wine & Cheese After Mass

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

## 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, September 26** from Noon to 1:15 PM in the Parish Center. This meeting will focus on "Chapter 6: Ruth, The Redeemed" from the book, *Women of the Bible – a 12-Week Bible Study*. 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 15** from Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

## You Duped Me, Lord

Sometimes we might get confused about what it means for us to follow Christ. Various falsehoods I have believed include:

- The next step will always be obvious.
- If we ask for what we think we need, God will give it to us (and give it to us immediately).
- Friends and family will be supportive of our practice of the faith and come to desire it themselves.
- Bringing others into an awareness of Church teaching will create peace and harmony wherever we go.
- We will always feel good about conversations regarding faith in Christ, and we can always keep our cool.

The realities of a life of faith:

- Most of the time we are living blindly into an uncertain future and trusting our way through encounters.
- Sometimes people will insult us and argue with us based on what they perceive we think or feel.
- God may not give us what we think we need, or if God does give it to us, it might take a while.
- A faithful expression of Christianity might create anger and anxiety for some people, and sometimes these people may be friends or even family members.
- We are always called to patience, kindness, compassion, joy, peace, etc...and this is very, very hard to live up to...but we still try because if we don't, who will?

I hear the words of Jeremiah, and I feel I understand. The vision of the gospel is something that lives in my bones. The desire to follow the gospel, it sounds so good and even easy. The reality, though, is that expressions of faith only come into this world through our human frailty.

Following our creator, and the Son who reveals God's word in the flesh, means that we are to called share life in the way that God's son revealed. Discipleship, a path that promises nearness with God, will cost us everything. The promise of what we are offered, an eternal life of happiness, is sometimes hard to perceive in the present. Following Christ does not mean an end to suffering, but rather a willingness to bear suffering for the sake of the good that is possible.

Here is the beauty, though: there is no better way to live than seeking true discipleship. Authentic commitment to growing in Christ and willingness to suffering for the sake of love; learning how to endure difficulties while letting go of judgement, condemnation, pride, and anger; letting ourselves cultivate gratitude for what we have while letting go of jealousy and desire for things we do not have; this is the way to true life.

- Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
Pastor



**Presiders for This 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

**Presiders for Next Weekend - September 10**

4:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ offers Adoration and Confession on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7 PM.

**NOTE:** There will be no Adoration on September 6, 13, and 20.

**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](http://www.stxchurch.org/job-openings).

**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, SJ at [jboddicker@stxchurch.org](mailto:jboddicker@stxchurch.org) or call the parish office.

**Wedding Sacristans**

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! If you are interested, please contact Mary Beth Fennell at [mfennell@stxchurch.org](mailto:mfennell@stxchurch.org).

**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](http://www.stxya.com/events).

**Help A Family From Ukraine**

St. Xavier Church will soon be hosting 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](mailto:cpowell@stxchurch.org).

**Rosary Group**

The monthly group will meet at Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY on **September 20** at 7 PM. We also pray the Rosary on Zoom every evening at 8 PM. Email Jan Meyer at [jmeyer0555@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

Sunday Collection for August 27	\$ 8,196
Online Contributions	2,913
Total for August 27	\$11,109

Scan the QR to support St. X's ministries:

**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 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, Mary Preston, and Steve.