



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023



Welcome to St. Xavier

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

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Mass Intentions

September 11- 16

MON	6:00	+	Suzette Casey (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Dr. John A. Masla
		+	Thomas J. Magner (Annv.)
TUES	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
	12	+	Jean-Robert deCavel
	11:30	+	Margo A. Ackerman
WED	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
	11:30	+	Harold & Mar Weber
		+	Carol Imbus
THU	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
		+	Catherine Ann Kearns
	11:30	+	Margo A. Ackerman
FRI	6:00	+	Suzette Casey (Annv.)
	11:30	+	Erin Payne (2nd Annv.)
		SI	Francis
SAT	7:00	SI	Chris Frank (Birth.)
		SI	Tobe Anyigbo (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #644

St. Henry Gloria
inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice #1158

Mass parts: #384, 385, 386, 390

Communion: Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup #926

Closing: Praise and Thanksgiving #861

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Artwork: *Women Outside the Church at Ruokolahti*
Albert Edelfelt (c. 1887)

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

Saturday
11 AM to Noon

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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. 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 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.

Skunk at a Garden Party?

Ever made a fool of yourself? Committed a social gaffe? Pushed the envelope too far? I think we have all been in a position where we may have committed a social faux pas or inadvertently hurt someone sometime in our lives. When this has happened to me, I was grateful that someone informed me to my face first, before reporting my offense to "the authorities." Because this careful correction allowed time and space for honesty, apology, and forgiveness to flourish more readily than in an impersonal and far more punitive "court of law." In the gospel, Jesus urges us to be creative problem solvers involving a brother or sister who has sinned. He says that if we are truly intent on being a disciple of his, then reconciliation needs to be at the forefront of our relationships – and this may include compromise and forgiveness.

There is a word that appears in the First Reading that I think captures the spirit of the gospel: "watchman." Here, we are told that we have the responsibility to be a watchman for our brothers and sisters. It is to be our brother's keeper; our sister's keeper. I am reminded of Harper Lee's prequel to *To Kill A Mockingbird* titled *Go Set a Watchman*. The title is a quote from a scripture verse in Isaiah. Harper Lee paints a portrait of the lawyer/father, Atticus Finch, as a "watchman" for integrity, justice, and compassion. I believe that the Lord is calling us to exhibit and use all of these talents to help build community – in the Church and in our family and civic life...to watch over our brother and sister, and this involves resolving inevitable differences. Jesus recommends starting with helpful critique just between two people. If the problem persists, more severe steps are to be taken with more people involved in the corrective process. Notice that it starts with charity or what I call "care-frontation" with a conversation vs. a confrontation with a lawsuit. To "carefront" someone is to bring in charity to the issue and the correction.

It is ironic that a first poser of the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" was Cain who slew Abel...and was caught. God asked Cain, "Where is Abel?" Cain retorted, "Am I my brother's keeper?" But he was really saying, "My brother is not my problem." But we as a society must now deal with our newly errant brother, Cain, now a skunk.

Our errant brother or sister is "all" of our problems, and we have Jesus today to help us take on the role of watchman. May we rise to the invitation that Christ offers us today. It starts with the two of us, then the three of us – and then a community. But it must start. May we have a spirit of creative problem solving – looking into our brother's or our sister's face – and say "let's talk" as a means to de-escalate a situation where an "I am sorry" has a chance to fertilize our civic garden and take root, whether it is in the Garden of Eden or in our own backyard. Can we first try to redeem the "skunk at a garden party" with a care-frontational attitude before the odor escalates to a toxic stench?

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor



Presiders for This Weekend - September 10

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

Presiders for Next Weekend - September 17

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

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 Tuesday, **September 26** from 6:30 - 8 PM 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 at jboddicker@stxchurch.org.

Ukrainian Refugee Family Update

This past summer, Fr. Paul shared our intention to host a Ukrainian family in our former rectory, the Ignatius House. A team of parishioners and staff have been working to get them here, and we are excited to share that they will be arriving on September 21! You can give to support this effort using the Ukrainian Refugee Family fund on the parish website. If you would like to join the team of volunteers who will be supporting their transition to life in Cincinnati, contact Cary Powell at cpowell@stxchurch.org

Pray The Spiritual Exercises

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are an extended retreat drawing one into an intimate encounter with God in order to respond more generously to God's call. St. Xavier Church is launching a shorter version of The Spiritual Exercises, "in everyday life" beginning on **September 24** in the Parish Center, continuing weekly through November 19. The material for the retreat is *The Ignatian Prayer Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien S.J. If you have a desire to discover how faith and everyday life can thrive together, and feel drawn into a deeper encounter with God, you are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Sandy Keiser by September 20 at 513 477-2906 or at pakeiser@fuse.net.

Thursday Social

This month's parish social is **September 21** at Riverside Marina Bar & Grill (145 Mary Ingles Hwy. Dayton, KY). The fun begins around 4 PM. All are welcome!

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 and she will send you the link.

August - Average Mass Attendance

Sat. 4 PM	130	Sun. 9 AM	102	Sun. 5 PM	211
Sun. 7 AM	103	Sun. 10:30 AM	248		

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 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.