



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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 25 - 30

MON	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
25	11:30	SI	Kalyn Obermeyer (Birth.) + Thomas J. Magner (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+	Jack Hunekamp + Melvin Distler
26	11:30	+	James S. Ginocchio, Sr. + Dr. Richard Menke
WED	6:00	+	Greg Bollin
27	11:30	+	Bob Ballinger
		SI	Richard and Diogo
THU	6:00	+	Helen Sievers (Birth.)
28	11:30	+	Mary Ann Himmelmann (1st Annv.) + Paul Schwietering
FRI	6:00	SI	Jacob Boddicker, SJ (Birth.) + Mary Ann Justic (Birth.)
29	11:30	SI	Cheri Fields (Birth.) + John Klare (Annv.)
SAT	7:00	+	Mary Jo Schwartz (Birth.)
30		+	Kyle Plush

MUSIC

Opening: As We Gather at Your Table #839

St. Henry Gloria
inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm: #1164

Mass parts: #384, 385, 386, 390

Communion: All Who Hunger #925

Closing: The Kingdom of God #736

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



Artwork: *In the Vineyard*
Jean François Millet (c. 1852-1853)

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

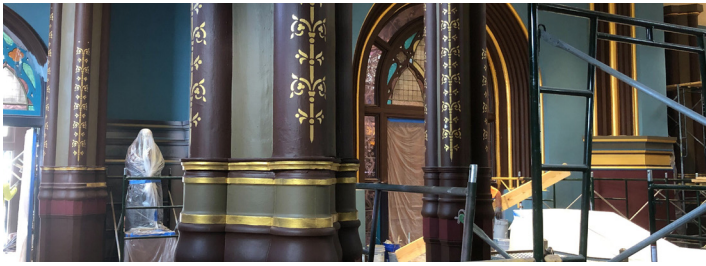
Confessions

Monday - Friday
Noon to 1 PM

Saturday
11 AM to Noon

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ADSUM
A Campaign for Renewal



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. Here's where we are now:

- Final stages of painting
- Stained glass arriving October 2
- Scaffolding began coming down September 18

Children's Religious Education Classes

Our Religious Education program for children for the 2023-2024 school year begins this month. It is still not too late to register your child in our classes that include a First Communion preparation class, a Middle Group (grades 3 to 6) and a Confirmation preparation class. All classes are held on Sundays in the morning in the Parish Center. Please contact Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org for more information and/or to receive a registration form.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Undoing God's Work

A woman and her young daughter were neighbors of a couple who were long-time member of their church. Each week the couple would invite the woman and her daughter to come to church with them. After months of asking, the woman finally decided she would give it a try. Not wanting to be obligated to her neighbors, she and her daughter showed up unannounced one Sunday. They took a seat a little less than halfway down the aisle. She watched as people walked in, some glancing at her with a little smile, some with wide eyes. She was glad they smiled at her, or maybe it was her young daughter. Anyway, they seem friendly. She listened attentively to the Mass: the singing, the prayers, the preaching. It all seemed so warm, so comforting. When it came to the Sign of Peace she watched as people turned toward one another and shook hands. Some couples even embraced in a kiss. "No wonder my neighbors wanted me to come," she thought. This place is awesome. She shook hands with those next to her and in front of her but didn't get enough time to turn around to greet the couple behind her. She glanced backward and gave an acknowledging nod, then fixed her attention on the people going up to receive Communion. "I want to be part of that," she thought.

After Mass she lingered as people filed out, casually saying "hello" or "have a nice day." As she got up to leave with her daughter, she saw the couple behind her kneeling in place. She turned and spoke to them, "Hi this is my first time here. I can't describe how wonderful it felt. I think I want to know more about this faith and this church. Tell me, is it always like this? I really want to come back!"

The couple stood up and the man began to speak, "Young lady, if you come back there is one thing you should know. You were sitting in my seat." With that they left in a huff. Her heart sunk.

All the good work God does can be undone in an instant by those who believe they have a right to something because they have been at it longer. So it is with the parable in today's Gospel. God calls some of us early in life, some he calls later. The determination is His, and His alone. Let us not be jealous of God's benevolence or his timing.

- Dcn. Tim Crooker
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy



Fr. Paul's Parish Picture Project

It's not too late to send your photos in to Fr. Paul! If you are a parishioner, we ask you to please consider emailing your name and a photo of yourself to office@stxchurch.org. The images will remain in our database so that 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. Thank you!

Presiders for This Weekend - September 24

4:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - October 1

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

Ignatian Spirituality Project

Ignatian Spirituality Project, a national organization with an active affiliate in Cincinnati, offers spiritual accompaniment opportunities (overnight retreats, spiritual reflections and more) to people in recovery from addiction and homelessness. ISP will have an information table after all Masses this weekend. Please stop by to learn more about their mission, volunteer opportunities, and to meet members of the team!

Active Discipleship Day - Fall 2023

Fall Active Discipleship Day for our Parish Family, held in conjunction with Xavier University's Community Action Day will be **Saturday, October 14**, 9 AM - 1 PM. We hope you can join us for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! Look to the News Flash later this month to RSVP!

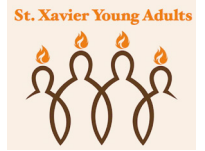
Sunday Collection for September 17	\$ 6,642
Online Contributions	5,148
Total for September 17	\$11,790

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, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Sheilds, 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, 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, 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.

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, please visit www.stxya.com/events.

**We Are Hiring - Two Open Positions**

(1) Full-time Parish Family Director of Marriage Ministries for St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel, and (2) Full-time Director of Music for St. Xavier Church. Learn more about these positions at www.stxchurch.org/job-openings.

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 of this story!

Service of the Longest Night

Save the date for **Saturday, November 11** at 10 AM in the upper church! The service and program is for all who are grieving a loss of any kind. More information to come!

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.

Rosary Group

The monthly group will meet at Divine Mercy in Bellevue, KY on **Wednesday, October 18** 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.