



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 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

October 2-7

MON	6:00	+	Thomas F. Rehme
2	11:30	+	Ron Goyette (Birth.)
		+	Carol Imbus
TUES	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose & Neal
3			Gilday
	11:30	+	John R. Grosser
		+	Dr. John A. Masla
WED	6:00	+	Margo A. Ackerman
4		+	Peter Schmidt (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Harold & Mar Weber
		+	Carl & Carolyn Voss
			(Wed. Annv.)
THU	6:00	+	Eleanor Waltermann
5	11:30	+	Tony & Ellen Viox (Birth.)
		+	George Johnson
FRI	6:00	+	Catherine W. Krebs
6		+	Helen Braunwart
	11:30	SI	Russell Sanders (Birth.)
		+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett,
			Christine Finn Barrett, &
			Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT	7:00	+	Ruth Katherine Wendling
7		+	George & Esther Meyer

MUSIC

Opening: Gather Us In #848

Gloria: Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 25:
Remember Your Mercies, O Lord #1167

Mass parts: #327, 384, 385, 386, 390

Communion: What You Have Done for
Me #816

Closing: Send Down the Fire #557

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weekly email newsletter by completing
the form on the homepage of the website.



Artwork: *Christ and the Sinner*
Andrey Mironov (c. 2011)

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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St. X's ministries





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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.

Think Globally, Act Locally

A recent gospel, (Luke 8:1-3) featured the twelve Apostles assisted by three women who “provided for them out of their resources.” What resources do we have to offer our Church? How can we employ these resources locally while keeping in mind global universal needs? Released on February 19, 2019, four **Universal Apostolic Preferences** for the Society of Jesus were announced by the Jesuit Superior General, Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J. These priorities were identified through a fruitful process of discernment lasting almost two years. All Jesuits were invited to take part with many representational mission partners. The process concluded with a confirmation from Pope Francis in a special meeting with Fr. Sosa.

The Four Preferences are:

1. To show the way to God through *The Spiritual Exercises* and discernment
2. To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice
3. To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future
4. To collaborate in the care of our Common Home, the Earth

Each year, our Jesuit Parish Family concentrates on one of these Universal Apostolic Preferences. This year (2023-2024) we will showcase and promote the gift of *The Spiritual Exercises* – written by St. Ignatius of Loyola. As we continue through the year, we will promote familiarity with the Spiritual Exercises in a column in this Bulletin. Look for more forthcoming information. To start off our promotion of the *Exercises*, we launched a retreat series called “The Ignatian Prayer Adventure – the *Spiritual Exercises* in Everyday Life”. By engaging in these exercises, we can hope to develop a more robust relationship with Jesus and be a part of the universal apostolic church which is also honoring this UAP this school year. Look for more opportunities to come!

See the Big Picture

*You say, “The Lord’s way is not fair!”
Ezekiel 18:25*

I will admit it: this has not been a particularly easy time for me over the past year and a half. I lost my husband to cancer, I moved into a condo and cleaned out our home of 41 years, and then I began to have some annoying foot issues. I struggle with my lack of mobility since I still feel mentally like I am young and vibrant. There have been quite a few moments during this time when I have felt the words in today’s first reading, “The Lord is not fair!”

If you were ever a parent, you have also heard this lament. “You are not fair.” I cannot tell you how often I heard this very complaint from my children when they were growing up. I was not even-handed in my treatment of them, and they would call me out about it quite often. I would always know that I was as fair as I could be. Circumstances dictated many of my actions. I knew in my heart that I never treated each child the same, but each child received what they needed at the time.

How often have we felt that the Lord was unfair in His dealings with us? How often have we prayed fervently, hoping for a good outcome, only to have our hopes dashed and our requests not answered in the way we wanted? In our hearts we cry out, “This is not fair!” I prayed so hard; why is the Lord ignoring me? That being said, another scripture phrase comes to mind: His ways are not our ways.

There is a story I once heard about the tapestry we each create with our lives here on earth. The strings of our deeds and experiences are woven with many colored threads to create the tapestry of our lives. Unfortunately, as we create this tapestry, we only see the bottom – with all the muddled colors and loose threads. It will not be until we reach our heavenly home that we will see how all of the dark and brilliant threads blended together to create the masterpiece of our life.

Our lives must be filled with faith and hope. Faith that our good Lord always knows what is best for us. Hope that allows us to follow God’s will for our life joyfully and with gratitude.

We should look to the end of today’s first reading for the result of a life filled with faith and hope. As Ezekiel says, “...if he does what is right and just, ... he shall surely live, and he shall not die.”

The Lord’s ways are always fair as long as we have eyes to see the big picture.

- Kathy England
Pastoral Associate



Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - October 8

4:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

St. Vincent de Paul

On October 14 & 15, a representative from St. Vincent de Paul will speak at all masses. There will be a collection after mass.

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! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

**September - Average Mass Attendance**

Sat. 4 PM	140	Sun. 9 AM	131	Sun. 5 PM	119
Sun. 7 AM	114	Sun. 10:30 AM	229		

Sunday Collection for September 24	\$ 6,068
Online Contributions	3,048
Total for September 24	\$ 9,116

Ukrainian Refugee Family Update

With much happiness and prayerful gratitude we can announce that our Ukrainian families arrived here on September 21 safe and sound! They are settling in to their new home, and have expressed relief and thanks for being here, where they do not have to worry for the safety of their children or themselves. The families are Juliia and her two sons, Arsenii and Anton (Juliia's husband Roma had to remain behind in Ukraine). The second family is Juliia's brother Vitalii and his wife Yana, and son Vlad. Traveling with them is a family friend, Anastasia Petrushak.

Please contact Cary Powell at cpowell@stxchurch.org if you would like to volunteer. Right now, the families could use help with conversing in English and being shown around Cincinnati.

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. Please join us!

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!

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.

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 Shields, 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, 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, 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, and Mary Preston.