



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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 9-14

MON			<i>No 6 AM Mass</i>
9	11:30	+	Ray Fetick (Birth.) + Linda Klare (Annv.)
TUES	6:00	+	Robert Scheid (Birth.) + Raymond Gleason
10	11:30	+	Angela Fennell Harris (Birth.) + Jason Scott (Birth.)
WED	6:00	+	Jerry Rouse (Annv.) + John R. Troescher (1st Annv.)
11	11:30	+	Ron Goyette (Birth.) + Henry Kemme (died in 1882 during construction)
THU	6:00	+	Bill Busemeyer + Marie DeZarn
12	11:30	SI	Phyllis Link SI Bobby and Angelica
FRI	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
13	11:30	+	Dan Pfaffinger (1st Annv.)
SAT	7:00	+	Steve Lehrter
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MUSIC

Opening: The Church's One Foundation #742

Gloria: Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 80:
The Vineyard of the Lord #1170

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

Communion: I Will Be the Vine #872

Closing: Bring Forth the Kingdom #734

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Artwork: *Vineyards at Auvers*
Vincent van Gogh (c. 1890)

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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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.

Men's Eucharistic Procession

The 9th annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession will be held on **Saturday, October 21**, beginning with 8 AM Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Men will then process with the Eucharist through downtown Cincinnati, concluding at 11 AM with final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church. Join the seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other Catholic men of all generations. Please contact David Willig at 513.305.6719 if you have any questions.

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.

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, October 24** from Noon to 1:15 PM in the Parish Center.

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, October 13** from Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

Becoming the Fruit

Once while walking out in the woods, I came upon a place where wild grapes grew. Being inexperienced with wild fruit, I felt like I had hit the jackpot. The grapes were small, green, plump and apparently ready for plucking. Without hesitation, I took a bunch and plopped them in my mouth. Immediately I was overwhelmed by the sourness of these small, seedy orbs. I felt betrayed! How could something that looked so good and promised to be so tasty on the tongue assault my senses in such a way?

Turns out, the grapes we are used to eating take years to cultivate. The sun, the soil, and the water, all affect the taste of a grape. Turns out that, as people, we also take years to cultivate. For us to mature and grow—for us to become a kind, merciful, faithful, and selfless people—takes generations. It takes the constant care of sacrificial love to help build up a people.

The first reading provides the image, the place where the landowner can grow the fruit that is needed to make wine. Wine, which “warms the heart”, was also used to make water drinkable (the alcohol purifies the water). In this tradition, wine was an aid to life in body and spirit. In one way of seeing, rules of our faith, our religious practice, these are the vineyard. The people that God desires to produce through our practice of faith create joy, make life palatable, and give life.

In the gospel we hear how the landowner has done everything possible to cultivate the crop. Not only is care given to the environment, but also we hear how servant after servant is sent to help the crop grow. Even the heir to the vineyard is sent to help it along. The people, however, do not want what the landowner offers. They want to take over the vineyard for their own ends.

The people religion produces are the fruit:

As for religion: what is it if we try to bend and break rules it took generations to come to understand, while also judging others for our perception that they are the ones breaking the rules? What is it if the religious practice becomes thoughtless, judgmental, self-centered, and proud? As for the produce: what is it if in defending our practice of the faith, our spirits become violent, cruel, unmerciful, and petty?

What does our faith call us to? What kind of fruit does it bear?

For our meditation this week, let us ponder this: “Whatever is true...honorable...just...pure...Whatever is lovely...excellent...gracious...worthy of praise...” let us think about these things. May we come to understand that these are what our faith calls us to. With these as our guide, we will not fall pray to the bitterness of our current climate. If this is our guide, we will become that fruit which can bring health, healing, and cheer to our world.

- Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
Pastor



Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - October 15

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

Tender Mercies

If you can donate a food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, October 29**. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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. Arsenii went to his first day of school on Monday, October 2. The second family is Juliia's brother, Vitalii, and his wife Yana, and son Vlad.

Thank you to the generous volunteers who have donated their time and energy thus far. Please contact Cary Powell at cpowell@stxchurch.org if you would like to get involved.

Fr. Paul's Final Vows

On **Monday, November 13** at 5:30 PM, Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ will pronounce his final vows after 22 years, celebrating full reception into the Society of Jesus. The event will be celebrated at an ordinary daily mass at Bellarmine Chapel with a reception to follow. Please RSVP for the reception by emailing the parish office by October 31.

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.

**Wine & Cheese After Mass**

Join your fellow parishioners for wine and cheese in the Parish Center after the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, October 28**.

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.

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.

Sunday Collection for October 1	\$ 8,427
Online Contributions	7,106
Total for October 1	\$15,533

St. Xavier Prayer Ministry Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan, 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 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 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, 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.