



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 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

November 6 - November 11

MON	6:00	+	Carmelita Schlueter (Annv.)
	11:30	+	Margo A. Ackerman + Graham MacDougell
TUES	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
7	11:30	+	Kevin England + Mrs. Rose Martin
WED	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
8	11:30	SI	Connie Obermeyer (Birth.) + Jason Scott (Annv.)
THU	6:00	+	Harold & Mar Weber
9	11:30	+	Margo A. Ackerman + Joann Hallahan
FRI	6:00	+	Aileen Sunderhaus
10	11:30	+	Thomas J. Magner (Wedding Annv.) + Christine Boylan Lytle (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+	Patricia Wohlform
11		+	Patrick Powell

MUSIC

Opening: O Holy City, Seen of John
#863

Responsorial Psalm 131:
In You, O Lord #1182

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

Communion: Lord, Who at Your First
Eucharist #914

Closing: Deliver Us, O Lord of Truth
#750

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



Artwork: *Jesus Washing Peter's Feet*
Ford Madox Brown (c. 1852-56)

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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Welcome Back Upstairs!

For the first two weeks of November, we will still have daily mass in the Parish Center, with weekend masses beginning in the newly restored upper church this weekend. Our celebration of re-opening will be on **Sunday, December 3**, the feast of St. Francis Xavier. Please stay tuned for more details around the celebration for that day!

ADSUM
A Campaign for Renewal



Veteran's Day Photographs

Please feel free to bring photographs of loved ones, past and present, who have served or are serving in our nation's armed forces. We will put them on display beginning on Veteran's Day, where they will remain until the beginning of Advent, as a sign of our gratitude for their service and an invitation to pray for them. Bring photos to the parish office or give them to Fr. Jacob.

Advent Retreat Opportunities

St. X Church will offer an Advent Retreat opportunity for busy adults starting the first week of Advent. No prior knowledge of Scripture or study aids are required. The retreat will be comprised of three or four sessions (once a week) during Advent, in person and online. Four groups are forming and will meet: Sundays at 7 PM, Tuesdays at 12 Noon, Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, Wednesdays at 7 PM. Sign up for the retreat time slot that best serves you by completing a reservation form located in the back of church OR call the parish office. Why not consider making the retreat a part of your Advent reflection prayer this year?

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will again be collecting nonperishable food items after all the masses starting November 4 - 5 until the Sunday before Thanksgiving for St. Vincent de Paul. Please place your items on the table located at the entry of the side door or in the back of church. This year more than ever, your generosity is much needed and appreciated. These are the items food pantries—and your neighbors in need—can really put to good use: Applesauce, Canned Chicken, Canned Fish (Tuna and Salmon), Canned Meat (SPAM and Ham), Canned Vegetables, Cooking Oils, Snacks, Crackers, Dried Herbs and Spices, Fruit (Canned or Dried), Granola Bars, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Meals in a Box, Nuts, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jellies and Jams, Rice, Powdered Milk, Soup, Stew and Chili, Whole Grain Cereal, and of course, paper towels and toilet paper!

Please return items no later than **Sunday, November 19**.

Which Sin Did Jesus Despise Most?

Whenever we see the word sin, we can immediately get turned off. The very word makes us feel judged, and maybe not so much judged by God, but by others. This column is not going to be a treatise on sin, but it is going to address the sin that Scriptures record as being the one Jesus feels is more damaging than others.

We all know that Jesus spent a good portion of his ministry forgiving sin. It is one of the things that got him into most trouble with the religious leaders. "Who does he think he is that he has the power to forgive sin!?" Well, Jesus knew all too well that forgiving someone is the basis of true faith. Maybe if we forgive a family member, a co-worker, or a neighbor, their sin might remain with God. We don't know, nor do we have any control over it. But we do know that once we take the step to forgive, the barrier that leads to caring for our brothers and sisters, and the separation we created with God, will be dissolved.

Jesus welcomed the sinner. Not because he enjoyed the sinning community, but because they were forthright about their sin. Tax collectors who cheat, prostitutes who degraded themselves, servants who were unscrupulous—all these people knew they were not living as their forefathers, Abraham and Moses instructed them. However, they also did not go about pretending to be upright and holy as did the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes.

Time after time, Jesus condemns these groups. Not because he wanted to change the structure and say, "Look, I'm the real religious leader." No, he condemned them because of their hypocrisy. To be hypocritical is the sin Jesus despises most.

I think we all know this. When we see our leaders or a person in authority telling us how to live but they aren't following the same path, we see a discontinuity in word and action. For followers of Jesus that simply cannot be the case. Jesus will forgive us our weaknesses and transgressions. Those are personal sins. Hypocrisy quickly becomes a social sin and that can wreak havoc on the very fabric of belief. When that happens, faith in Christ is shaken or worse, abandoned.

- Deacon Tim Crooker
Pastoral Associate



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Presiders for This Weekend - November 5

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

Presiders for Next Weekend - November 12

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Xavier-Cathedral Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is our parish's largest initiative addressing poverty in our immediate community, assisting hundreds of families each year to stay in their homes, keep the lights on, and have a comfortable place to sleep at night. Our Vincentians practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy with our neighbors, helping so many to get over life's bumps and find stability again!

On November 4 and 5, a member of our SVDP Conference will speak at all our masses, inviting you into their ministry. Our Vincentians meet every Saturday and would love it if you joined them on their home visits! Contact the Director of Sustainability and Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at tseveryn@stxchurch.org to get involved. If you can't come to a meeting, we also need your financial support! You can give at mass or on the St. X website.

Sunday Collection for October 29	\$ 6,700
Online Contributions	3,758
Total for October 29	\$10,458

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

Susan, Carla Niehoff, Richard Baylis, 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 Teepen, 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, Steve, and Ava Janzsen

Thursday Social

This month's parish social is **November 16** at Wiedemann's Brewery (4811 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45217). The fun begins around 4 PM. All are welcome!

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. Following the service you are invited to participate in a program in the Parish Center called *Getting Support for Grief and Loss During the Holidays*. Parish staff and volunteers will be available to share light refreshments.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, November 14** at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. In this novel, two estranged siblings must set aside their differences to deal with their mother's death and her hidden past--a journey of discovery that takes them from the Caribbean to London to California and ends with her famous black cake. Please join us for a great discussion!

Green Cincinnati Plan - Panel

The next presentation in the Embracing God's Creation series will be **Thursday, November 9** at 7 PM in Bellarmine Chapel. We have organized a panel presentation entitled *The Green Cincinnati Plan and Faith Community Engagement*. Come learn how communities like ours can impact sustainability city-wide!

Giving Tree Begins Nov. 18 & 19

Each year we partner with several community agencies that serve the needs of children, families, and the elderly. Beginning November 18 & 19: (1) Take a tag off the Giving Tree near the front entrance of church. (2) Make your purchase as described on the tag. (3) Wrap the gift at home and attach the tag to the wrapped gifts. Note: the tags are color-coded for each agency. Bring the gift(s) back to St. X no later than the weekend of December 9 & 10.