



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023



Welcome to St. Xavier

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

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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Mass Intentions

November 13 - 18

MON	6:00	+	Anna Mae Teismann (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Winlove Chavez + Vicki Meyer (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
14	11:30	+	Dr. John A. Masla + Dr. Richard Menke
WED	6:00	+	Catherine Ann Kearns + Mary Pat Hendy
15	11:30	+	Peter Horan (Birth.) + Carol Imbus
THU	6:00	+	Frances Martina
16	11:30	SI	Cheryl Freudenberger (Birth.) + Margo A. Ackerman
FRI	6:00	+	John Streicher
17	11:30	+	Mr. & Mrs. Otto Buzek + Ann Miller + Mary Jo Roe (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+	Donald E. Shannon
18		+	Steve Lehrter

MUSIC

Opening: This Is My Song #986

Responsorial Psalm 63:
My Soul Is Thirsting #1185

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

Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World
#909

Closing: Sing a New Song #607

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Artwork: *Parable of the wise and foolish virgins*
Wilhelm Von Schadow (c. 1842)

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!

ADSUM
A Campaign for Renewal



Sunday Collection for November 5	\$10,270
Online Contributions	5,296
Total for November 5	\$15,566

Rosary Group

The Rosary is prayed every evening at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com to join us! You can also join us in person on **Wednesday, November 15** in the upper church to pray the Rosary after Adoration.

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 are collecting nonperishable food items after masses 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 paper towels and toilet paper!

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

Reborn

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus states, "For you know neither the day nor the hour." I know people probably had their doubts about when we were going to re-open the main church for services, but as of last week, we did it. We promised the first weekend in November, and by the Grace of God, it happened. It truly was a 'soft' opening. A lot of things still needed to be finished, but we were able to open the space for all to see and celebrate the Mass.

Our soft opening provided insights and issues to be handled, i.e., sound system, lighting, flooring, door locks, and incense. We know our new smoke detectors work well (going off at 10:30 Mass due to incense), but our microphones and speakers did not. These are addressable issues that will be resolved. The big thing is we got to share the nave, refreshed and reborn.

Usually, one speaks of 'Reborn' at the beginning of a new year or springtime. But here we have been blessed to be witnesses of a rebirth of our church. The architectural features have been highlighted and brought back to life. The stations are now featured compared to being just part of the wall. The statues of Mary, Joseph, and the angels have returned to their original positions. Last but not least, the tabernacle, along with the sanctuary lamp, is back in the center. We still have more to go: kneelers will be installed at the side altars and the tabernacle. In January, the rest of the stained glass will come back. And in the spring, we will have Gabriel and Michael statues installed high above the side altars.

This project was only done with a great team of contractors and project managers. Our timeline was from May 1 to November 1. This was a relatively short period of time to accomplish our goal. Project schedules were adhered to, thanks to prior planning. On May 1, numerous contractors were here on site to start work. Sometimes, they trickle in, and the ball rolls slowly, not this time. Thanks to Tim Steigerwald, acting as the church's Project Manager, he kept a fire under them the whole time. All in all, we had very cooperative contractors. The scaffold took longer than expected to install, but it did not slow the progress of the other trades. In the sacristies, we kept discovering issues such as hidden doors, ductwork, and five layers of flooring over rotted floorboards.

Our grand re-opening will be December 3. We will be able to share a more finished look, i.e., pews brought back up, all floors finished, lighting complete, and, of course, the sound system balanced. We will offer tours and have a reception to celebrate our accomplishments thanks to your input and generosity.

- Chris Dole
Facilities Manager



Presiders for This 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. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - November 19

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. Eric Sundrup, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

Congratulations to...

James, William, and Francis, children of James and Jacqueline Ginocchio, who were baptized at St. X last weekend.

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, November 21** from Noon to 1:15 PM in the Parish Center. This meeting will focus on Chapter 8, "Mary, the Mother of Jesus" 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, December 1** from Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church.

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!

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, November 26**. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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!

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

October - Average Mass Attendance

Sat. 4 PM	135	Sun. 9 AM	102	Sun. 5 PM	144
Sun. 7 AM	105	Sun. 10:30 AM	225		

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, Ava Janzsen, and Erica Gross.