



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



## 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  
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

### Parish Staff

Sam Aberle                      Chris Crabb  
Dcn. Tim Crooker              Chris Dole  
Tina Ernst                      Mary Beth Fennell  
Kathy Heile                     Diane Roden  
Sr. Whitney Schieltz         Tim Severny  
Mary Stutler

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## Mass Intentions

April 15 - April 20

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Ed Merkes (Birth.)
15		+	Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
	11:30	+	Marietta Ginocchio
		+	Catherine Ann Kearns
TUES	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
16		+	Dr. Richard Menke
	11:30	+	Sandra Dutro
WED	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
17		+	Davis & Gillespie Families
	11:30	+	Dr. John A. Masla
		+	Nancy Ellen Toole
THU	6:00	+	John Kohrman Family
18	11:30	+	Ron Goyette (Annv.)
		+	Andrew Schuab
FRI	6:00	+	Peter Schmidt
19	11:30	+	Deborah Hogan
		SI	Special Intention of D.A.
SAT	7:00	+	Stanley Herrlinger
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## MUSIC

### Opening:

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
#542

### Responsorial Psalm 4:

Lord, Let Your Face Shine on Us  
#1068

### Mass Parts:

Mass of Redemption

### Communion:

Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup #926

### Closing:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
#536

## READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

Art: *In a Church*

*Alexei Danilovich Kivshenko (c. 1881)*

## 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



## Shoe Collection Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection of new athletic shoes. Altogether we collected 167 pairs (including 34 for men, 65 for women, and 68 for children) which will be sent to families in Ukraine along with other humanitarian aid by USA with Ukraine.

## Social Mission Survey - Input Needed!

All parishioners are encouraged to complete a brief survey in order to reflect on their call to participate in the social mission work of our church and to provide feedback on how we can further develop and expand our outreach. Please scan the QR code for the survey online or complete a printed survey available in the back of the church.



## Holy Land Olive Wood Carvings

The mission of Bethlehem Christian Families is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their olive wood artifacts in the U.S. They will be set up in the basement parish center after all the masses. We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. They accept cash, credit cards, and checks.

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

This month, we are participating in the annual, Archdiocese-wide CRS Collection. This collection helps Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and works for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. So, please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Donation envelopes and more information can be found in the tables at the rear of church.



# A Ghost of a Chance

The modern term “ghosting” is defined as suddenly, and without warning, ending a relationship via a withdrawal of communication. The discarded person is jettisoned in an accelerated manner; today’s friend becomes tomorrow’s stranger.

Today’s first reading from Acts indicts the followers of Jesus who exhibited a sudden change of demeanor towards Jesus in Holy Week with the mis-demeanor of “ghosting.” Except their crime was felonious as Jesus went to his death as a result. Think “Crucify Him!” Yet our gospel today features Jesus in the role of “ghost buster” after being thrown under the bus, left for dead—ghosted. Our Jesus ghost busts them all as he returns from the dead with a proverbial “call waiting” blinking on their phones in a cellular way—alive and in person.

Today, with the stealth of a ghost, Jesus appears to the unsuspecting folks as he finds an opportunity to surprise his ghosters. He appears, and they are terrified. Jesus now has a ghost of a chance of succeeding, and he seizes it with the startling question: “Do you have anything to eat?” And they are all shocked. May we all be shocked this Easter season with a newfound appreciation of a man risen from the dead. His presence is haunting but not taunting with an olive branched invitation—a peace offering: “Peace be with you.”

In an age of revenge and resentment, Jesus turns the tables and reproves all those who ghosted him without the revenge and resentment. Initially mistaken for a ghost, he unmasks their fears and stuns them all: Hello, it’s me, not with a “Boo” as they murmur, “Who?” Jesus also has an appetite for food and for questions like “Why are you troubled?” and “Why do questions arise in your hearts?” We are commanded to look at his hands and his feet: “Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

Is ghosting Irreversible? No. Disobedience irreparable? No. For Scripture reveals to us in Proverbs the likes of a human yet divine reproving giver: “Like a gold earring or a gold necklace is a wise reprover to an obedient ear.” Jesus, our proverbial wise reprover, proves he is not a ghost. With an obedient ear we go forth fed by his return and moved out of fright to faith. In the end, the ghosting of Jesus by friends was necessary so that “The prophets and psalms would be fulfilled. For it is written “that the Christ would suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached.” Jesus goes beyond preaching as he lives repentance by loving his ghosters. Through food and felicity, our Lord convinces all of us that our complicity in ghosting is exorcised with an “I am not a ghost,” and we are exonerated. Let’s eat.

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor



**Presiders for This Weekend - April 14**

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. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

**Presiders for Next Weekend - April 21**

4:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, 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, April 28**. Your help is appreciated!

**Congratulations to...**

- Oskar Robert Ford, son of Chris and Meredith, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on April 6.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please join Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ each Wednesday evening from 6-7 PM here in our beautifully renovated sanctuary for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Jesus is waiting for you!

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

Kathryn Dooling, William Zleit, Tom Federle, James Morgan, Gerry McDougall, Susan Hourigan, Susan, Richard Baylis, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, Shannon Boyle, Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Shields, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Andy Bailey, Emily Gear, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Roger Thesing, Mary Hudson, Angie Naylon, 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, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Marguerite Kron, Bob & Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, 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, 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, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Carol Ladwig, Mary Zleit, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin, and Betty Jung.

**Job Opening at St. Xavier Church**

In July, our Business Director, Mary Stutler, will be retiring. We are beginning our search for a new Business Director. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please visit [www.stxchurch.org/job-openings](http://www.stxchurch.org/job-openings) or contact the parish office at 513-721-4045.

**Thursday Social**

On **Thursday, April 18**, join us for a parish social event at Ford's Garage (2692 Madison Road, Suite 115, Norwood, OH). The fun happens around 4-6 PM!

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 23**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Please join us for a great discussion of this historical novel!

Sunday Collection for March 31	\$18,258
Online Contributions	5,036
<b>Total for March 31</b>	<b>\$23,294</b>

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