



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



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

April 29 - May 4

(All mass times are AM)

MON	6:00	+	Don Kiely (Annv.)
29	11:30	SI	Anyigbo & Osuagwu Families
TUES	6:00	+	Richard Hoffman (Annv.)
30	11:30	+	Harry Riethman
WED	6:00	+	Davis & Gillespie Families
1	11:30	+	Kevin England (Annv.)
		SI	Anyigbo & Osuagwu Families
THU	6:00	+	Roger Schutte
2	11:30	+	Margo A. Ackerman
FRI	6:00	+	Rita Obergfell
3	11:30	+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, & Angie Barrett Enynon
SAT	7:00	SI	Tara & Jeff Papp
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MUSIC

For the 10:30 AM Mass, see the paper programs for the music.

Opening:

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
#596

Responsorial Psalm 22:

I Will Praise You, Lord #1074

Mass Parts:

Mass of Redemption

Communion:

We Come to Your Feast #938

Closing:

They'll Know We are Christians
#835

READINGS

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Art: *The Red Vineyard*
Vincent Van Gogh (c. 1888)

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



UNIVERSAL MOTHER

A Journal For Finding Yourself in Mary

BOOK LAUNCH SALE & ART EXHIBIT

St. Xavier Church Parish Center
Saturday, May 11, from 5-7 PM

St. X is hosting an exciting book launch event in the Parish Center on **Saturday, May 11!** *Universal Mother: A Journal for Finding Yourself in Mary* features twenty paintings by Holly Schapker, showing Mary in diverse times and settings. They are accompanied by personal reflections from the artist and art historian Cecelia Dorger, along with questions to help readers delve into their own experiences and reactions to the art and the theme of each painting. The book will be available for purchase at the event. Learn more by visiting www.universalmotherbook.com. All are welcome to attend!

Social Mission Survey - Last Chance!

April 28 is the final day to offer your input on how our parish can further live out our commitment to *Inward Reflection, Outward Action*. Please scan the QR code for the survey online or complete a printed survey available in the back of the church.



Annual Parish Picnic!

Please save the date for our annual summer picnic on **Sunday, June 2** at Sharon Woods Park, Council Bluffs Shelter. Come by between 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM! Please bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair. Activities include games and prizes for children and adults, and of course, split the pot! Contact office@stxchurch.org with any questions.

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.

Vineyard Veritas

"I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5)

In the Old Testament, Israel is called a vine. The Lord planted the people of Israel *"as a choice vine, all pedigreed stock"* (Jeremiah 2:2). As first-century Jews and students of the Torah, Jesus' Apostles would have been familiar with this metaphor. Sitting around the table of the Last Supper, Jesus draws a distinction when he tells them, *"I am the true vine"* (John 15:1). The Apostles, during a moment of such gravity, would have been hanging on their Teacher's every word. What are the implications of this new *true* vine?

The student-teacher relationship runs through all cultures and traditions. All spiritual gurus have followers. Our online streaming services today abound with documentaries about cults. As the script goes, the cult leader lures a group of unfortunate souls to a malodorous-looking compound and inflicts his or her egomaniacal beliefs upon them. Once everyone has had their fill of mystical voodoo and financial exploitation, Uncle Sam comes to clean things up. Roll the credits.

What makes the relationship between Jesus and the Apostles—between God and ourselves—more than just a student-teacher relationship? Jesus was not just another spiritual guru. As branches of the vine, we are inextricably linked to Christ, for the branches and the vine are of the same nature. Without Christ, we wither. As St. Augustine put it, *"he who thinks that he bears fruit of himself, is not in the vine; he who is not in the vine, is not in Christ; he who is not in Christ, is not a Christian."* He offers us the opportunity to bear fruit, and we must remain loyal to the vine to do so.

All of this fruit business sounds great—sign me up! What could stand in the way of me being a good vine and bearing some delicious fruit? There is no rivalry between the vine grower and the vine, but there can be between the branches. When we engage in destructive rivalrous behavior with one another, we lose sight of what Christ, the true vine, desires for us. Later in the chapter, Jesus tells the Apostles, *"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"* (John 15:12-13). Following these instructions, we can avoid worldly mimetic trappings and yield eternal fruit. Seek consolation and inspiration in this week's reminder that we are the branches and Christ is the *true* vine.

- Sam Aberle
Parish Family Director of Communications



Presiders for This Weekend - April 28

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

Presiders for Next Weekend - May 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

2023-24 First Communion Class

Congratulations to Norah Beiting, Andrew Callan, Isla Cessna, Frank Cramerding, George Cramerding, Morgan Dixon, Charlie Grimme, Leonard Herreid, Bennett Hogberg, Alexander Loyson, Benjamin Loyson, Lillian Murphy, Maddie Robertson, Rowan Toole, Anderson Van Orsdel, Alexandria Wabler, and Erin Willer.

Congratulations to...

- Jack and Thomas O'Brien, sons of Dennis and Emily, who were baptized at St. X Church on April 20.
- Louis David Quehl, son of Christopher and Tara, who was baptized at St. X Church on April 21.
- Sophia Amelia Ann Sapanaro, daughter of Matthew and Emily, who was baptized on April 21.

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

Mary Preston, Dennis Baker, Joan Robinson, Kathryn Dooling, William and Mary 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, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, William Waters, Ray Teeppen, 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, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin, and Betty Jung

Young Adults Group

St. Xavier Church's Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more, please visit www.stxya.com/events.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, June 4**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Following Jesus* by John Shea. This storyteller introduces us to a Jesus who is uncompromising in his desire for us to follow him and experience peace, joy, love, and assurance. Filled with captivating stories and profound theological insights. Please join us for a great discussion!

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 or contact the parish office at 513-721-4045.

Sunday Collection for April 14	\$8,534
Online Contributions	3,161
Total for April 14	\$11,695

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