



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

May 6 - 11

MON	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
6		SI	Don & Kathy Kiely (Wed. Annv.)
	11:30	SI	Jeannette Kollar
		SI	Charles Musto
TUES	6:00	+	Peter Schmidt
7	11:30	+	Charles Wolf (Birth.)
		+	Joseph Jackson
WED	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
8	11:30	+	Douglas Lange (Annv.)
		+	Peggy Hogan (Birth.)
THU	6:00	+ / SI	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
9	11:30	+	Ann Fettick (Annv.)
		+	Patrick Gerhold (1st Annv.)
FRI	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
10		+	Johanna Sievers (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Margo A. Ackerman
SAT	7:00	+	Rusty Wesley Wehrley (1st. Annv.)
11		SI	Delaney Dowd (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
#902

Responsorial Psalm 98:

The Lord Has Revealed to the
Nations #1077

Mass Parts:

Mass of Redemption

Communion:

No Greater Love #701

Closing:

I Come with Joy #919

READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Art: *St. Francis preaching to the birds*
Albert Chevallier Tayler (c. 1898)

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!

Celebration of Mary and Mothers

Please join us on **Sunday, May 12**, Mother's Day, at 10:30 AM for a special celebration for Mary and mothers! We will place flowers at Mary's altar during Mass and invite everyone to stay after Mass to pray the rosary together.

Women's Spirituality Group

The group will next meet on Tuesday, May 21 from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. The meeting will feature prayer, reflection, and a discussion on "The Samaritan Woman at the Well: Transformed by Living Water" - Chapter 12 of our book, *Women of the Bible* by Kimberlee Herman. (Free copies available in the church office). Please join us!

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, May 10 from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. New members are always welcomed!

All You Need Is Love

In this week's readings, it is about love and acceptance of all. Jesus gives the message plain and clear that love is the way. *"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you,"* (John 15:10-12). Become a part of God's love.

The word "love" is used quite a lot in popular music. I was curious, so I asked Siri how many pop songs have the word love in the title. It came back with a study done in 2011 stating there were 1187 songs recorded as of that date. I can imagine it is well over 1200 by now.

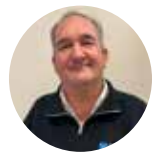
The majority of those songs were probably about a relationship between individuals. A few may be about family, friends, and/or God. Love is one of the most powerful emotions humans can experience. For Christian believers, love is the truest test of genuine faith. Throughout the Bible, we discover how to experience love in its many forms and to share it with others as God intended.

There are four types of love we can experience on a daily basis. There is *Eros* which is romantic love. There is *Storge* which is familial love. There is *Philia* which is brotherly love that unites believers. And there is the most important *Agape*, God's love for humankind.

I know it wasn't in this week's readings, but I often think about Paul's statement to the Corinthians (13:13): *"So faith, hope, love abide these three: but the greatest of these is love."* My take on this statement is that faith and hope can be shared with others but seem "me" centered. Whereas love is truly the way to God's love. Love is to be shared with all.

Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criteria of our love for others. The goal and result of our abiding in love—in God—will be perfect Joy.

- Chris Dole
Facilities Manager



Congratulations to...

- Jordan and Christina (Grimsley) Harlan who were married at St. Xavier Church on April 27.

Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - May 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. James Ackerman, SJ

The Ascension of the Lord

This year, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, is celebrated on **Sunday, May 12**. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in solidarity with most of the dioceses in the USA, moved the mass of the Ascension from a Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter beginning in year 2000. Come and let us celebrate Jesus' Ascension with glory on May 12!

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.

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, Steve, Ava Janzsen, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Carol Ladwig, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin, and Betty Jung.

Retreat for Young Adults

Join us on **Saturday, June 29** for the 'Hearts on Fire' retreat at St. Xavier Church! This is an invitation to prayer, adoration, discussion for young adults, ages 18-39. The day will include reflections with young Jesuits on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Ignatian spirituality. The cost is \$20. Information and registration: PopesPrayerUSA.net/hearts.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

**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.

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Sunday Collection for April 21	\$7,344
Online Contributions	6,645
Total for April 21	\$13,989

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