



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



The Ascension of the Lord



May 12, 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  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

May 13 – 18

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Margo A. Ackerman
13	11:30	+	Cyril McCarthy (Birth.)
		+	Charles S. Ginocchio
TUES	6:00	+	Henry Sievers (Birth.)
14		+	Benedict Francis Schickel
	11:30	+	Marianne Sheehan
		+	Joan Bobay
WED	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
15		+	Raymond Gleason
	11:30	+	Mary Jo Rose (1st Annv.)
		+	Rudy Biscuso
THU	6:00	+	Carl Huelsman (Annv.)
16	11:30	+	Carol Imbus
		+	Clara Willis (Annv.)
FRI	6:00	+	Helen Sievers (Annv.)
17	11:30	+	Leroy Neltner
SAT	7:00	+	Frank Olding
18			

## MUSIC

### Opening:

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! #545

### Responsorial Psalm 47:

God Mounts His Throne #1079

### Offertory:

On This Day O Beautiful Mother

Refrain: *On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give thee our love.  
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,  
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.*

### Mass Parts:

Mass of Redemption

**Communion:** I Will Be With You

Refrain: *I will be with you. That is my  
promise. I will be with you forever more.  
Trust in my love. Bring me all your cares,  
for I will be with you forevermore.*

**Closing:** Go to the World #546

Art: *The Ascension*

*Luca della Robbia (c. 1442-45)*

## 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



## 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, May 26**. Your help is appreciated!

## Confirmation Mass - May 19

Please join us in celebrating the 21 young people who will be confirmed into the Catholic Church at our Confirmation Mass at 10:30 AM on **Sunday, May 19**. We will welcome our Archbishop Dennis Schnurr to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. How fitting that this wonderful celebration will occur on Pentecost – the descent of the Holy Spirit. Come join us at the Mass and reception to follow in the Parish Center!

## 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](mailto:office@stxchurch.org) with any questions.

## 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!

*Happy Mother's Day!*

## The Queen of May

During May, we honor Mother Mary in a special sense because it is one of the months dedicated to her by the Church. A blue-flowered crown was placed upon our Blessed Mother statue on May 1st—and on this Mother's Day, children will lay a spring wreath before her to symbolize Mary's devotion to us.

I often reflect upon the life of our Blessed Mother and my own motherhood journey. Mary has offered her Grace and peace in times of abundant joy and in times of disappointment and sorrow. Regardless of the age of a child, being a Mother can lift your heart to the highest love and also lift you to the greatest anxiety. It is often said that Mothers are only as happy as their unhappiest child. I'm sure most of us have found this to be a true statement!

In times of inevitable challenge, Mother Mary is our model of strength and is our inspiration to persevere with Grace no matter what life brings and what life decisions are made by our children. From the time that Jesus was born, Mary fought to protect him from harm and evil. Jesus was surely a precocious child - always drawn to embrace and confront injustice, controversial people, and politically charged situations. Through scripture, we know that this path continued as He journeyed toward His final destiny.

No doubt Mary spent many sleepless nights worrying about Jesus's path and safety. But despite the worry about His chosen actions, Mary stayed steadfast in her love and devotion to Jesus, giving Him the gift of unconditional love, always believing in Him even when others did not. Mary endured unimaginable pain as she watched her Son ridiculed, beaten, tortured, and ultimately crucified. It's heart-wrenching to attempt to imagine that experience. Yet, in all artistic depictions and Blessed Mother statues, we see her serene look of peace, love, and divinity upon her immaculate face.

So today, when you gaze upon her statue and blue-flowered wreath of honor, take time to say a special prayer in gratitude for Mary for bringing Jesus into this world and nurturing Him to become the one that offers us mercy from sin and grants us everlasting life. May Mothers—and all influential women who nurture others and love unconditionally—be especially blessed in the divine light of Mother Mary's Grace.

- Tina Ernst  
Director of Marriage Ministries



**Presiders for This 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

**Presiders for Next Weekend - May 19**

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

**Rosary Group**

Our Blessed Mother’s promise to those who pray the Rosary... *“I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.”* Please join our Jesuit Parish Family as we pray the Rosary each evening from 7:30 to 8 PM. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link.



**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 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!

**April 2024 - Average Mass Attendance**

Saturday 4 PM – 194	Sunday 7 AM – 114
Sunday 9 AM – 211	Sunday 10:30 AM – 316
Sunday 5 PM – 143	

**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](http://www.stxya.com/events).



Sunday Collection for April 28	\$8,541
Online Contributions	3,853
<b>Total for April 28</b>	<b>\$12,394</b>

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**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 Sheilds, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Andy Bailey, Emily Gear, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Roger Thesing, Mary Hudson, Angie Naylor, 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 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, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin, and Betty Jung.