



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 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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Mary Stutler

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## MASS INTENTIONS

May 20 – 25

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Fred Shaw
20	11:30	+	Amy Obermeyer (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+	Don Dryer (Wedd. Annv.)
21	11:30	+	Kevin England
		SI	Diogo A.
WED	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
22	11:30	SI	Ryan Alleman
THU	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
23	11:30	+	Dr. Richard Menke
		+	Joan Muench
FRI	6:00	+	Helen Sievers (Annv.)
24	11:30	+	Andrew Schaub
SAT	7:00	SI	Michelle Teimoust (Birth.)
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## MUSIC

### Opening:

O Spirit All Embracing #553

### Responsorial Psalm 104:

Lord Send Out Your Spirit #1084

### Pentecost Sequence

### Mass Parts:

Mass of Redemption

### Communion:

Spirit Blowing Through Creation  
#555

### Closing:

Send Down the Fire #557

## READINGS

Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

Art: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*  
Gustave Doré (c. 1870's)

## 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



Scan the QR code to learn more about the process of crafting a shared Vision Statement for our Jesuit Parish Family.



## 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.

## 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.



## Have You Heard of the Holy Spirit?

Today, we celebrate Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Nicknamed the "Birthday of our Church," it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem. The Spirit is conferred on the Apostles to GO OUT and spread the gospel. May the Spirit descend upon you; offer you a fresh vision!

Actually, the Holy Spirit has already come to each of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Do you remember your Confirmation... and its implications? To aid you in remembering your own Confirmation, we feature, today, the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation upon twenty-one young people. How fitting that today, on Pentecost, we would celebrate this milestone event! Notice that today we feature the color red, symbolizing fire and ignition. May all of us share in this "red letter day" as the Holy Spirit burns in all of our hearts.

When I taught high schoolers about the Sacrament of Confirmation, I emphasized the fiery aspect of the Holy Spirit characterized by its seven gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Piety, Wonder. Which one of these gifts is especially speaking to YOU today? Collectively, these gifts push us to maturely live our faith—whether 14 years old or 94.

Recall your Confirmation when the Bishop conferred this sacrament upon you with oil and a handshake (formerly, a slight slap to the face!) to jolt you into a fiery mood and ambitious mode. As a teacher, I tried to promote the zeal of the Spirit in this sacrament by doing a "hands-on" project with my students involving origami (paper folding) doves – the dove being a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The students would fold and create a paper origami dove, write a spiritual message on the dove, and then take the dove into the marketplace and give it away to an unsuspecting person. This was to minimize people saying, as the people of Corinth did in the Acts of the Apostles, "We have never even HEARD of the Holy Spirit"!

Today, we not only hear about the Spirit, we sense it. We see it, and we congratulate our young people on their Confirmation. Let's all celebrate this great day of Pentecost in a fiery fashion.

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor



## 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!

**Presiders for This 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. Jan Schmidt
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

**Presiders for Next Weekend - May 26**

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. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

**Social Mission Survey Results**

Thank you to everyone who completed the Social Mission Survey last month! The results show a clear desire for our parish to prioritize the issues of poverty, education & youth, health & food insecurity, and housing & homelessness in our outreach efforts. If you have any questions regarding the church's social mission or would like to get more involved, please contact Sr. Whitney Schieltz at [wschieltz@stxchurch.org](mailto:wschieltz@stxchurch.org)

**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!

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

**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!

**Congratulations to...**

- Ryan and Elizabeth (Hildebrandt) O'Neal, who were married at St. Xavier Church on May 11.

**Accessibility Note**

Handicap seating is available in the front of the side pews and in the back of the church. Please ask an usher for additional assistance.

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Sunday Collection for May 5	\$4,831
Online Contributions	6,246
<b>Total for May 5</b>	<b>\$11,077</b>

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