



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 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**

July 15 - July 20

(All mass times are AM)

MON 15	6:00 11:30	+ + + +	Hermann Sievers (Birth.) Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday Elise Ellen Early (Birth.) Robert F. Muenchin (1st Annv.)
TUES 16	6:00 11:30	+ + +	Rebecca O'Leary (Birth.) Herman Miller Joan Muench
WED 17	6:00 11:30	+ + +	Pat Berding Purcell & Toenis Families Joan Bobay MacKenzie McCarthy (Birth.)
THU 18	6:00 11:30	+ + +	Parish Book of Remembrance Dr. John Barton (1st Annv.) Willis Whitaker
FRI 19	6:00 11:30	+++++	Fr. Robert Thul, SJ Tony & Ellen Viox (Birth.) Deborah Hogan (Annv.)

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7:00

## Music

**Opening:** 

The Summons #790

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption

### Responsorial Psalm 85:

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness #1135

Mass Parts: Mass of Redemption

#### Communion:

Unless a Grain of Wheat #783

#### Closing:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #593

### READINGS

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mark 6:7-13 Art: Les jardiniers by Gustave Caillebotte oil on canvas (c. 1875)

# 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

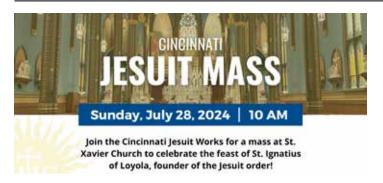
Saturday 7 AM

#### Confessions

Monday - Friday Noon to 1 PM

Saturday 11 AM to Noon

Francis Obermeyer (Birth.)



The annual Jesuit Works Mass is **July 28** at 10 AM here at St. Xavier Church! Representatives from all six Jesuit Works will be present: Xavier University, St. Xavier High School, Xavier Jesuit Academy, Bellarmine Chapel, St. X Church, and the Jesuit Spiritual Center. **There will be no 9 AM or 10:30 AM Mass at St. X that day**. A reception with food will follow in the Parish Center. Come and celebrate with us!

## **Marriage Enrichment**

Attention couples! Please join Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ for an important planning meeting to help develop our upcoming marriage enrichment program! We welcome your brainstorming ideas to help shape a meaningful experience. The meeting will occur on **Tuesday**, **July 16**, at 5 PM in the Parish Center. RSVP to Tina Ernst at *ternst@stxchurch.org* or call (513) 721-4045.

# **Active Discipleship Day - July 27**

In recognition of St. Ignatius of Loyola's feast day the following week, Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church will be coming together for Active Discipleship Day, a day of prayer, service, and reflection, on **Saturday**, **July 27**, 9 AM - 1 PM. We will gather on Xavier University's campus, go to sites across the community, and return to campus for lunch. Please contact Associate Director of Social Mission, Sr. Whitney Schieltz with questions at wschieltz@stxchurch.org. Scan the QR to RSVP!



# The Armor of God

In the classic film *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* there is a scene where the hero, Luke Skywalker, is training with the wise Master Yoda, and they find themselves near a strange, foreboding cave, which Yoda describes as being "a domain of evil."

"What's in there?"

"Only what you take with you."

Luke straps on his equipment as the Master responds, "Your weapons...you will not need them." Why were his weapons unnecessary? Because any danger in there would not come from without, but from within, which is confirmed when Luke encounters what he thinks is his great enemy but turns out merely to be himself or, rather, what he could become.

The apostles in our Gospel are similar; they are about to be sent away on their first mission, the first test of their experiences as disciples of Jesus, and it may seem by practical standards that they are being set up for failure: they are instructed to bring nearly nothing for the journey. They are being sent off to war with no weapons or armor, no supplies: nothing but what they have learned from Jesus and the authority He has given them over unclean spirits.

But this proves to be enough, for they go off and experience great success. In other words, all they needed against their enemies was Jesus and the authority He gave them over Satan. They did not need any provisions for the flesh; Jesus promised they would have what they needed if they trusted in God, for anything they might bring would be useless against what they would ultimately face. But since "...our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with principalities, with the powers...with the evil spirits in the heavens..." (Ephesians 6:12), they would know victory if they brought only that with which Jesus equipped them. Faith would be their shield, and the word of God—His authority—their sword (Ephesians 6:16-17).

In the eyes of the world the apostles are being sent to their doom; but to the Enemy who sees beyond flesh and blood, they go forth like knights, radiant in their armor, deadly in their arms, as the demon Screwtape describes in C.S. Lewis's famous work: "...the Church as we see her spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners. That, I confess, is a spectacle which makes even our boldest tempters uneasy," (The Screwtape Letters, Chapter 2).

- Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ Associate Pastor



#### Presiders for This Weekend - July 14 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. James Ackerman, SJ Presiders for Next Weekend - July 21 4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ 7:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ 9:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ 5:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

## **Religious Education for Children**

Our Religious Education program for children for the 2024-2025 school year will begin in early September. Registration is now open. Like last year we will offer at least three courses: a First Communion/Preparation class, Middle School Group (Grades 3,4,5,6) classes, and a Confirmation/Preparation class (Grades 7 and 8). All classes will be held on Sundays in mid-morning. More detailed information will be forthcoming. Please contact Fr. James Ackerman (jackerman@stxchurch.org) for more information and to receive a registration form or call the parish office.

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June 2024 - Average Mass Attendance
Saturday 4 PM - 142 Sunday 7 AM - 130
Sunday 9 AM - 184 Sunday 10:30 AM - 222
Sunday 5 PM - 168
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# Sacristy and Sanctuary - Help Wanted

Help is needed for close encounters with Jesus Christ! One or two more volunteers are needed for Sacristy and Sanctuary upkeep/cleaning. This may take two hours of your time per month. We are also in need of one or two additional volunteers to help with the maintenance of our altar cloths and linens. Please email Diane at <code>droden@stxchurch.org</code> or call 513-721-4045 to become part of the St. X volunteer community!

## **Thursday Social**

All are welcome to join us for the next parish social on **Thursday, July 18** at Hofbräuhaus - Newport, 200 3rd St. Newport, KY 41071. The fun happens around 4-6 PM. See you there!

# Congratulations to...

- Owen Michael Disko, son of Michael and Allyson, who was baptized at St. X on June 30.
- Ayden Michael Ireland, son of Ian and Amanda, who was baptized at St. X on July 7.
- Xavier Joseph Hermes, son of Noah and Ashley, who was baptized at St. X on July 7.

Sunday Collection for June 30	\$6.746
Online Contributions	5,322
Total for June 30	\$12,068

#### **CONNECT WITH ST. X!**

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



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

Denver & Sharon, Carol Ladwig, Marlene Noble, U.S. and Pat, Jack Scott, Bob Wedemeyer, Mary Preston, Dennis Baker, Kathryn Dooling, William and Mary Zleit, 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 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 Teepen, Marguerite Kron, Bob & Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Barbara Stewart, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Tom Wolfram, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Adelie 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, Lisa Spencer, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Steve, Ava Janzsen, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, and Betty Jung.