



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

Registered historic site founded in 1819
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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

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MASS INTENTIONS

August 19 – August 24

(All mass times are AM)

MON	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
19		+	Earl Edward Schuh (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Peter Horan
		SI	Gabrielle Ruiz-Funes & John Rinciari (2nd Wedd. Annv.)
TUES	6:00	+	Peter Schmidt (1st Annv.)
20	11:30	+	Joseph Jackson
		+	Nancy Billieu
WED	6:00	+	Andrew Accurso
21	11:30	+	Paul Lammermeier (Birth.)
		+	George Conn (Birth.)
THU	6:00	+	John Sansalone (Annv.)
22	11:30	SI	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ (Birth.)
FRI	6:00	+	John Kohrman Family
23	11:30	+	Deborah Hogan
		+	Jim Krohmer (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+	Charles B. Ginocchio
24		+	Benedict Francis Schickel (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
#852

St. Henry Gloria

inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 34:

Taste and see the goodness of the
Lord #1150

Mass Parts:

#337, #370, #371, #372, #389

Communion: Take and Eat #950

Closing:

Glory and Praise to Our God #606

READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Art: *Eucharist*

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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

Gratitude to Fr. Dwyer & Fr. Whitaker

Thank you Fr. Ryen Dwyer, SJ and Fr. Cyril Whitaker, SJ for spending most of your summer vacation here in our Jesuit Parish Family, providing sacramental services including presiding at our masses and hearing confessions. We greatly appreciate all of your efforts here in the St. Xavier Community. We will welcome you back in the future with open arms! Your presence and care have been a wonderful blessing to us all.



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, August 25**. Thank you!

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. All classes will be held on Sundays in mid-morning in the Parish Center.

- First Communion/Preparation class. 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. Starts on September 15.
- Middle School Group (Grades 3,4,5,6) classes. 9 AM to 10 AM. Starts on September 15.
- Confirmation/Preparation class (Grades 7 and 8). 10 AM to 11 AM. Starts on October 6.

There is a presentation/session for parents to meet the teachers on **Sunday, September 8** at 9 AM. Please call the parish office or contact Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org for more information and to register.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, August 27**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. As workers were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened, the author shows us that it is love and community--heaven and earth--that sustain us. Please join us for a great discussion of this murder mystery!

Come to the Feast

This Sunday we continue to hear from the Gospel of John about the living bread, and our first reading speaks similarly about a feast not merely of food and drink. While this Eucharistic theme has been present in our readings for several weeks, I am particularly struck by the image from Proverbs of Wisdom carefully preparing and extending an invitation to her table. Like Jesus' offer to partake in his flesh and blood, Wisdom invites us to a life-giving, transformational feast.

As I pray with these readings, I am reminded of the many invitations extended to me that have been life-giving and transformational. When I was starting out on my faith journey as a young adult, friends and family members invited me to join them in prayer. When I was curious about religious life, Sisters invited me to visit their homes to break bread with them. Then, as I discerned my ministry, those familiar with my passions and talents invited me to serve alongside them. In each of these invitations, I felt God's outstretched hand beckoning me.

Of course, not every invitation is one we should accept. As Paul warns the Ephesians in our second reading, some invitations will bring us life and fill us with the Spirit, but others will lead us on a path of ignorance. And sometimes, we simply don't have room for one more thing on our plate. Even in the case of multiple good options, we must discern which invitations to accept or deny and which paths to follow or avoid. I find that when I am faced with difficult decisions, it helps to invite others into my discernment, like my spiritual director or a member of my community who knows me well and can help me see through another lens where God may be calling me.

As the popular hymn says: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life. Each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we receive life-giving and transformational sustenance and accept Jesus' invitation to be in relationship with him and with one another. Although most of us don't feast on dressed meats and mixed wines on a regular basis, we are always invited to feast on the living bread.

- Sr. Whitney Schieltz
Associate Director of Social Mission





Parish Family Group on Poverty

St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel will be co-hosting a JustFaith series on Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response from **Sep 17 - Nov 5**. In this 8-week series, 6-12 parishioners from both parishes will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 PM to explore the Gospel's call to respond to poverty in our local communities and in our world. Gatherings will incorporate prayer, dialogue, and relationship building. The series will also include an immersion experience with a community organization working to alleviate poverty.



Please scan the QR code to complete the registration form or contact Sr. Whitney Schieltz at wschieltz@stxchurch.org with any questions. You can also visit JustFaith.org for more information about the program.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

A new RCIA class will be forming in the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic we would love to have you as part of our class! The program will begin in mid-September and continue through March 2025 culminating with the Easter Vigil. Please spread the word among your family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings a person can experience. For more information email Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ at jboddicker@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

Rosary Group

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. We will pray the Rosary in person outside at Divine Mercy Church in Bellevue, KY on **Wednesday, August 21** at 7 PM. Join us!



Women's Spirituality Group

Join us for a prayer/discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to Scripture/the Bible/selected popular books. Our first meeting of the new school year will be this **Tuesday, August 20** from noon to 1:15 PM in the Parish Center. The meeting will introduce the book *Women in the Bible* and focus on the first chapter on Eve. Join us! For more info, please contact the parish office.

Thursday Social

All are welcome to join us for the next parish social on **Thursday, August 22** at Pirate's Cove Tropical Bar & Grill (4609 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45226). The fun happens around 4-6 PM. See you there!

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!



Congratulations to...

- Juniper Leigh Brewster, daughter of Blake and Casey, who was baptized at St. X on August 10.
- Mae Louise Maccani, daughter of Tony and Beth, who was baptized at St. X on August 11.

Sunday Collection for August 4	\$8,100
Online Contributions	5,444
Total for August 4	\$13,544

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Presiders for This Weekend - August 18

4:00 PM Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Ryen Dwyer, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Ryen Dwyer, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - August 25

4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 20** Women’s Group - Parish Center
- August 21** Rosary Group - Divine Mercy Church
- August 22** Thursday Parish Social - Pirate’s Cove
- August 23** Men’s Group - Parish Center
- August 27** Book Club - Parish Center
- September 2** Labor Day - *Parish office closed*
- September 6** Men’s Group - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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

Roxanne Motl, Amy Ruethe, Mary Ellen Malas, P.L.T., 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, 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, 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 Teeppen, 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, 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, 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.

