



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 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

September 30 – October 5

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Mary Ann Justic (Birth.)
30	11:30	+	Cheri Fields (Birth.)
		+	Mary Jo Schwartz (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+	<i>Souls in Purgatory who have died from COVID</i>
1	11:30	+	Ron Goyette (Birth.)
		+	Kyle Plush
WED	6:00	+	Mary T. Dowd
2	11:30	+	Jewel Rossman
		SI	Whitaker, Franks & Shakelford Families
THU	6:00	+	Barbara Meridieth
3	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Willis Whitaker
FRI	6:00	+	Peter Schmidt (Birth.)
4	11:30	+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, and Angie Barrett Eynon
		+	Tony & Ellen Viox (Birth.)
		+	Joey Westerfield (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	SI	Lisa Kollar (Birth.)
5		+	Pierre Hardy

## MUSIC

### Opening:

Canticle of the Turning #622

### St. Henry Gloria

*inside back cover of hymnal*

### Responsorial Psalm 19:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart #1168 (p. 161)

### Offertory:

We Are Many Parts #834

**Mass Parts:** #370, #371, #372, #389

**Communion:** Eye Has Not Seen #728

**Closing:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #724

Numbers 11:25-29  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Art: *Saint Vincent de Paul Preaching*  
*Paul Delaroche (c. 1823)*  
*oil on canvas*

## 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

## Speaker Series This Sunday!

This Sunday, join us for the next installment of the St. X Speaker Series after the 5 PM Mass from 6-7:30 PM! Jesuit Regent Matthew Zurcher, SJ will provide an overview of UAP 3: Journeying with Youth, followed by a panel of young adults sharing their faith perspective and the challenges they face in the church. A light dinner will be served following the Mass. A livestream recording will be available on Youtube.

## BLINK at St. Xavier Church

Our sanctuary will come alive with lighting and music for the BLINK Festival on **Sunday, October 20** from 6-9 PM. A lighting display designed by CCM Theatre Design and Production students will be paired with choral music performed by an ensemble of twelve professional singers led by our Music Director Trevor Kroeger. Tickets are not required. The church will be open for all people to come and go at their leisure during this time to witness the beauty of our church and engage in an immersive prayer experience.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

A new RCIA class is forming. Q&A sessions have begun on Thursday nights at 7 PM at Bellarmine Chapel. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or is in need of being Confirmed, please contact Jane Myers at [myers@bellarminechapel.org](mailto:myers@bellarminechapel.org), or Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ at [jboddicker@stxchurch.org](mailto:jboddicker@stxchurch.org).

## With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Barbara Jean Meridieth, who was buried from St. Xavier Church last week. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

## 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 next meeting is Tuesday, October 22 from noon to 1:15 PM in the Parish Center. Join us! For more info, please contact the parish office.

## God's Children

It is unsettling to us when we hear Jesus speak in ominous tones. We are used to softer, gentler Jesus who preaches love and forgiveness. Today's account must have been on one of Jesus' "off-days." It comes near the end of his teaching, when he tries to make his point by incorporating children into his message. Children, while having no real power or political influence, are valued in the culture. They are sweet and innocent and accepting of being molded. Jesus says that we should be like children. We should open ourselves to be receptive to his words and learn from what those words can do for us. It's a good message and one that is not so difficult to understand.

Then Jesus places a child in the midst of those listening to him and tells them to accept a child with love and charity. To do so means that you have accepted Jesus and not only Jesus but the One who sent him—God. Finally, Jesus again turns to a child and says, "*whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great milestone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.*" Harsh words for sure but Jesus gets even more graphic: cutting off limbs, plucking out eyes, etc.

Grave sin is real. Intentionally rupturing our relationship with God is grave sin. The adjective used here, "grave," carries the connotation that intentional sin will ultimately send us to the grave, a death without recourse, a total separation from the God who is love. It's something to ponder, right? Jesus is using severe words to make the point that we need to return to innocence, to open our ears to hear God's word and our mouth to sing his praise. We are all God's children. Perhaps it's time we start acting like it.

- Deacon Tim Crooker  
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy



## St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, October 8**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall. The author uses ten maps to examine the major nations of the world, their weather, seas, mountains, rivers, deserts, and borders—to provide a context often missing from our political reportage: how the physical characteristics of these countries affect their strengths and vulnerabilities, and the decisions made by their leaders.

## An Hour of Prayer & Reflection

Join Sandy Kaiser and Holly Schapker as they invite you to grow in your relationship with God through music and art! The four Saturday sessions, beginning on **Saturday, October 26** via Zoom, will be centered on the four major movements of *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. Contact [pakeiser@fuse.net](mailto:pakeiser@fuse.net) to learn more!

Sunday Collection for September 15	\$7,736
Online Contributions	5,637
<b>Total for September 15</b>	<b>\$13,373</b>

## Children's Religious Education

It is not too late to enroll your child in our Religious Education program for children! Classes are beginning this month in First Communion Preparation, a Middle School group, and a Confirmation preparation class. We would love to have your child as a student. Email Fr. Ackerman at [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org) or call the office at (513) 721-4045 for more information!

## Rosary Group

Did you know this group has been praying the Rosary every night on Zoom since May 2020? Scan the QR code to join us on Zoom from 7:30 to 8 PM! We will pray the Rosary in person at Divine Mercy Church in Bellevue, KY on **Wednesday, October 16** at 7 PM. All are welcome!



## Congratulations to...

- Thomas and Lindsey (Kathmann) Burke who were married at St. Xavier Church on September 21.
- Henry John Imbus, son of Zachary and Marybeth, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on September 22.

## 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.



## Social Mission

### Fall Active Discipleship Day of Service

Our Fall Active Discipleship Day for our Jesuit Parish Family, held in conjunction with Xavier University's Community Action Day, will be **Saturday, October 19**, 9 AM to 1 PM. We hope you can join us for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Service sites will be selected by participants upon arrival, with a variety of accessible indoor/outdoor options available. Please RSVP!



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful SVDP appeal last weekend. Please continue to keep our Vincentians and our neighbors in your prayers.

### Honoring Ignatius House Volunteers

On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees (**September 29**), we want to recognize and thank the many parishioners who have volunteered with the Ignatius House ministry by supporting and accompanying our guests from Ukraine. To honor their contributions, we are pleased to bestow the 2024 Spirit of Sr. Dorothy Stang Award, granted each year by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to groups and individuals working tirelessly for justice and peace, caring for the poor and the integrity of creation. Congratulations!

### Outing to Gorman Heritage Farm

Join us **Saturday, October 12**, 9:30 AM to 12 PM for a family-focused outing to Gorman Heritage Farm. Cost is just \$8 for adults and \$5 per child over three (under three is free!). We'll go on a hayride, encounter the animals, and walk through a field of sunflowers together! Bring a picnic lunch if desired! This is our third year of Embracing God's Creation, a collaborative effort of the Cincinnati Jesuit Works focused on the ecological spirituality of *Laudato Si'* and UAP 4: Caring for our Common Home. Please scan the QR code to RSVP!



**Presiders for This Weekend - September 29**

4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
 7:00 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 9:00 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

**Presiders for Next Weekend - October 6**

4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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. Michael Graham, SJ

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 29** St. X Speaker Series - Parish Center  
**October 4** Men's Group - Parish Center  
**October 8** St. Xavier Book Club - Parish Center  
**October 12** Family Outing - Gorman Heritage Farm  
**October 14** Depolarization Workshop - Xavier Univ.  
**October 16** Rosary Group - Divine Mercy Church  
**October 19** Fall Active Discipleship Day  
**October 20** BLINK Immersion - St. X Church

*Contact the parish office to learn more.*

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

Susan Anderson, 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, William and Mary Zleit, James Morgan, Gerry McDougall, Susan, Richard Baylis, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, 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, 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, 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, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Chris Arlinghaus, Edward Pestian, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Ava Janzsen, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, and Betty Jung.

*Jesuit Parish Family*

**Being transformed in the Body of Christ, to bear hope and healing, in the Ignatian tradition.**

