

# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 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

November 4 – November 9

MON	6:00		<i>In Honor of the Holy Eucharist</i>
4	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Willis Whitaker
TUES	6:00	+	<i>Souls in Purgatory who have died from COVID</i>
5	11:30	+	Don Dryer
		+	Joan Robinson
WED	6:00	+	Diane Spence Durfey
6	11:30	SI	Jewel Rossman
		SI	Whitaker, Franks & Shakelford Families
THU	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
7	11:30	+	John Michael Elfers (1st Annv.)
FRI	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
8	11:30	+	Connie Obermeyer (Birth.)
		+	Jason Scott (Annv.)
SAT	7:00	+	Barbara Meridieth
9			

## MUSIC

**Opening:** Diverse in Culture,  
Nation, Race #833

**St. Henry Gloria**  
*inside back cover of hymnal*

**Responsorial Psalm 18:**  
I love you, Lord, my strength. #1183

**Offertory:** No Greater Love #701

**Mass Parts:** #384, 385, 386, 390

**Communion:** Taste and See #930

**Closing:**  
They'll Know We Are Christians  
#835

Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 12:28b-34

Art: *All Souls Day*  
by Emile Friant (c. 1898)  
© Museum of Fine Arts, Nancy, France

## 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

## Veterans Day Photographs

Please feel free to bring photographs of loved ones, past and present, who have served or are serving in our nation’s armed forces. We will put them on display beginning on Veterans Day, where they will remain until the beginning of Advent, as a sign of our gratitude for their service and an invitation to pray for them. Photos may be brought to the parish office or given to Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ.

## Bring a Friend to Church - Nov. 24

We all have friends, family members, neighbors, or coworkers who have become disengaged from the practice of their faith. Many of them may just be waiting for a personal invitation. “Together in Christ” is an initiative of the archdiocese to reach out to those we know and love who might be interested in reigniting their spiritual practice. On **Sunday, November 24**, the feast of Christ the King, you are encouraged to bring a friend to Mass and then stick around for refreshments and conversation. A simple invitation could be life-changing.

## 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, November 20** at 7 PM. Join us!



## Girl Scouts

This past week, Archbishop Schnurr released a letter to the faithful regarding the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s longstanding partnership with the Girl Scouts. More information can be found by visiting: [catholicaoc.org/girl-scouts](http://catholicaoc.org/girl-scouts).

## 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, November 26, from 12:05 to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center. Join us! For more info, please contact the parish office.

# The Greatest Commandment

A scribe asks Jesus which of all the commandments comes first; which is most important? Jesus replies not with one of the traditional Ten Commandments but with the *shema*, first encountered scripturally in the Book of Deuteronomy. In this, we see the first three of the Ten Commandments and any other aspects of the Law pertaining to God summarized perfectly. Likewise when Jesus says that the second commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself, in this is summarized all of the Law that pertains to one’s self and neighbor. Jesus, therefore, shows the scribe that He has mastered the understanding of the Law. The scribe affirms this, and seems amazed at the sharp insight, to which Jesus responds, “*You are not far from the kingdom of God.*”

What does He mean by this?

It means that Jesus sees within this scribe an understanding and love of God’s Law that is not common. The Pharisees would often fight among themselves about which aspects of the Law were more important than others while claiming that all aspects of the Law must be given equal weight since all of the Law is from God. But just as elsewhere Jesus criticizes them for being diligent in tithing herbs, yet they neglect the poor, Jesus today emphasizes that loving our neighbor and loving God are *inseparable*. How can this be?

In the Kingdom of God, God and Man are one; Jesus is the embodiment of the Kingdom. When He says that the scribe is close to the Kingdom, He is saying, “*You are close to Me.*” To keep the commandments of God, to love Him and to live a holy life, means we strive to love both God and neighbor for in Heaven—as in the Kingdom to come—that is who we will be with for eternity. With Jesus in our midst, Heaven may begin whenever we, like this scribe, decide to take that first step: when we decide to love.

- Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
Associate Pastor



## 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!



### Pray with Art & Music!

Join fellow parishioners Sandy Keiser and Holly Schapker as they invite you to grow in your relationship with God through music and art! The next session is on **Saturday, November 2**, at 10:30 AM via Zoom, and will be centered on the four movements of *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. Please contact Sandy at [pakeiser@fuse.net](mailto:pakeiser@fuse.net) to register! The final session will be November 9. Visit the St. Xavier Youtube channel for recordings of each session.

### Job Opening

The Jesuit Parish Family is hiring a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry! To learn more, please visit [www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities](http://www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities).

Sunday Collection for October 20	\$6,080
Online Contributions	5,692
<b>Total for October 20</b>	<b>\$11,772</b>

### Service of the Longest Night

The dark nights of winter may seem magnified for anyone living with a loss. We need time to create a sacred space, acknowledge our feelings, know we are not alone, and allow God to shine light into the dark places we carry in this season of celebration. “Service of the Longest Night” Prayer Service is for all who search for healing and hope this holiday season. Please join us at St. X Church on **Saturday, November 23**, at 10 AM. The service will be followed by a program in the Parish Center, designed to assist people in *Getting Support for Grief and Loss During the Holidays*.

### Attention Lectors

New workbooks for 2025 are available for pickup in the sacristy. Thank you for all you do!

<b>October 2024 - Average Mass Attendance</b>	
Saturday 4 PM – 147	Sunday 7 AM – 128
Sunday 9 AM – 135	Sunday 10:30 AM – 228
Sunday 5 PM – 139	

## Social Mission

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will be collecting nonperishable food items again this November for St. Vincent de Paul. Please place your items in the designated barrels located by the side door and in the back of the church. This year more than ever your generosity is much needed and appreciated!

### Sunday Speaker Series

Our Sunday Speaker Series on the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) will continue with UAP 4: Caring for our Common Home on **Sunday, November 17**, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Lunch will be provided. Dr. John Sniegocki of the Xavier University Dept. of Theology will share alongside Jim Brown, Chair of our sister parish’s Healthy Earth Team. The entire series is available to view on the St. Xavier Church YouTube channel.

### Shoes Delivered to Ukraine

Another USA with Ukraine delivery arrived in Ukraine last month, including the 167 pairs of shoes collected by our parish earlier this year. The shoes were sent along with warm clothes and toys for more than 200 children in the Vinnytsia region. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this collection! For more information on how to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, please visit [usawithukraine.org](http://usawithukraine.org).

### Advent Retreats

Our Advent Retreat series is right around the corner and will begin the first week of December! Look for upcoming information in the bulletin on the retreat format and retreat groups that will convene in the Parish Center and in parishioners’ homes.

### 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.



**Presiders for This Weekend - November 3**

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

**Presiders for Next Weekend - November 10**

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. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 9** Pray with Art & Music - Zoom
- November 15** Men's Group - Parish Center
- November 17** St. X Speaker Series - Parish Center
- November 19** Book Club - Parish Center
- November 20** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
- November 23** Service of the Longest Night
- November 24** Bring a Friend to Church Weekend!
- November 26** Women's Group - Parish Center

*Contact the parish office to learn more.*

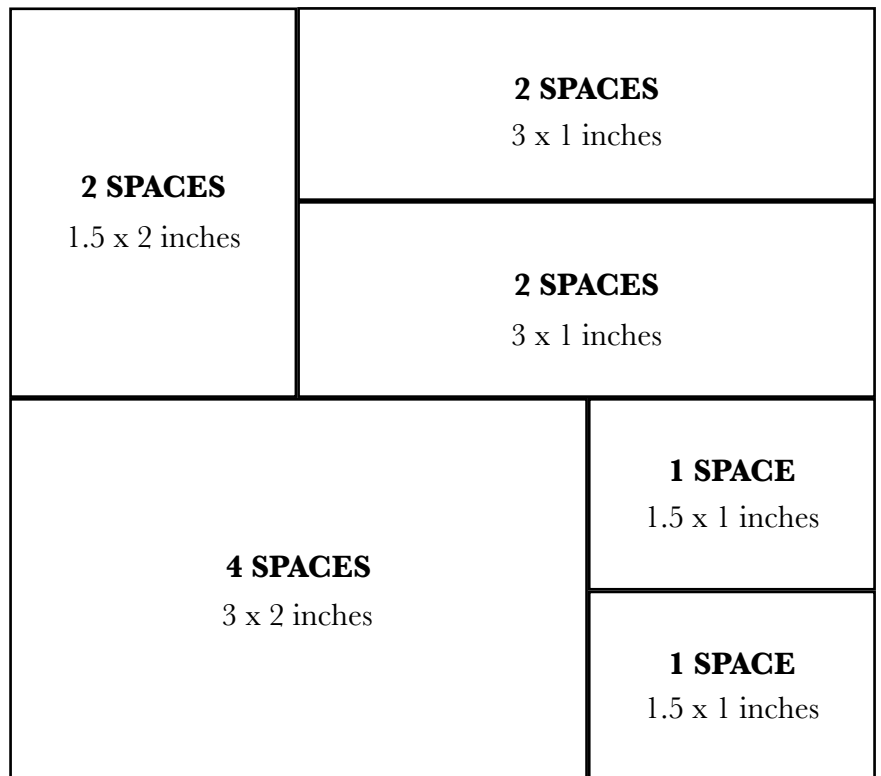
**ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY** Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Phyllis Madix, Les Bunker, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, Jerry Kastner, James Hogan.

Please call the parish office at 513.721.4045 to add a name to the list.

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3	\$1304
4	\$1665



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