

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 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
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Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

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MASS INTENTIONS

November 18 – November 23

MON 18	6:00	+	Earl Edward Schuh (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+	Ann Miller
		+	Donald E. Shannon
TUES 19	6:00	+	Diane Spencer Durfey
	11:30	+	Mary Jo Roe (Birth.)
		+	Frank Paniccia
WED 20	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	SI	Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
THU 21	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
		+	Carl & Eleanor Huelsman (Wedd. Annv.)
	11:30	SI	Diogo Anyigbo
FRI 22	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
	11:30	+	John R. Grosser
		+	Willis Whitaker
SAT 23	7:00	+	Tom & Mary Donnelly

MUSIC

Opening: Sing a New Song #607

St. Henry Gloria

inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 16: You are my inheritance, O Lord #1189

Offertory:

Praise and Thanksgiving #861

Mass Parts: Mass of Remembrance #384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

All Who Hunger #925

Closing: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns #414

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

Art: *Leonid Meteor Storm, 1833*
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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

Midday Masterpieces: Sacred Topics in Religious Art

This Advent, enjoy the beautiful Nativity story from the perspective of St. Joseph in art. As the spouse of the Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus, he is exemplary in every way, yet he speaks not a word in Scripture. We will explore artists' interpretations of him as everything from a feeble old man to a fit carpenter. Please join Dr. Cecelia Dorger for three consecutive Wednesday lectures featuring prayerful reflections using masterpieces on **December 4, 11, and 18**, immediately following the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Center.

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!

Advent Blue Books

Advent Blue Books are available at the back of the church. They contain prayers and reflections for Advent—a great idea for this season.

Thursday Social

All are welcome to join us for the next parish social on **Thursday, November 21**, at Swampwater Grill (3742 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45226) from 4-6 PM!

Advent Retreats

Sign up today for an Advent Retreat! The small groups will convene in multiple locations: Bellarmine Chapel, St. Xavier Church, Zoom, and parishioners' homes. Scan the QR code to register, or fill out a printed form in the back of church and return it to the parish office. Contact Fr. Jim Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office for more information.



Light Amid Darkness

Today's readings are unsettlingly apocalyptic. They describe the end of our physical world with breathless cosmic catastrophe. *"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever"* (Daniel 12:2-3). The transition will be difficult, but we trust in God to deliver His new kingdom. While the readings contain a hopeful throughline, it's all a bit unnerving, to say the least.

I don't find much comfort in contemplating the end of the world. Most of my favorite biblical episodes are found in the New Testament: stories of Jesus' redemptive ministry, or St. Paul's passionate letters to early Christian communities. Perhaps I'm not alone. Hollywood, on the other hand, seems to enjoy it quite a lot. The apocalypse is usually depicted with some combination of plague, flooding, seismic catastrophe, nuclear holocaust, zombie infestation, alien invasion...what am I missing? Oh yes, sharks inside tornadoes.

But as Christians, we have a more complete understanding of the apocalypse. Our word, apocalypse, comes from the Greek *apokalypsis*, meaning "to pull back the veil." Notice how that's not the same thing as natural disasters and explosions. In pulling back the veil, a hidden truth is revealed. The end of the world will be a time of great distress, but peace will ensue under Christ's reign. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). Gone will be the old world—symbolized by kingdoms, powers, and principalities—to make way for the new Kingdom of God to arrive.

We need only a glance at the newspaper to find characteristics of the old world: anger, hatred, exclusion, violence, and injustice. In a world often veiled in chaos, let's embrace the Lord's promise of a new world by living in faith, knowing that even in times of darkness, God's light shines through us. *"The city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb"* (Revelation 21:23).

- Sam Aberle
Parish Family Communications Director



The Vigil Project Returns to St. X!

On **Monday, December 9**, the Vigil Project returns to lead us in a time of prayer, adoration, music, and art with their program titled “The Way of the Star,” aiding us in contemplating the mystery of Christ’s birth! Following the 5 PM Mass for the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Jacob will give a short presentation on the feast and its importance, and Holly Schapker will be available to present on her art displayed in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be available. The doors of the church will open at 6:30 PM and the Vigil Project will begin their performance at 7 PM. This is a free performance; no tickets are required and we are unable to provide free parking.

Stewardship Director - Job Opening

The Jesuit Parish Family is hiring a Stewardship Director! This position provides vision and leadership to successfully implement a comprehensive stewardship effort that focuses on education, formation, and promotion of the spirituality of stewardship and stewardship-related activities, inviting parishioners to share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure within the Parish Family and overall life of the Church. To learn more, please visit www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities.

Sunday Collection for November 3	\$7,840
Online Contributions	6,981
Total for November 3	\$14,821

2025 Calendars & Collection Envelopes

Calendars and parish collection envelopes are available in the back of church. If you have an address change, want to begin receiving envelopes, or no longer want to receive envelopes, please call the parish office at 513-721-4045.

Service of the Longest Night

The dark nights of winter may seem magnified for anyone living with a loss. “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*.

Social Mission

Volunteers Needed for New Ministry!

We are excited to announce that St. Xavier Church is enrolling as a Stephen Ministry congregation, which means we will join a network of parishes around the world who train and organize members of the congregation to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to fellow parishioners experiencing life difficulties. More details are forthcoming, but anyone interested in becoming a Stephen Minister can contact Sr. Whitney Schieltz at wschieltz@stxchurch.org or 937-902-8956 to learn more.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul until **November 25**. 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!

Campaign for Human Development

This Sunday, we join churches across the Archdiocese in supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD brings Catholic Social Teaching to life, funding community and economic development programs across the U.S. that help poor and marginalized people. Donations can be made through the envelopes in the back of church.



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, November 24**.

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.



Scan the QR to support St. X’s ministries:



Presiders for This Weekend - November 17

4:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 17** St. X Speaker Series - Parish Center
- November 19** Book Club - Parish Center
- November 20** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
- November 22** Men’s Group - Parish Center
- November 23** Service of the Longest Night
- November 24** Bring a Friend to Church Weekend!
- November 26** Women’s Group - Parish Center
- December 3** Feast of St. Xavier - *Parish Office Closed*

Contact the parish office to learn more.

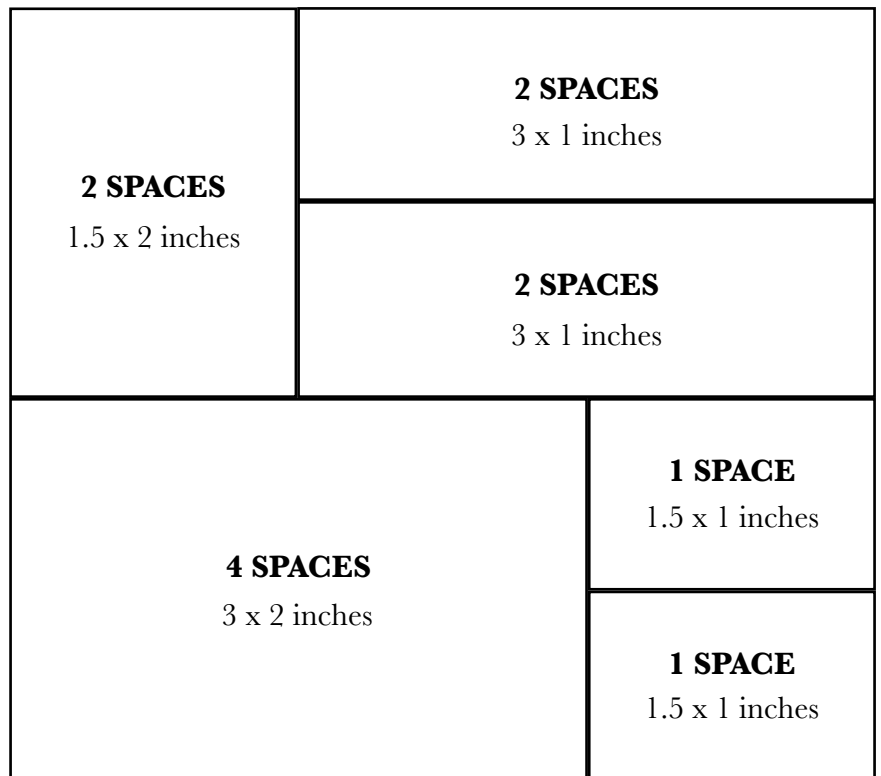
ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

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

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

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1	\$474
2	\$874
3	\$1304
4	\$1665



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