



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 2024



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 30 – January 4

MON	6:00	+	Don & Mary Jo Kiely (Wedd. Annv.)
30	11:30	+	Stephen Kirtley (Birth.) SI Richard O.
TUE	6:00	+	Margo Ackerman
31	11:30	+	Peggy Felkins + Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
<i>5 PM New Year's Eve Mass</i>			
WED			<i>9 AM New Year's Day Mass</i>
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THU	6:00	SI	Erwin F. Erhardt (Birth.)
2	11:30	+	Wally Steigerwald (Birth.) + Nicole Bernadin
FRI	6:00	+	John Kohrman Family
3	11:30	SI	Nathan Osuagwu John Hourigan (Birth.) Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, & Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT	7:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
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MUSIC

Opening: Angels We Have Heard
on High #430

Responsorial Psalm 128:
Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways
#1007

Preparation: Away in a Manger
#448

Mass Parts: Mass of Redemption

Communion: Of the Father's
Love Begotten #427

Closing: Joy to the World #437

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52

Art: *The Holy Family*
by Gari Melchers (c. 1891)
Oil on canvas
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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

Christmas Flowers

A sincere thank you to all who donated Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. Here are the names of those for whom we continue to pray: *Living and deceased members of the Gemelli and Carroll families, Lucille M. Vehr, John A. Vehr, DDS, Mel Weber, Eileen Weber, Alma Kroner, Louis Kroner, John H. Vehr, Lucille Vehr, Carol Conner Herzog, Debbie Eckert, Scout Vehr, Captain Stephen Grace, USAF, Robert Carl Sturm IV, Father Matthew Gamber, SJ, Mr. and Mrs. Kraljevic, Mr. and Mrs. Ionna, Sr., Walter and Trudy Burns, Robert and Margaret Staab, Guthier and Schroder families, Marge and Jack Donelan, Kim Bunger, Robert Baysinger, Clara Noble, M. Irene Boullie, William J. Moran, Mary Beth Moran, Thomas A. Winstel, Patty Egbers, Matthew P. Moran, Edward C. Cosgrove, Mary Ann Moran, Denny Egbers, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Fischer, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Schlueter, Diane Roden, Deceased members of the Sommer and Wagner families, Terry Bond, Larry VanHoose, Faye VanHoose, Randall VanHoose, Joe Clark, Nora Clark, The Bodenheim and Clowers families, Ben Gonzales, Sr., Alvin Reinert, Margie Reinert, James Case, Ted Motz, Leo and Agnes O'Shea, Aileen Portell, Angeline Robertson, Joe and Camill Beiting, Margene Meis, Carolyn Thomas, Mary Smith, Members of the Geraci family, Fr. Charles Brannen, SJ, Frank and Helen Brannen, Jack Lawler, the McLaughlin and Lawler families, Rita and Elmer Perzel, Ann and Paul Siegel, Joseph Hunt, George Oetjen, Jeanne Oetjen, Ronald Roth, Marianne Roth, the Neltner family, Butch and Sandy Corbin, Donna Scott, Jeannette McClure, Paul and Mary Roy, Robert E. Wildermuth, Louise Wells, Frank Weinel, Albert Bertram, Virginia and Elmer Bertram, Anna Weinel, Doug Jordan, Jane and Don Webb, Mary and Wilbur Hinkel, Laura, Jane and John Hinkel, Patty Hinkel, the Stahley and Chastang families, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, James Powell, Stewart A. Himes, Norbert H. Woebkenberg, Lucille M. Woebkenberg, John A. Kuechly, Ed and Nancy Moran, Walt and Virginia Federle, Molly and Tom Federle and family, Gerald Schneider, Jack Hoar and the Abdallah family, John Daymut, Ron Rohlfing, Benedictine Sisters at St. Walburg Monastery, Virginia Pendergrass, Terry Hicks and Bob Hamm, Bob and Sally Steiner, Emily Marie Brehm, Glenn Schmidt, Joseph and Helen Rechten, Dan Hirsch, Steve Richtin, Pat Rishforth, Sr. Mary Julienne, SND, Timothy Meyer, Stephen and George Kirtley, the Byrnes and Roesel families, Erin Payne, R. Barry Wehrman, Margo Ackerman, Kevin England, the Weil family, Papa W - Frank "Tony" Agricolos, Bob Auberger, Claire Seidenfaden, Mike and Gloria Juncan, Margaret Juliani, Millie Osterfeld, Dorothy and Charles Johnson, Jean and Bill Stengle, Dyet (Paul) Tran, and Jim Krohmer.*



Wine & Cheese

Get to know your fellow St. X parishioners! The next wine and cheese gathering will be **Saturday, January 4** in the Parish Center following the 4 PM Mass.

Our Father's House

Today we celebrate and honor the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As Christians we believe that God is a Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When the Second Person of the Trinity became one of us, He entered into this world within the same context we all do: a family, reminding us all that we are created not only to praise, reverence, and serve God but we are made for relationship. Even Jesus entered into this world not by merely descending from Heaven, but by "being born of a woman" (Galatians 4:4) like us: into a family. In many ways the Incarnation and birth of Our Lord is most extraordinary in all the ways it is rather ordinary, including in today's Gospel where, in His youth, there is a time when Jesus went off to the Temple without telling anyone, and He was left behind when His parents began the journey back to Nazareth. I can recall a time in my own childhood when I did just that and suddenly found myself left behind at the church, wondering what I was going to eat for lunch that day.

After Jesus is found we are told that He "...went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." In other words, He spent the rest of His childhood and His life until His baptism by John, living an ordinary life with Mary and Joseph as a part of a human family. That the Son of God would come among us in such a way reminds us that the human family is God's ultimate masterpiece, amid all things in Creation, that when the Son of God came down from Heaven to dwell upon the earth, He chose to dwell not in the Temple, not on some holy mountain, not in the desert, but in the very heart of a human family—a mother and a father—just as all of us have. Given that God Himself is the architect of the human family, our Gospel—as well as today's feast—reminds us that through our baptism, and especially if we make a conscious effort to keep Jesus as the center of our family life, our house becomes the Father's House, where Jesus dwells in our midst, and everything ordinary becomes holy.

"The most extraordinary thing in the world is an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children." -GK Chesterton

- Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
Associate Pastor



Parish Family Winter Retreat

The annual winter retreat for our Parish Family of St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel will be **Friday, January 24, 2025**, beginning with dinner at 6-8:30 PM in the St. X Parish Center; and **Saturday, January 25, 8:30 AM-3 PM** at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. The theme is “Being transformed in the Body of Christ.” Please RSVP to join us for this time of reflection and prayer!



Celebrating Marriage & Milestones

In January we celebrate The Feast of the Espousals of Mary and Joseph. On **Sunday, January 26, 2025** at the 10:30 AM Mass, Fr. Paul will offer a special blessing for all married and engaged couples and for those who are widowed. We invite you to bring a wedding photo to display on the side altars to honor lifelong love and commitment. After Mass, please join the Marriage Enrichment Team for Holtman’s donuts and coffee in the Parish Center. If you are celebrating a special or milestone anniversary this year, please let us know in the parish office at office@stxchurch.org or at 513.721.4045. Let’s come together to celebrate and pray for continued blessings for all marriages!

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 here at St. Xavier Church on **Wednesday, January 15, at 7 PM**. Please join us!



St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, January 7, at 2:30 PM** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage began to be killed off. The newly created FBI and their young director, J. Edgar Hoover, took up the case to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history. Please join us for a great discussion of this book!

SOCIAL MISSION

Put Your Faith Into Action!

Are you thinking through your resolutions for the new year? Want to get more active in the life of the parish? More engaged in service or justice work? Reach out to our Associate Director of Social Mission, Sr. Whitney Schieltz, at wschieltz@stxchurch.org to learn about the social mission efforts at our parish and how to get involved.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Many thanks to everyone who contributed food and gifts to our holiday collections. Altogether we collected about 10 barrels-worth of food for St. Vincent de Paul, over 500 gifts for seven different organizations on our Giving Tree, and over 80 dozen cookies for Transforming Jail Ministries! Your generosity has helped spread Christmas cheer to countless families in the Greater Cincinnati area.



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, December 29**.

Notice to Ministers

The next scheduling period for the ministers will be from January through March 2025. Please remember to update in Ministry Scheduler Pro any dates you will not be available to serve in this period by **Monday December 30**. Thank you!

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - DECEMBER 29

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JANUARY 5

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. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 29** Tender Mercies
- December 31** Parish office closed until Jan. 2
- January 3** Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- January 4** Wine & Cheese - Parish Center
- January 7** St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- January 16** Thursday Parish Social - Location TBD
- January 24-25** Jesuit Parish Family Winter Retreat
- January 26** Marriage Blessing - 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, James Linhard, Tim, Carol Moore, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart, Sharon Dearwester, and Marguerite Kron.

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jesuit Parish Family: Being transformed in the Body of Christ, to bear hope and healing, in the Ignatian tradition.