



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 27, 2025



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

April 28 – May 3

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Don Kiely (Annv.)
28	11:30	+	Margo Ackerman + Thomas & Ruth Beiting
TUE	6:00	+	Connie Newton
29	11:30	+	Barbara Meridieth + Edgar & Adelaide D'netto
WED	6:00	+	Richard Hoffman (Annv.)
30	11:30	SI	Richard Osuagwu + Martha McDermott
THU	6:00	+	John Nestelle
1	11:30	SI	Dan Staud + Kevin England (Annv.) + Jim Mittenzwei (Annv.)
FRI	6:00	SI	Janet Rechtin
2	11:30	+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, & Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT	7:00	+	Roger A. Remlinger (1st Annv.)
3		+	Dorothy Walsh

## MUSIC

### Opening:

O Sons and Daughters #532, vv. 4-9

**Mass Parts - Mass of Redemption**

### Responsorial Psalm 118:

Give thanks to the Lord #1066

### Preparation:

We Walk by Faith #680

### Communion:

I Am the Bread of Life #945

### Closing:

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright  
#542

Art: *Vaux Passional (The incredulity of Thomas)*  
Unknown artist (c. 1503-04)  
Illumination on parchment  
National Library of Wales

## 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

## CONNECT WITH ST. X!



## Easter Flowers

A sincere thank you to all who donated flowers in memory of someone special. Here are the names of those for whom we continue to pray: *Joe and Camill Beiting, Bill and Gerry O'Brien, Herman and Mary Frisz, Bob Auberger, Myrtle Chaney, Frank Chaney, Charlie and Dorothy Johnson, Bill and Jean Stengle, John A. Kuechly, Greg and Betty Niehoff, Milton and Mary Rose Hesselbrock, Carolyn Thomas, Mary Smith, Margene Meis, Dr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Bodenheim and Clowers families, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, James Powell, Art and Ruth Neltner, Butch and Sandy Corbin, Jay and June Stine, Daniel and Shirley Englehart, William and Charlotte Karns, Harry and Ruby Stine, Joan Reed, George Singer, McLaughlin and Lawler families, Nolan Fischer, Evelyn Fischer, Ray and Jerline Niemeyer, Ruth and Lovett Peters, Billy Wiebe, Stayley and Chastang families, Randy and Pam Brown, The Rechsteiner family, Caleb and Lucas Fisher, Stewart A. Himes, Lucille M. Woebkenberg, Norbert H Woebkenberg, the Brynes family, the Roesel family, Mike and Gloria Duncan, Margaret Juliani, Mildred Osterfeld, Elmer and Phyllis Link, Ed and Jackie Roden, Kevin England, George and Esther Meyer family, Jim James, Alvin Reinert, Margie Reinert, Ted Motz, Jim Case, the Gotzman family, and Duncan Edward Wulf.*



## Wine & Cheese Parish Socials

First Saturday Social is a gathering after 4 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. It is a perfect time to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, a few refreshments and to socialize with fellow Mass goers. The next one is **Saturday, May 3**, in the Parish Center. Please join us!

## Catechetical Corner



**Q:** Why does the Church celebrate the Assumption of Mary's body and soul directly into heaven?

**A:** The Church celebrates Mary's Assumption because it confirms our faith in Christ's Ascension and our hope of joining Him in heaven. Though not in Scripture, it has been believed since the early Church. Mary, free from sin, was taken body and soul into heaven as a sign of our future glory.

Read the full answer at [www.stxchurch.org/corner](http://www.stxchurch.org/corner).

## Peace to the Walking Wounded

A week after the joy of Jesus' resurrection, we have Jesus astoundingly entering a meeting room in today's gospel. This no doubt elicited a few gasps from the attendees, and, to allay their fears, Jesus utters "Peace be with you." And they all rejoiced. After a second "Peace Be with you," He breathed on them with the breath of the Holy Spirit. But then Thomas enters the gospel. When he is told about the incident, he retorts: "I don't believe that it happened." He's the male version of a "Debbie Downer." (No offense to those named Debbie or Tom). Maybe Thomas could hail from Missouri, "The Show Me State," or Texas with its "Don't Mess with Texas" slogan? But we are in Ohio, the "Heart of it All"—so where's the heart here?

I believe Thomas is a walking, wounded person and hides it with a tough exterior. Perhaps Thomas has been burned by broken promises and family dysfunction? He may have found it hard to cope—possibly got a raw deal. He's a pessimist. Lost a parent? Had a falling out with friends? Struggled mightily? Maybe he got fired or laid off. He sure sounds a little road weary. And so we have our Thomas with his "I won't believe it 'til I see it with my own eyes" demeanor. And perhaps we can learn this from him: "Be careful what you wish for," since Jesus returns and finds our dear Thomas. Jesus makes a special appearance...and we have this marvelous encounter between the two of them today.

Standing before us is Jesus. He is "post-crucifixion" but still suffering doubters. Yet if we don't see God suffering throughout the Passion of our Lord then we miss the love here. God suffers, and we learn that if one loves, then one will suffer. This would be hard to doubt.

Today, Jesus instructs Thomas, and all of us, with this command: Put your hand in my wounds if you want to know who I am. Notice he resurrects WITH the wounds. I think this is a profound and important thing to always remember for the wounds are part of his identity. They do not disappear even in resurrection. Nor do ours. Jesus asks us to put in our finger, our hand, our whole body...

Apparently, the wounds are visible as we rise like Christ out of our own graves. Our wounds mark us like they mark Christ. Think you are alone in suffering? Think again. We all can relate to Thomas. Yet we have a companion in Christ—a kindred spirit. What connects us is that we all have the state of being wounded in common—and often in doubt. And then love walks in the door. Through the walls with a reassuring voice, and a salve to save us: "Peace Be with you!"



Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor

**SUNDAY READINGS – #1066**

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, April 27**.

Sunday Collection for April 13	\$11,193
Online Contributions	4,866
<b>Total for April 13</b>	<b>\$16,079</b>

**Flying Pig Blessing - Next Weekend**

With the Flying Pig Marathon races next weekend (May 2-4), we will extend a special blessing at the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 3**, to runners/walkers/support staff who are participating. Fr. Ackerman will confer a blessing after Communion to bid them well and champion their discipline to fitness and commitment.

Flying Pig weekend makes navigating downtown a challenge. Please visit [flyingpigmarathon.com](http://flyingpigmarathon.com) for a list of events, times, and route maps.

**Trivia Night at St. Xavier Church**

Get ready for an evening of fun and friendly competition with our Priests and Parish Community! After the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 21**, we invite you to stay for Trivia Night in the Parish Center from 5 PM to 7 PM.

All welcome—come solo, as a couple, or family—we'll match you up with others for an exciting test of knowledge. Feel free to BYOB! Light refreshments and soft drinks provided. To sign up, contact Tina Ernst at [ternst@stxchurch.org](mailto:ternst@stxchurch.org). The event is presented by the St. Xavier Marriage Enrichment Team.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book, *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, a dramatic telling of St. Faustina's amazing encounter with Our Lord that sparked The Divine Mercy devotion. This diary chronicles God's message given through St. Faustina to the world to turn to His mercy. Join us!

**SOCIAL MISSION****Hygiene Bag Assembly - Help Needed!**

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries throughout Lent! Next weekend we will assemble the items into hygiene bags for St. Francis Seraph Ministries. Please join us in the Parish Center after each Mass on **Sunday, May 4** and spend 10-15 minutes serving alongside your fellow parishioners. All ages and abilities are welcome!

**Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway**

It's not too late to celebrate Earth Month by participating in our 4th Annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway! Pickup is scheduled for May 18, the week of the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Use the QR Code to order your plant today, while supplies last. Be sure to read the instructions on the top of the form in their entirety before ordering. The Giveaway is a joint effort of the Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team and Xavier University's Tree Campus USA initiative.

**CRS Collection Coming Up**

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please consider giving generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

The next Women's Spirituality Group meeting will occur on **Tuesday, May 20**, from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center. We are working with the book *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean Syswerda. We will focus on Athaliah, Jehosheba, Huldah, Esther, and the Woman of Proverbs. Join us!

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



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 27**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 4**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 27** Tender Mercies Collection  
Young Adult Group - Washington Park
- April 28** Healthy Earth Team Meeting - Zoom
- May 3** Wine & Cheese Fellowship - Parish Center  
Blessing for Flying Pig Participants
- May 4** Hygiene Bag Assembly - Parish Center
- May 9** Men's Group - Parish Center
- May 14** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
- May 20** 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, Les Bunker, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Carol Moore, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, James Linhard, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Magner, Roxanne Motl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolter, Jim Bunker, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, Hank Imbus, Pat Murray, Lisa Durr, Cathleen Acree, Mary Preston, and Abbey Wulf.

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