



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS

May 5 – May 10

MON	6:00	+	Patrick Mullen
5		+	Bob Minnery
	11:30	+	Simon & Anna Fernandes
		SI	Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
TUE	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
6		+	Don & Kathy Heile (Wedd. Annv.)
	11:30	+	Sofia Cook
		+	Ann Pollina (Annv.)
WED	6:00	+	Rose Amelia Paniagua
7	11:30	+	Charles World (Birth.)
		+	Juan Carlos Rivero
THU	6:00	+	Patsey Mullen
8	11:30	+	Douglas Lange (Annv.)
		+	Stephen Kirtley
FRI	6:00	+	Margo Ann Ackerman
9	11:30	SI	Ann Fetick (Annv.) Carol R. Wetzell
SAT	7:00	+	Johanna Sievers (Birth.)
10		SI	Rev. James Ackerman, SJ (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

This is the Feast of Victory #520

Mass Parts - Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 30:

I will praise you, Lord #1069

Preparation:

I Come With Joy #919

Communion:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940

Closing:

You Walk Along Our Shoreline #797

Art: *Cleaning Fish*

George Bellows (c. 1913)

Oil on panel

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

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.*



APRIL 2025 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 195	Sunday 7 AM – 182
Sunday 9 AM – 393	Sunday 10:30 AM – 396
Sunday 5 PM – 204	

Catechetical Corner



Q: Why is there a distinction made between venial and mortal sin?

A: Scripture and reason both show that not all sins are equal—some are more serious (1 John 5:16-17). Venial sins wound our relationship with God; mortal sins break it entirely and endanger our salvation. Think of the difference like a scratch versus a gunshot: both are real harm, but only one is life-threatening.

Read the full answer to this question by visiting www.stxchurch.org/corner.

Back to the Beginning

Today we meet the apostles as they go fishing on the Sea of Galilee. How is it that they had the courage to leave the Upper Room so soon after the death of Jesus, where they were hiding “...for fear of the Jews...” (John 20:19)? Perhaps because of their little Pentecost, when Jesus had breathed upon them, saying, “Peace be with you...receive the Holy Spirit,” (John 20:21-22)? Or perhaps they needed food and felt the markets were not safe for them, so they returned to their home country, far from the city, where they could not only feed themselves but also refresh themselves. We can imagine that Peter was feeling especially lost and confused: what was he supposed to do now? At least in the boat and on the water he was captain: he was in control.

And yet they catch nothing until a stranger on the shore recommends they cast the net over the right side, which they have likely done many times already. This time they catch so many fish that they could not haul it in. John’s memory is first to kick in, perhaps remembering his first encounter with Jesus on those same shores; his words convince Peter of his own suspicions before joyously leaping into the water. After breakfast Jesus visits with Peter alone, revealing to him that in the end, many things will be outside of his control. But if Peter loves Jesus, then he must trust the One who loves him: Jesus, who loved him first (1 John 4:19). Surely the catch first reminded him of his earliest days with Jesus when, after another miraculous catch, he fell at the feet of his future friend, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8)!

The gentle, three-fold questioning of Jesus about Peter’s love puts Him at ease, reminiscent of Jesus’ words long ago: “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men” (John 20:8). Today Peter teaches us that sometimes, when we experience things that upset and confuse us, going back to a time and place where we have encountered the Lord can help us to reconnect with Him. For Peter it was the sea, it was his little boat; for us it might be a particular passage of Scripture, a mystery of the Rosary, a church or chapel, a trail in the woods. Wherever we run to when we are afraid, let it be somewhere we know Jesus will be, somewhere He can meet us and help us to remember not only His love for us, but also ours for Him.



Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
Associate Pastor

SUNDAY READINGS – #1069

Sunday Collection for April 20	\$20,336
Online Contributions	11,315
Total for April 20	\$31,651

Celebration of Mary and Mothers

Please join us on **Sunday, May 11**, Mother's Day, at 10:30 AM for a special celebration for Mary and mothers! We will place flowers at Mary's altar during Mass.

Trivia Night at St. Xavier Church

Get ready for a fun evening of friendly competition with other parishioners! After the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 21**, we invite you to stay for Trivia Night in the Parish Center from 5 to 7 PM. All are welcome! Come single, as a couple or group to test your general trivia knowledge with a Catholic flair! Light refreshments and soft drinks provided—feel free to BYOB! Scan the QR code to RSVP.



Additional information will be emailed the week of the event, or contact Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org. Hosted by the Marriage Enrichment Team. See you there!

Congratulations to...

- Julian Manuel Salazar, son of Manuel and Erin, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on April 26.



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, May 25**.

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!

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

This Sunday we are assembling the toiletries collected throughout Lent into hygiene bags for St. Francis Seraph Ministries, a collaboration of services in Over-the-Rhine that feed, clothe, and provide basic needs for the homeless and working poor in our community. Please join us in the Parish Center after each Mass and spend 10-15 minutes serving alongside your fellow parishioners. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This archdiocese-wide collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Celebrating National Bike Month

Do you have any new or gently used adult bikes collecting dust? In honor of National Bike Month, please consider supporting Pickett's Corner, a local organization that repairs and donates bikes to those in need, many of whom are homeless or on the path to recovery. This ministry operates out of the Parish Kitchen in Covington, KY, and in the past two years has given away over 700 bicycles to provide transportation to those who would otherwise be limited by how far they could walk. To arrange a pick-up, email PickettsCorner23@gmail.com and leave your name, address, and phone number. They will take care of the rest!

Accessibility at St. Xavier Church

Handicap seating is available in the front of the side pews and in the back of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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



PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 11

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 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4** Hygiene Bag Assembly - Parish Center
- May 9** Men's Group - Parish Center
- May 11** Celebration of Mary & Mothers at 10:30
- May 14** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
- May 20** Women's Group - Parish Center
- May 25** Tender Mercies Collection
- May 26** Memorial Day - No 6 AM Mass - 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, 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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