

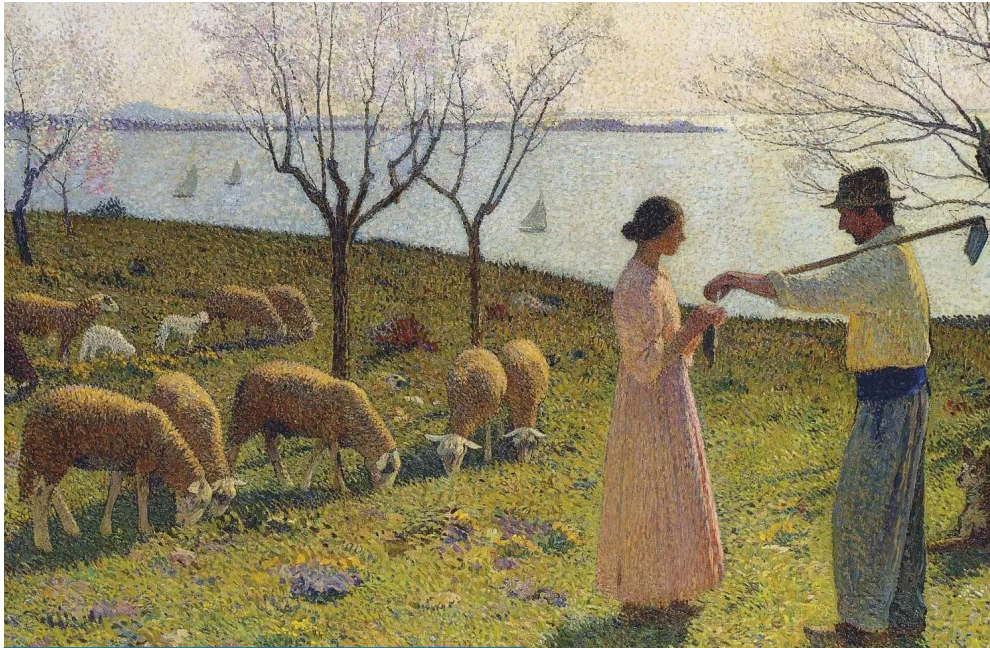
SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS

May 12 – May 17

MON 12	6:00	+	Phillip McGino Joseph Simonson
	11:30	+	Jim Krohmer (1st Annv.) Wava J. Paulus (1st Annv.)
TUE 13	6:00	+	Catherine Kearns Martha Burdsall
	11:30	+	Cyril McCarthy (Birth.) Charles S. Ginocchio
WED 14	6:00	+	Henry Sievers (Birth.) Robert Hastings (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Mary Daly SI Franks Family
THU 15	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	+	Kathryn Ann Kelly Jerome Ankenba
FRI 16	6:00	+	Carl Huelsman (Annv.) Thomas W. Shields
	11:30	+	Helen D. Williams Joe Damo
SAT 17	7:00	+	Helen Sievers (Annv.)

MUSIC

*Music for the 10:30 AM Mass can be found in the
separate paper program.*

Opening: All People That on Earth
Do Dwell #853

Mass Parts - Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 100:
We are his people, the sheep of his
flock #1072

Preparation: On This Day, O
Beautiful Mother

Refrain: On this day, O beautiful
Mother, on this day we give thee our
love. Near thee, Madonna, fondly we
hover, trusting thy gentle care to prove.

Communion: The King of Love My
Shepherd Is #712

Closing: Sing a New Song #607

Art: *Idylle (Sheep and their Shepherds)*
by Henri Martin (c. 1925)
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

First Holy Communion

Join us as we congratulate Kimberly Baysinger, Alexandria Castillo, Matthew Covey, Vincent Curry, Alexa Donelan, William McClamrock, Mia Stevie, Isabelle Vaughn, Estella Veith, Luna Veith, and Hunter Watters on receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 11! May this sacred moment deepen their faith and fill their hearts with God's love.

Thursday Parish Social

All are welcome to join us for the next St. Xavier Church Parish Social on **Thursday, May 15**, at Rhinegeist Brewery (1910 Elm St. Cincinnati, OH 45202). The fun happens around 4-7 PM. Get to know your fellow parishioners!

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

You are invited to a prayer/discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to the Bible and selected popular books. The next meeting is Friday, May 23, from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Meetings occur every other Friday. For more info, email Fr. Jim at jackerman@stxchurch.org.

Catechetical Corner



Q: Why did Mary remain a virgin even after the birth of Christ?

A: The Church teaches that Mary remained a virgin before, during, and after Jesus' birth—not because sex is bad, but as a sign of her total fidelity to God. Just as a wife remains faithful to a husband far away, Mary gave herself entirely to the Father of her Son.

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

A Tale of Two Kings

King Mwanga II liked his power. So much so that he'd go to considerable lengths to maintain it—in what we might politely term “tyranny.” He was an absolute ruler, unrestrained by pesky things like law or custom. A man of vast royal responsibilities (and equally vast appetites—he acquired seventeen wives), King Mwanga sought the stability of his kingdom above all else, suppressing rival beliefs with ruthless efficiency.

Among the unfortunate inhabitants of his court was a young man named Charles Lwanga, a Catholic. Charles and many of his Christian comrades drew the ire of the king by refusing to submit to some of his licentious demands. In 1886, in what is now Uganda, King Mwanga condemned Charles Lwanga to death for failing to renounce his faith. He was burnt alive. Mwanga's dynasty has since crumbled into obscurity, but we remember the name Charles Lwanga, one of twenty-four people now known as the Uganda Martyrs.

The life of St. Paul, featured in today's first reading, bears a sobering resemblance to the life of St. Charles Lwanga. Paul and Barnabas preach the good news of Jesus Christ to crowds of delighted Gentiles: “*All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region*” (Acts 13:48-49). Off to a great start! But before long, trouble brews. A group of Jews, scandalized by the message, turn against them and expel the two apostles. Our reading provides a glimpse of Paul's raucous journeys in the early years of the Christian church. An angry crowd was the least of his worries. He'd go on to face riots, prison, stoning, and eventually, martyrdom at the hands of the mighty Roman Empire.

Paul proclaimed the name of a new king—one unlike any the Roman world had known. To the Roman world, “king” meant Emperor, Caesar, tyrant—rule by domination and fear. But Jesus was none of those things; He was crucified. Kings and emperors don't get crucified; they order crucifixions! Christ is not a king who rules from above, but a shepherd who walks among His sheep.

The kingly power of Christ that Paul preached was born not from coercion but from love and radical self-sacrifice. Jesus' resurrection reveals to us that there is something greater than political power, something even greater than death. St. Paul and St. Charles Lwanga understood this truth. We may not face the same persecution as they did, but the necessity of courage, of fidelity to truth in the face of human power, remains. Tyrants may rule for a time, but they, too, pass away. Only the kingdom of Christ remains.



Sam Aberle
Parish Family Communications Director

SUNDAY READINGS – #1072

Sunday Collection for April 27	\$8,827
Online Contributions	6,186
Total for April 27	\$15,013

Annual Parish Family Picnic

Please save the date for the annual Jesuit Parish Family picnic, **Sunday, June 1**, beginning at 12 PM. Location: Sharon Woods Park, Council Bluffs Shelter (11450 Lebanon Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241). Bring your picnic lunch and a lawn chair! Join us for games, activities, and socializing with JPF priests and parishioners!

Congratulations to...

- Timothy and Kristin (Coyle) Sundrup, who were married at St. X on May 2.
- Jackson and Alyssa (Hopkins) Donaldson, who were married at St. X on May 3.
- Elizabeth Louise Walk, daughter of Alexander and Maureen, who was baptized at St. X on May 4.

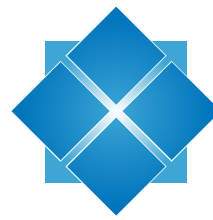
Wine & Cheese Parish Socials

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, June 7**, in the Parish Center. Please join us!

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!



Social Mission
St. Xavier Church

Children's Book Collection

Parishioner John Meis, a junior at Wyoming High School, is collecting new books for his Eagle Scout project to benefit St. Francis de Sales Elementary School (SFDS). SFDS, one of ten elementary schools supported by Catholic Inner-City Schools Education (CISE), has requested specific books for students in grades K–8. Please consider donating books from their wishlist through the QR code or by searching for John Meis under “Find a List or Registry” on Amazon. Alternatively, you may use the wishlist as a guide to purchase a book from a local bookstore and place it in the designated donation bin in the back of the church. Donations will be accepted through **June 15**. Thank you for supporting John and SFDS!

Hygiene Bag Assembly a Success!

Many thanks to everyone who helped assemble the donated toiletries into hygiene bags last Sunday! Altogether we completed 260 bags that will be donated to St. Francis Seraph Ministries in Over-the-Rhine. To learn more about this organization and additional ways to get involved, please visit sfsministries.org or contact Susan Walsh at swalsh@sfsministries.org

Supporting Catholic Relief Services

It's not too late to contribute to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection and help reveal Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world! Just visit usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection at usccb.givecatholictogether.org.

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MAY 11

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 18

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 14** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
- May 15** Thursday Parish Social - Rhinegeist
- May 20** Women’s Group - Parish Center
- May 23** Men’s Group - Parish Center
- May 25** Tender Mercies Collection
- May 26** Memorial Day - No 6 AM Mass - Parish office closed
- June 1** Parish Family Picnic - Sharon Woods Park

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, Abbey Wulf, and Christina Davis.

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