

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

May 19 – May 24

MON 19	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	SI	Amy Obermeyer (Birth.) + Mary Pat Curl
TUE 20	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
	11:30	SI	In Thanksgiving + Matthew & Maria Rodrigues
WED 21	6:00	SI	Mike Green (recovery)
	11:30	+	Margaret Engle (Annv.) + Dennis Kehoe (1st Annv.)
THU 22	6:00	SI	Noah Ohlhaut (recovery)
	11:30	SI	Ryan Alleman SI Diogo A.
FRI 23	6:00	+	Blessed Damien of Molokai
	11:30	+	Dr. James Lynn Combs + Kevin Doyle + Barrie Pollock
SAT 24	7:00	+	Henry Sievers (Annv.)
		SI	The Akinleye Family

MUSIC

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

Opening:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #614

Mass Parts - Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 145:

I will praise your name forever, my
king and my God #1075

Preparation:

No Greater Love #701

Communion:

One Bread, One Body #932

Closing:

They'll Know We Are Christians
#835

Art: *The Last Supper*,
by Juan de Juanes (c. 1567)
Oil on canvas
© Prado Museum, Madrid

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Join us as we congratulate those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, May 18! From St. Xavier Church: Connor Barlow, Ingrid Borgert, Vincent Herreid, Josie Hendrix, Eva Lang, Mila Luebbe, Megan McCoy, Regan Sand. From Bellarmine Chapel: Leah Benge, Luciano Bertucci, Lucy Brown, Samuel Cevasco, Chiara Dunson, Anne Marie Eilerman, Jacob Enia, Chester Gardner, Alejandro Lopez, Ava Nobbe, Thomas Sheridan, Sophia Taylor, Ella Taylor, Annette Williams, Hailey Wood.

Are You Confirmed?

Are you an adult, baptized Catholic who for one reason or another never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Fr. Jacob at jboddicker@stxchurch.org, and come to our first meeting below in the Parish Center on **Tuesday, May 20**, at 6:30 PM. We'll introduce ourselves, look ahead to what is to come, and prepare you for your Confirmation at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 7.

Sunday Collection for May 4	\$6,382
Online Contributions	7,964
Total for May 4	\$14,346

Catechetical Corner



Q: When did the A,B and C liturgical years come into practice and why didn't the Church incorporate readings from all of the books of the Bible into Sunday Mass?

A: The three-year Sunday cycle (A, B, C) and two-year weekday cycle (I, II) began after Vatican II, so more of Scripture could be proclaimed at Mass. Before this, the same readings repeated yearly. While not every book is included, the current cycle covers much more: over 70% of the New Testament and about 14% of the Old Testament (not counting Psalms), plus many scriptural prayers in the Mass. Some feasts still use the same readings every year.

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

The Gift of Discipleship

The other day while taking a walk near Mount St. Joseph University, I passed an older couple walking their dog and struck up a conversation. When they asked if I was an MSJ student, I responded, "Actually, I'm a Sister of Charity. I live across the street at the Motherhouse." The resulting look of surprise on their faces was one I've seen many times before. As a woman in my thirties wearing plain clothes, I don't fit the image many have in their mind of a nun. There's a common belief that young people aren't entering religious life anymore—that vowed life is dying out. While it is true that religious vocations have been declining in recent decades, there is still great hope and zeal for our mission of living out the Gospel through community, prayer, and service. Rather than disappearing, this vocation is just going through a transformation in response to the changing world around us.

At the same time, our Church is also going through a lot of change and renewal—the Eucharistic Revival, a new Archbishop of Cincinnati, a new Pope! I often hear people claim that the Church is shrinking and that Catholicism is no longer relevant; but data shows that the number of global Catholics is on the rise, and the extensive media coverage of the recent conclave clearly demonstrated the Catholic Church's prominence. In his first address as Supreme Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV declared that "we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering." Whether in vowed life or as part of the laity, our discipleship calls us to persevere as a people of community, prayer, and service in a world of materialism, war, and injustice.

Our first reading this Sunday echoes the ongoing renewal in the Church today. Paul and Barnabas have been spreading the Good News around Galatia and now return to several communities to encourage the faithful and establish church leadership. As they tell the disciples "*It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God*" (Acts 14:22), they are inviting us also into a deeper, more resilient faith—one that doesn't shy away from the discomfort of reform, the demands of justice, or the call to serve in humility. This Easter season, may God renew our hope and zeal for the Gospel mission so that our discipleship may continue to be a much-needed gift to the world.



Sr. Whitney Schieltz, SC
Associate Director of Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1075

Downtown Road Closures

Taste of Cincinnati is next weekend, **May 24-26**. The festival covers four blocks along Fifth St. For a list of street closures, please visit tasteofcincinnati.com/info. Please plan accordingly!

Annual Parish Family Picnic

All are welcome to 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!

Wine & Cheese Parish Socials

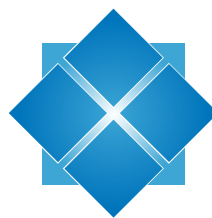
First Saturday Social is a gathering after 4 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. It is a perfect time to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, a few refreshments and to socialize with fellow Mass goers. The next one is **Saturday, June 7**, in the Parish Center. Please join us!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, June 24**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. The story follows a Hollywood auctioneer who discovers the diary of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law, while clearing out her New York brownstone. Johanna has inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. We look forward to a great discussion of this historical novel. Join us!

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, May 21**, at 7 PM. Please join us!



Social Mission
St. Xavier Church

Family-Friendly Summer Service

As students begin summer break and families head out of town, regular volunteer numbers at St. Francis Seraph Ministries drop significantly while the need for services remains high. Their Mother Teresa of Calcutta Dining Room serves hot, nutritious meals to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty in Over-the-Rhine. Dedicated volunteers are the heart of this mission, offering kindness, dignity, and a sense of community to all who walk through the doors.

Help is always needed to serve breakfast (6:45 - 9 AM) or dinner (3:45 - 6 PM) Monday through Friday. Located in the St. Anthony Center (at the corner of Liberty and Republic), free parking is available! To sign up, visit sfsministries.galaxydigital.com/need. For more information, email Susan at swalsh@sfsministries.org or call 513.549.9542 x 284.

Cross the Bridge for Life

Join thousands of others on **Sunday, June 1**, at 1 PM for the annual Cross the Bridge for Life across the Purple People Bridge to raise awareness for the sanctity of human life. Meet at Newport, KY's Riverfront Row Festival area for live music, food, face painting and balloons for children, brief presentations, and many booths sponsored by local life-saving agencies! All are welcome to participate in this day of family fun and powerful witness. For more information, visit CrossTheBridgeForLife.org.



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**.

CONNECT WITH ST. X!



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



PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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. Jan Schmidt
5:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

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9:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Damain Torres-Botello, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20	Women's Group - Parish Center
May 21	Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
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
June 7	Wine & Cheese Fellowship - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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

Susan Anderson, Adelie 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 Wagner, 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, Christina Davis, and David Tolle.

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