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The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS

June 2 – June 7

MON	6:00	+	William McDonough
2		+	Ralph Baute
	11:30	+	Bonnie Lou Martin (Birth.)
		SI	Whitaker, Franks, and Shakelford Families
TUE	6:00	+	Margo Ann Ackerman
3	11:30	+	Julie Studer (1st Annv.)
		SI	Nathan O (Birth.)
WED	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
4		+	Jim Minges
	11:30	+	Dennis Kehoe (Birth.)
		+	Edward O'Brien
THU	6:00	+	John Bardua
5	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Tom Magner
FRI	6:00	+	James Kelleher
6		+	Mickelene Cremerding
	11:30	SI	Louise Stakelin (Birth.)
		+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett,
			Christine Finn Barrett, and
			Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT	7:00	+	Harry Keller
7		+	Norbert Brinker

MUSIC

Opening:

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! #545

Mass Parts - Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 47:

God mounts his throne to shouts of
joy: a blare of trumpets
for the Lord. #1079

Preparation:

Lord, You Give the Great
Commission #544

Communion:

I Receive the Living God #916

Closing:

Go to the World! #546

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Art: *Jesus ascending to Heaven*
by John Singleton Copley (c. 1775)
Oil on canvas
© Museum of Fine Arts Boston

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

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!

Midday Masterpieces - Art History

Join us for two special Midday Masterpieces sessions with art historian Ceil Dorger, Ph.D., on **Wednesdays, June 4 and June 11**, following the 11:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center at St. Xavier Church.

On June 4, Dr. Dorger will guide us through fascinating new scientific discoveries about the Shroud of Turin, and on June 11, she will explore artistic interpretations of the Holy Face of Jesus throughout history. Come deepen your faith through beauty, mystery, and meaningful reflection. All are welcome!

Catechetical Corner



Q: Why can't you store the consecrated Host at home and consume it later?

A: Because the Eucharist is not a thing—it is the Real Presence of Jesus. Church law requires that the Blessed Sacrament be kept in a tabernacle in a sacred place, with someone appointed to care for it. If someone brings Communion to the sick or homebound, it should be consumed right away, not kept for later. Storing the Host at home for private use or convenience is not permitted and would be a serious misuse of this most sacred gift.

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

Why the Ascension?

A few questions come to mind about the Ascension: Why do we celebrate it; why did it happen? Growing up in the Church before the United States Bishops agreed to let each diocese determine whether to transfer the celebration of the solemnity to the following Sunday, I still find it difficult to stop calling it Ascension Thursday. One of the beauties of the scriptures is how they draw from our Jewish ancestry and the importance numbers play in understanding salvation history. The number 40 means change. We see that in the beginning of Jesus' ministry when he is driven into the desert. We see it throughout the Old Testament with the 40-day flood, the 40 years wandering in the desert, and so on. It only seems natural then that we still look at the Ascension as 40-days after the resurrection. With that symbology, we can expect—and realize—that there is a change about to happen.

The ministry that Jesus' disciples came to appreciate came to an end. The trauma of the crucifixion must have been impossible for them. Then, elation at the Resurrection follows and Jesus spends weeks with them further enlightening them on God's plan of salvation. Now, 40 days later he delivers his "farewell address to the troops" and is taken up to heaven. Jesus returns to the Father from whence he came. This is what I like to call "Jesus' mic drop." A few final words and through the clouds he exits. Scriptures only relate facts and dialogue, not feelings. Our own human experience supplies that missing piece. What went through the disciples' minds as they witnessed this new miraculous event? Surely it must have come together that all Jesus had done, taught, proclaimed, and endured was real—and it had a purpose.

He left, and they were standing there with a "now what?" look on their faces. "Now what" would be revealed a few days later at Pentecost. But the answer as to "why" was starting to become clearer. Jesus had to return to the Father so that the Church could grow. Imagine if Jesus were physically present in human form today. People would start to gather, word would spread, more would flock to hear him. He may tour, do podcasts, even write a book or two. Like any other celebrity he would be nothing more than a figure of the external. The Church of Jesus spread because he—and it—became the Church of the internal. Christianity permeates the globe because it is an experience of the heart and soul, it is, by design, internal because it is begotten of God. Regardless of the day in which we recall Jesus' ascension into heaven, we celebrate it because in doing so we celebrate all that he came to do for us, all that we are called to do, and all that we have become.



Deacon Tim Crooker
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy

SUNDAY READINGS – #1079

Sunday Collection for May 18	\$9,355
Online Contributions	2,964
Total for May 18	\$12,319

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). Free entry. Bring your picnic lunch, a lawn chair, and cash for “split the pot.” Join us for games, activities, and socializing with JPF priests and parishioners!

Wine & Cheese Parish Socials

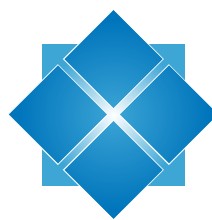
First Saturday Social is a gathering after 4 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. It is a perfect time to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, and to socialize with fellow Mass goers. The next one is **Saturday, June 7**, in the Parish Center. Please join us!

Pentecost – Extended Vigil

The 4 PM Vigil Mass on **Saturday, June 7** will be different than usual: there is an ancient tradition of the Church which allows for the celebration of an extended Vigil of Pentecost, which includes additional readings from Scripture. We will also confirm and welcome into the Church those who have partaken in a variety of classes to prepare for the reception of the Holy Spirit. Please do attend this special celebration!

Congratulations to...

- Sam and Joyce (Baresel) Ginocchio, who were married at St. X on May 22.
- Patrick and Abigail (Engelhardt) Martin, who were married at St. X on May 24.
- Margaret Dee Dorman, daughter of Aidan and Rebecca, who was baptized at St. X on May 24.
- Eloise Marie Gordon, daughter of Ryan and Amanda, who was baptized at St. X on May 25.
- Vivienne Amelia Neuman, daughter of Andrew and Mikayla, who was baptized at St. X on May 25.



Social Mission
St. Xavier Church

Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

Our Summer Active Discipleship Day will be on **Saturday, August 9**, 9 AM to 1 PM, beginning in the St. Xavier Parish Center. Mark your calendars now for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! An RSVP with a list of service sites will be coming out next month.



On **Tuesday, September 2**, in honor of Labor Day, our Jesuit Parish Family will host a discussion on *Rerum Novarum*, or *Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor*, the encyclical by Pope Leo XIII that laid the foundation for modern Catholic Social Teaching. The exact time and location for this discussion are still to be determined, but please plan to join us that evening and add *Rerum Novarum* to your summer reading list! You can access the document online by scanning the QR code.

Eucharistic Year of Mission

This **Sunday, June 1**, representatives from our Social Mission Leadership Team will join Archbishop Casey at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains for a Mass of Celebration to conclude the Eucharistic Year of Mission. This special Mass recognizes the incredible work of local parishes and the greater Catholic community who consistently stand up and care for the poor and vulnerable. It is a celebration of what has been done, what is being done now, and what we can do in the future. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope not just for ourselves, but to pour out Christ's love and mercy to others. To learn about our parish's social mission ministries and how to get involved, please contact Sr. Whitney at wschieltz@stxchurch.org.

Children's Book Collection

Parishioner John Meis is collecting new books for his Eagle Scout project to benefit St. Francis de Sales Elementary School (SFDS). Please consider donating books from their wishlist through the QR code. Donations will be accepted through **June 15**.



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JUNE 1

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JUNE 8

4:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, 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. Paul Lickteig, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1	Parish Family Picnic - Sharon Woods Park
June 4	Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
June 6	Men's Group - Parish Center
June 7	Wine & Cheese Social - Parish Center
June 18	Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
June 19	Juneteenth - No 6 AM Mass - Parish office closed Thursday Social - Location TBA
June 24	Book Club - 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, Deacon Tim Crooker, and David Tolle.

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