

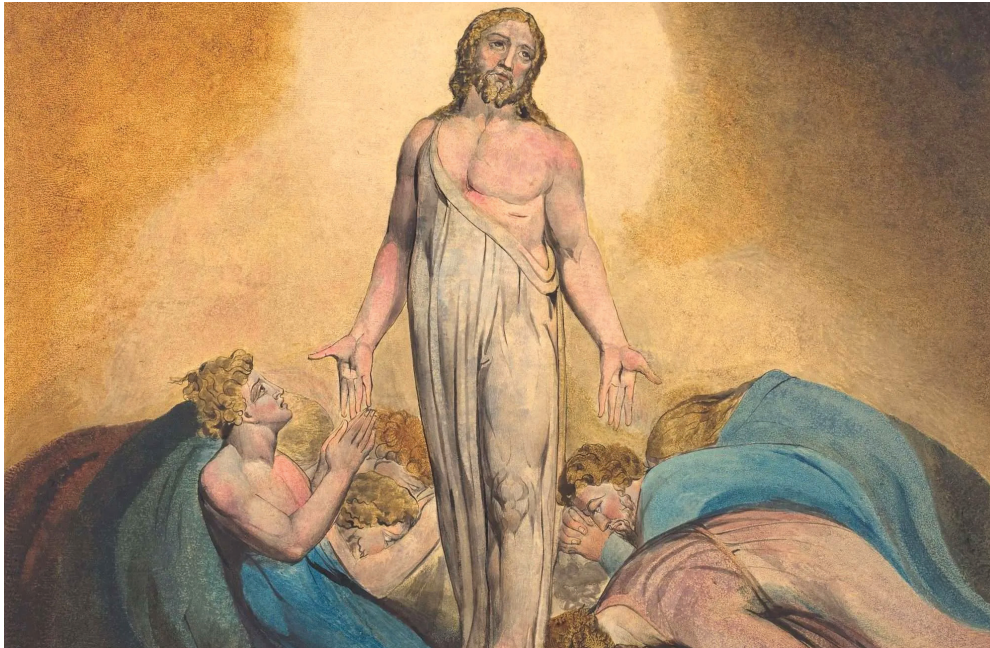
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Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 12, 2026



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MASS INTENTIONS

April 13 - 18

MON	6:00	SI	Carrie Foster
13		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	George Johnson (<i>Ann.</i>)
		+	Mary Jane Lockett
TUE	6:00	+	Ed Merkes (<i>Birth.</i>)
14		+	Anna Hammelrath
	11:30	+	Marietta Ginocchio
		SI	Mike Green
WED	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
15		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Stephen G. Kirtley
		+	Herman Weinewurth
THU	6:00	+	Ken Harper
16	11:30	+	Tay Robben (<i>Ann.</i>)
		SI	Richard & Diogo
FRI	6:00	+	Tobias C.
17		+	Thomas P. Hammelrath
	11:30	+	Herman Weinewurth
		+	Dave Fielor
SAT	7:00	+	Ron Goyetle (<i>Ann.</i>)
18		+	John Kohrman Family

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

O Sons and Daughters #532

Mass Parts – Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 118:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. #1066

Preparation:

We Walk By Faith #680

Communion:

Behold the Lamb #939

Closing Hymn:

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright
#542

CONNECT WITH ST. X!



Art: *Christ Appearing to His Disciples After the Resurrection*

by William Blake (c. 1795)

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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

Adoration & Confession

Monday - Friday: 12 - 1 PM

1st Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday (Confession only)

11 AM - 12 PM

Ways to Get Involved at St. X Church

We warmly invite you and yours to join us for our Parish Ministry Fair on **Sunday, April 26**, right after the 10:30 AM Mass (11:30 AM-12:30 PM). Come discover the many ways you can share your gifts, whether through liturgical ministries, outreach, or other opportunities to serve. Meet fellow parishioners, connect with ministry leaders, and find where you feel called to get involved. We'd love to see you there. Enjoy donuts and coffee while you visit!

Upcoming St. X Prime Timers Event

Spring Grove has arranged a walking tour for our St. X Prime Timers. This tour is scheduled for **April 29** at 10:30 AM and will focus on the History and Heritage of the grounds. In the event of rain, and if the Memorial Mausoleum is open, we will have the option to tour its stained glass windows. The walking tour will be an easy, approximately 90-minute experience and can be shortened if needed. For those who prefer not to walk, a golf cart accommodating 4-5 people will be arranged. If interested in joining, please contact Mary Stutler at mestutler@gmail.com.

Thursday Parish Social

All are welcome to join us for the next Thursday Parish Social on **Thursday, April 16**, at PeeWee's Place (2325 Anderson Rd. Crescent Springs, KY 41017). The fun happens around 4-7 PM. Get to know your fellow parishioners and celebrate Diane Roden as she approaches retirement! Contact Mary Beth at mfennell@stxchurch.org with questions.

Young Adult Group

The Young Adults at St. X have their own website! Visit www.stxya.com to learn more about upcoming events, the women's and men's groups, and how to join our community. To get connected, contact Fr. Damian at damian@stxchurch.org. Upcoming events:

- Sunday, April 12 – Divine Mercy Chaplet & Picnic (St. X & Washington Park; following the 5 PM Mass)
- Saturday, April 18 – Service Event TBA
- Wednesday, April 22 – Feast of Blessed Mary Candlelight Mass & Social (St. Xavier Church)

Save the Date: The Jesuit Parish Family Young Adult Retreat is happening **Friday, May 15, through Sunday, May 17**, at the Jesuit Spirituality Center at Milford. Stay tuned!



The Locked Room and the Open Hands

There's something in John's Gospel that doesn't get talked about enough: **the disciples were hiding**. The resurrection had happened, and fear still had them pinned behind locked doors. They believed something...maybe. They hoped...sort of. But they weren't out in the streets. They were huddled together, holding their breath. And Jesus walks in anyway.

That's the mercy right there. He came to people who were afraid, confused, and hiding behind a locked door. He didn't scold them. He didn't say, "I told you so." He said, "*Peace be with you*" (John 20:19). And then he showed them his wounds.

Thomas gets a hard time in the homily circuit, but think about this for a second. While the other disciples were locked away, Thomas wasn't there. John just tells us plainly: "*Thomas...was not with them when Jesus came*" (John 20:24). Where was he? The text doesn't say. But here's what strikes me: everyone else was hiding. Thomas was out. Maybe he wasn't the fearful one. Maybe he was the one still moving, still doing what needed doing, even in his grief. But who really knows?

And there's something else worth naming. Thomas didn't doubt Jesus. He doubted the resurrection. His faith hadn't collapsed. His ability to believe something this unbelievable hadn't caught up yet. And Jesus, rather than writing him off, came back specifically for him. "*Put your finger here,*" he said (John 20:27). Not "try harder." Not "just have more faith." An actual, personal invitation into the wounds.

Then comes, "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed*" (John 20:29). We might hear that as a verdict against Thomas. But look at what Jesus actually did. He didn't condemn him. He came back for him. Those words aren't an indictment. They're an opening, extended to every person who would come after, to everyone who has ever lain awake wondering if any of this is real. That might include you at times. And, yes, sometimes, that includes me.

What if Thomas isn't just the patron of doubters, but the patron saint of the struggling believer? The one who shows us that honest doubt, brought into the presence of Christ, doesn't push him away. It draws him closer.

The early Christians in Acts weren't people who had it all figured out. They were people who had been found. They kept gathering, kept breaking bread, kept holding onto each other. That's still what the Church is. Not a place for people who have it together, but a room where the risen Christ keeps showing up.



Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
Parish Family Director of Evangelization

SUNDAY READINGS – #1066

Sunday Collection for March 29	\$14,754
Online Contributions	6,598
Total for March 29	\$21,352

Support St. Xavier Church:



St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Appeal

Each Saturday morning, parishioners from St. Xavier Church and the Cathedral go out two-by-two into the downtown community to meet with our neighbors seeking assistance and find ways to meet their needs. Vincentians will be available after Mass to answer questions and accept donations. You can also donate on our parish website or by mailing a check to: Cathedral/St.X Conference, 325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Envelopes are always available in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday Parish Social

All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for our next First Saturday Social after the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 2**. The theme for this social is Derby Day! We will be watching the running of the horses and enjoying refreshments and charcuterie boards crafted by St. Xavier parishioner Vanessa Moorman. Join for free fun and socializing! Your favorite horse might Win, Place or Show. Questions? Contact DeAnn Fleming: deann.r.fleming@gmail.com.


Children’s Mass

All are warmly invited to our St. Xavier Church Children’s Mass on **Sunday, April 19**, at 9 AM. Fr. Jim Ackerman will preside while St. X youth witness their faith by filling various ministerial roles. If you have children who would like to participate, please contact Mary Beth at mfennell@stxchurch.org or call 513.721.4045 x1016. Donuts and beverages will be served in the Parish Center after the Mass. Join us!

Congratulations to...

We would like to congratulate those who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass at St. X: Lauren Brooks, Caitlyn Eccles, Ryan Highfield, Kaylee Overfield-Singh, Toby Scoles, Jacob Simon, Dennis Trinh, and Reagan White.

Wildflower Walk this Saturday

All are invited to join the Healthy Earth Team’s Wildflower Walk through Caldwell Nature Preserve this **Saturday, April 18**, 9 AM. This family-friendly event with an accessible pathway is the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation!  RSVP using the QR Code.

Ignatian Spirituality Project Events

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events hosted by the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a Jesuit ministry that accompanies men and women recovering from homelessness and addiction. On **Thursday, April 23**, at 7 PM, ISP’s annual Company of Grace: Kindle the Fire event will feature a conversation with Christine Haley (Illinois’ Chief Homelessness Officer) and Fr. Tim McCabe SJ (Pope Francis Center, Detroit) about why tending to the spirit is critical in recovery from homelessness and addiction. Visit ispresents.org/cog to register for this free virtual event. And on **Sunday, May 17**, join us in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass for a presentation by Matthew Meyers (ISP Director of Programs) about encountering God’s love, hope, and healing through Ignatian spirituality. Lunch will be provided.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 21**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Berry Pickers*, a novel by Amanda Peters. Four year old Ruthie, the family’s youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six year old brother, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. A young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. She will spend decades trying to uncover a family secret.

MARCH 2026 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 185	Sunday 7 AM – 159
Sunday 9 AM – 235	Sunday 10:30 AM – 351
Sunday 5 PM – 246	



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 26**.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 12

- 4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

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- 10:30 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Magner, Roxanne Motl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolter, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, Pat Murray, Cathleen Acree, Mary Preston, Deacon Tim Crooker, David Tolle, JoAnn Komanecy, Tom Wolfram, Phyllis Link, Lawrence Wesley Colbert, Kellie Peters, Eleanor Lawler, Jim Sheehan, Shannon Boyle, Steve Smith, Lisa Durr, Harry Schneider, Blair Niernberger, Brittany Tackett, Hunter, Mark, Jenny Seithel, Kevin Noble, Raymond Hopkins, Kate W., Harper Meyer, Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Tara Papp, Kathy England, John Schulz, Alice DeAngelis, and Charlie Murrell.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 12 Celebration for Diane Roden - Parish Center
- Apr. 16 Thursday Parish Social - PeeWee's Place
- Apr. 18 Wildflower Walk - Caldwell Nature Preserve
- Apr. 19 9 AM Children's Mass - St. Xavier Church
- Apr. 21 St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- Apr. 24 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center


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