

# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

April 27 - May 2

MON 27	6:00	SI	Tobias C.
		SI	Laurie Davies
	11:30	+	Mary Ann Sanders ( <i>Birth.</i> ) + Miriam Spears ( <i>Annv.</i> )
TUE 28	6:00	+	Don Kiely ( <i>Annv.</i> ) + Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Margaret Whalen ( <i>Annv.</i> ) + Paul and Jackie Ohe ( <i>Annv.</i> ) + John Jackson ( <i>Annv.</i> )
WED 29	6:00	+	Tobias C. + Rosa Paniagua
	11:30	+	Rose Hilvert SI Marcia Hammerly
THU 30	6:00	+	Richard Hoffman
	11:30	+	Marian Schulte + Maryann, Louis, and Glenn Hudepohl
FRI 1	6:00	+	Tobias C.
		SI	Diane Roden
	11:30	+	Kevin England + Tom Farwick
SAT 2	7:00	+	Martha Reilly ( <i>Annv.</i> )

## MUSIC

### Opening Hymn:

All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
#853

### Mass Parts – Mass of Redemption

### Responsorial Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want #1070

### Offertory:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
#712

### Communion:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940

### Closing Hymn:

This Is the Feast of Victory #520

Art: *The Shepherdess with her flock*  
by Julien Dupré (c. 1899)  
Oil on canvas  
© Christian 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

### Adoration & Confession

Monday - Friday: 12 - 1 PM

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

Saturday (Confession only)

11 AM - 12 PM

## Flying Pig – Next Weekend

With the Flying Pig Marathon races next weekend (May 1-3), we will extend a special blessing at the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 2**, to the runners/walkers/support staff who are participating. Fr. Lickteig will confer a blessing to bid them well and champion their commitment. The Flying Pig makes navigating downtown a challenge. Please visit [flyingpigmarathon.com](http://flyingpigmarathon.com) for a list of events, times, and route maps.

## 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](mailto:mestutler@gmail.com).

## Congratulations to...

- Michael and Mollie (Finnegan) Fredette, who were married on April 18.
- Caroline Fox Kelly, daughter of Patrick and Annemarie, who was baptized on April 19.

## 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: *Thomas Powell, James Powell, Ginger Heider, Stewart Himes, Norbert Woebkenberg, Lucille Woebkenberg, Henry John Imbus, Ed and Jackie Roden, Elmer Link, Kevin England, the Meyer, Kastner, Jones, and George families, the Hudepohl and Hagedorn families, the Anyigla and Oruagwu families, all employees and those connected to PCCHMC, for those who pray for us, asked for prayers, and our enemies, Ted Motz, Margie Reinert, Alvin Reinert, James Case, Colleen Sweeney, Cristina Kenner, John and Gertude Ghrlinger, Tony and Dorothy Santini, Rick and Cynthia Santini, Charlie and Dorothy Johnson, Bill and Jean Stengle, Michael and Gloria Duncan, Philip and Danielle Duncan, Dominick and Margaret Guiliani, Stahley and Chastang families, living and deceased members of the Carroll and Gemelli families, Frank Weinel, Elmer and Virginia Bertram, Anna Weinel, Albert Bertram, Larry Bertram and Doris, Emma D. Steven Baker, Duncan Edward Wulf, Eric Schrantz, Henry Faulk, all my family and friends, George Edward Moore, Margaret M. Smith, Henry John Imbus, Paul and Ann Siegel, Sr., Joseph and Phillip Hunt, Geri Crowe, Victoria and Joseph Crowe, Shavon Crowe, Luis and Gloria Telleria, Bill and Gerry O'Brien, Herman and Mary Frisz, Bob Auberger, Byrnes and Roesel families, Joe and Camill Beiting, for our children and grandchildren, Concetta and Mike Geraci, Gloria Hoelle, and Elina Provancher.*

## Gatekeeping

*“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Acts 2:36)*

Peter sets a triumphant tone in the First Reading. He preaches repentance and baptism with the confidence of the Holy Spirit. His words “cut to the heart” of his audience, baptizing about three thousand people in a single day. His confidence is bolstered by his experience of knowing Christ’s example firsthand: *“Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth” (1 Peter 2:21-22).*

These words were meant to offer hope amid existential threats. Peter’s audience of early Christians was heavily persecuted by Roman authorities. It can be easy to take our Christian beliefs for granted. Even in our thoroughly secular world, Christian values are the water we swim in. For two millennia, Christianity has shaped the moral imagination of the West. But in the early 60s A.D., Peter’s audience had no room for complacency.

We might envy Peter for hearing Christ’s voice with his own ears. Discerning the voice of God in our lives is a lifelong quest. As Jesus explains in our Gospel, sheep learn to know their shepherd’s voice: *“I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them” (John 10:7-8).* God entered the world in human form to shepherd the souls of his flock. By our human nature, we are ordered toward God, born to know him and hear his voice. Like the sheep, we learn our shepherd’s voice by staying near him.

“Thieves and robbers” offer unlimited competing voices. We must be wary of the voices of others—and within ourselves—that offer shortcuts and easy outrage. Not every loud voice is the shepherd’s voice. Some seek to scatter rather than gather, to destroy rather than build.

The voice of our conscience—informed by Scripture, the liturgy, and the lives of the saints—can offer a path forward in accordance with God’s will. Our conscience contains a personal tone like no other voice can. Listen closely; it may be the shepherd calling you by name.



Sam Aberle  
*Parish Family Director of Communications*

**SUNDAY READINGS – #1070**

Sunday Collection for April 12	\$8,228
Online Contributions	5,113
<b>Total for April 12</b>	<b>\$13,341</b>

**Support St. Xavier Church:****Sweet Cheeks Diaper Drive**

Each year on the last Sunday in April, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrates Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, the Society's founder. Recently, St. Vincent de Paul Cincinnati added a new program to its family of services—the Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank. In honor of Ozanam Sunday and looking ahead to a month-long devotion to mothers, we will be holding a diaper drive throughout May. Donations of clean, usable diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes can be placed in the blue barrels in the narthex through **May 31**.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, May 26**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *My God and My All*, by Elizabeth Goudge. This is the captivating story of the life of St. Francis of Assisi. His is a story of extreme self-sacrifice, of love to God and man. We look forward to a great discussion. Join us!

**Children's Choir**

Do you have a child who enjoys singing? Our parish is exploring the possibility of forming a St. Xavier Children's Choir as a way to help our young people more fully participate in the prayer and life of the Church through music. We are currently gauging interest among parish families. If your child or grandchild might be interested in being part of a children's choir, please contact Susanne Wright at [swright@stxchurch.org](mailto:swright@stxchurch.org) or call 513.721.4045 x1010 to express interest.

**CONNECT WITH ST. X!**

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.

**Seeking Visitation Ministers**

Inspired by the love and support shared by Mary and Elizabeth in Luke's Gospel, the new St. X Visitation Ministry is a way for parishioners to bear hope and healing to one another by organizing meal trains and providing Holy Communion to those who are experiencing a life event such as a new baby, illness or injury, loss of a loved one, or are otherwise homebound. If you are interested in serving as a Visitation Minister, please contact Sr. Whitney at [wshieltz@stxchurch.org](mailto:wshieltz@stxchurch.org) or scan the QR code to complete an application.

**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! Questions? Contact DeAnn Fleming: [deann.r.fleming@gmail.com](mailto:deann.r.fleming@gmail.com).

**Trivia Night – Save the Date**

Mark your calendars! The Marriage Enrichment Team will again host the popular and fun Trivia Night at St. Xavier Church on **Saturday, July 25**. The event will begin immediately after the 4 PM Mass. Get ready for a great evening of friendly competition with other parishioners and our priests! All are welcome! More details to come.

**Feeling Called to Serve?**

St. Xavier Church is in need of volunteers to serve at 11:30 AM daily masses. If interested, please call the parish office.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

Dr. Ceil Dorger, Art Historian, Professor at the Athenaeum of Cincinnati, and lecturer on Art and Spirituality will provide a lecture/video presentation on Mary Magdalene at our next Women's Spirituality Group meeting on Tuesday, April 28 at 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM. Ceil is a popular speaker and has presented several Midday Masterpieces presentations at St. Xavier Church during Lent and Advent. The April 28 session will be solely devoted to Mary Magdalene. Contact: Fr. Ackerman, [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org).

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 26**

- 4:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Bill Verbryke, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 3**

- 4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, 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, 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, Ed Hershede, Jim Wigger, and Charlie Murrell.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Apr. 26 Parish Ministry Fair - Parish Center
- Apr. 28 Women's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- May 2 Blessing for Runners at 4 PM Mass
- Saturday Parish Social - Parish Center
- May 8 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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