



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS INTENTIONS

May 4 - 9

MON	6:00	+	Mr. and Mrs. Mar Web
4		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Michael, Blake, and Craig Benedict
		+	Leo Green (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Dan Staud
TUE	6:00	+	Jane Hammelrath
5		+	John "Red" Nuby
	11:30	+	Charles Wolf (<i>Birth.</i>)
WED	6:00	SI	Don and Kathy Keily (<i>Annu.</i>)
6		+	Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+	George Meyer (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+	Charles Wolf (<i>Birth.</i>)
THU	6:00	SI	Tom and Molly Federle (<i>Annu.</i>)
7		+	Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+	Franks Family
		+	Ann Pollina (<i>Annu.</i>)
FRI	6:00	+	Mary Jeanne Clark
8		SI	Diana Lerch
	11:30	+	Douglas Lange (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+	Ann Fetick (<i>Annu.</i>)
			Stephen G. Kirtley
SAT	7:00	+	Johanna Sievers (<i>Birth.</i>)
9		+	John Gregory Hoetker (<i>Annu.</i>)

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

I Know My Redeemer Lives #527

Mass Parts – Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 33:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. #1073

Offertory:

Center of My Life #679

Communion:

I Am the Bread of Life #945

Closing Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation #742

Art: *Holy Trinity*
by Jan Cornelisz Vermeyen
(c. 1530-1540)
oil on panel

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

Thursday Parish Social

All are welcome to join us for the next Thursday Parish Social on **Thursday, May 21**, at Dickmann's Sports Barn & Brew (479 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Wright, KY, 41017). The fun happens around 4-7 PM. Get to know your fellow parishioners!

Congratulations to...

- Patrick and Kathryn (Snow) Roberts, who were married on April 15.
- John and Katherine (Bruns) Freeman, who were married on April 24.
- Finnegan Louis Patterson, daughter of Bryan and Kathryn, who was baptized on April 26.

With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Kathleen Magner, who was recently buried from here. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Young Adults: Step Away. Listen. Return.

Young adults (ages 21–39) of the Jesuit Parish Family are invited to The Examined Life, an overnight retreat **May 15-17**, at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Milford, OH. This is a weekend to slow down, look honestly at your life, and notice where God is already at work. Rooted in the Ignatian Examen, the retreat will give you simple, practical tools for prayer and discernment that fit into real life—work, relationships, the questions you carry quietly.

Register using the QR code. Once you sign up, Fr. Damian will be in touch with more information.



The recommended cost is \$250, which covers room, board, and all retreat materials. That said, please don't let money keep you home. Pay what you are able. Time with the Lord matters more than the price tag, and we will make it work. Spots are limited. Register and come ready to step away.

First Tuesday Adoration

We're still in the season of Easter, still living inside the joy of the Resurrection. What better time to sit quietly with the Risen Lord? Join us **Tuesday, May 5**, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the hour, and we'll conclude with Benediction. Fr. Damian will preside. Bring whatever you're carrying and let the Risen Lord meet you there.

Preparing a Place for You

Have you ever thought about your own funeral and what it will be like? Who will be there? What the readings will be at a mass for you? Well, you have the opportunity to ponder and pray over this as you listen to this week's gospel since it is the most likely gospel that will be preached at your funeral!

It is the most popular choice. Why? It is comforting to those who hear it as they mourn the loss of you/a loved one. It features Jesus promising us that "I go to prepare a place for you." It is a message of reassurance and sanctuary, and it imagines heaven as like a big mansion with many rooms in it. There is a space in that mansion that you are destined for—prepared for you by Jesus. When we die, we then can participate in preparing for our loved ones to meet us—like others have done for us.

So, today, imagine you are given the opportunity to hear a likely gospel at your funeral and imagine how you can anticipate your transition into the afterlife without fear. In this endeavor, we can contemplate a spiritual exercise that includes these questions:

1. Can you think of a person who was a big influence to you? Who might be preparing a place for you?
2. Jesus says "Where I am going, you know the way." Who is like Jesus for you who guides you? What teacher is helping you see Jesus? Who has helped you over time?

Historically, "I go to prepare a place for you," were the last words of abolitionist and social activist, Harriet Tubman, a deeply religious woman. For many people during the slave era in our country, Ms. Tubman was a Christ figure—an individual who led many people to a life of freedom via the Underground Railroad. She had a huge influence on many people and spent her life preparing a way for others to reach freedom through courage, grit and faith. Like Jesus did.

The gospel today helps us lessen our fears and to recognize this Jesus who awaits us and prepares a place in a way that many other Christ like figures have subsequently emulated. They, like Jesus, help us to know the Way.



Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor

SUNDAY READINGS – #1073

Sunday Collection for April 19	\$10,444
Online Contributions	8,203
Total for April 19	\$18,647

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

Throughout May—the month devoted to mothers and motherhood—our parish is collecting diapers and baby wipes for the Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank, a new program of St. Vincent de Paul Cincinnati. Requested items include diapers of any size (the most needed sizes are 4, 5, and 6) and baby wipes. Diaper packages can be opened, but all items must be clean and usable. Donations can be placed in the blue barrels in the narthex through **May 31**.

Explore More Opportunities

If you missed the Ministry Fair this past weekend, there is still time to learn more about how we are making a profound impact as we serve each other and our broader community. You are invited to access the St. X Ministry Resource Guide and explore opportunities to deepen your spiritual growth, increase your connection to the parish, and discover where your gifts can best make a difference. Visit stxchurch.org/get-involved for a link to the guide.

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 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.

**Lunch & Learn: Lighting the Path**

Join us in the Parish Center on **Sunday, May 17**, after the 10:30 Mass for a lunch shaped by attentive listening and shared reflection, led by the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a Jesuit ministry that accompanies people experiencing homelessness and addiction, creating safe spaces to share their stories and strengthen their relationship with the God of their understanding. Rooted in the belief that healing is nurtured in relationships and shared experience, this gathering is an invitation to encounter God's love and walk with others in compassion and solidarity. RSVP via the QR code so we have an accurate headcount for lunch.

**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!

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. Please join us! Our next in-person gathering will be in the spring.



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 31**.

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 8**, from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Meetings occur every other Friday. For more info, email Fr. Jim at jackerman@stxchurch.org.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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. Nathan Wendt, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 10

- 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. Damian Torres-Botello, 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, 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 Schulcz, Alice DeAngelis, Ed Hershede, Jim Wigger, and Charlie Murrell.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 1st Tuesday Adoration, Benediction, Confession
- May 8 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- May 15 JPF Young Adult Retreat - Jesuit Spiritual Center
- May 17 ISP Lunch & Learn - Parish Center
- May 21 Thursday Social - Dickmann's Sports Barn & Brew
- May 26 St. X Book Club - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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