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The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

May 18 - 23

MON	6:00	+	Helen Sievers ( <i>Annu.</i> )
18		+	Angeline Beatty
	11:30	+	Virginia Gessing
		+	Elmer Schlueter ( <i>Annu.</i> )
TUE	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose, and Neal Gilday
19		SI	Whitaker, Franks, and Shackleford Families
	11:30	SI	Amy Obermeyer ( <i>Birth.</i> )
WED	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
20	11:30	+	Mr. & Mrs. Mar Web
		SI	Noah Ohlhaut
THU	6:00	+	Dan Welsh
21	11:30	+	Margaret Engle ( <i>Annu.</i> )
		+	Dennis Kehoe ( <i>Annu.</i> )
FRI	6:00	+	Catherine Ann Kearns
22		SI	Ryan Alleman ( <i>Annu.</i> )
	11:30	+	Don Dryer
		+	Robert Hastings
SAT	7:00	+	Henry Sievers ( <i>Annu.</i> )
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## MUSIC

### Opening Hymn:

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 Hymn:

Go to the World! #546

Art: *Arrival of the Pardon of Sainte  
Anne at Concarneau*  
by Alfred Guillou (c. 1887)  
© Museum of Fine Art, Quimper

## 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

## 250 Good Works

As our Jesuit Parish Family continues its call to bring hope and healing to our world, we invite you to join a special parish effort in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. Between Memorial Day (May 25) and Independence Day (July 4), our goal is to complete more than 250 Good Works as a parish community. Individuals, families, and groups are all encouraged to participate. Watch upcoming bulletins and the parish website for more details!

## 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...

- Michael and Christine (Tulisiak) Stemmler, who were married on May 9.
- Prescott Rayan Roy, son of Rohan and Katherine, who was baptized on May 9.
- This year's class of First Communicants: Berkley Cross, Hayden Cross, Evelyn Moeller, James Murphy, Samuel Grimme, Lily Robertson, Evelyn VanOrsdel, Elizabeth Wabler, Noah Wenning, Alden Wenning, Charles Willer, Maxwell Wilson.

## Adoration, Benediction, & Confession

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church for Adoration and Benediction. Exposition, Adoration, and Confession are offered every weekday from 12-1 PM. Jesus is waiting for you!



## Young Adult Group

Visit [www.stxya.com](http://www.stxya.com) to learn more about upcoming events and how to join our community. To get connected, contact Fr. Damian at [damian@stxchurch.org](mailto:damian@stxchurch.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 31**.

## Embracing the In-Between

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord—the bodily return of Jesus Christ to heaven forty days after his resurrection. In our first reading from Acts, we sense an eager—or perhaps anxious—anticipation among the apostles as Jesus instructs them to patiently trust in the Father's timing and then disappears from their sight. It's not hard to imagine their uncertainty in that moment, left wondering: *What are we supposed to do now?*

Most of us have known that same uneasy space—the in-between of what has been and what will be. Transitions have a way of stirring restlessness within us. Whether it's a change in ministry, community, or relationships, these moments can feel disorienting. Like the apostles, we may find ourselves looking backward or upward, searching for clarity and longing for reassurance. But the Ascension gently redirects us. The angels' question—"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"—is not a rebuke, but an invitation: Don't let uncertainty paralyze you. Trust that God is still at work, even when the path ahead isn't fully clear.

Jesus does not leave the apostles empty-handed. Before ascending, he promises the Holy Spirit and entrusts them with a mission. In other words, he gives them what they need for the next step, even if he doesn't reveal the whole map. Anxiety often comes from wanting the entire journey laid out before us. Yet faith calls us to remain present, trusting that God's presence is not diminished in times of transition, but often revealed most clearly there.

The Ascension reminds us that absence is not abandonment. Christ's physical departure makes way for a deeper, more expansive presence—one that accompanies us into every unknown. So when anxiety rises in seasons of change, we can return to this truth: We are not alone in the in-between. Like the apostles, we are sent, accompanied, and sustained. Perhaps the invitation is not to resolve all uncertainty, but to move forward anyway—grounded in trust, attentive to the present moment, and open to the subtle unfolding of God's promise.



Sr. Whitney Schieltz, SC  
*Associate Director of Social Mission*

**SUNDAY READINGS – #1079**

Sunday Collection for May 3	\$5,331
Online Contributions	8,183
<b>Total for May 3</b>	<b>\$13,514</b>

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

Through 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**.

**POSTPONED: Lighting the Path**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Lighting the Path lunch and learn with the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) will no longer be happening this Sunday, May 17. Please stay tuned for a rescheduled date in the early fall—tentatively Sunday, September 20, at 11:30 AM.

**Kroger Community Rewards**

It is easy to support St. Xavier Church through Kroger Community Rewards. Please tell all your family, friends, and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. X (search for St. Francis Xavier Church by name or “QN770”). With all the food and gift cards bought throughout the year, it is a great and easy way to help support St. X! Visit [www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](http://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards) to learn more.

**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.

**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!

**Sister Parish Visit from Peru**

The weekend of June 13-14, visitors from our sister parish in Lima, Peru, will join us to share about their community and ministries and to strengthen the bonds of our parish twinning relationship. Father Miguel Arrieta, SJ, pastor of La Virgen de Nazaret parish, will be concelebrating at the 4 PM, 10:30 AM, and 5 PM Masses with a reception in the Parish Center at 11:30 AM on **Sunday, June 14**. We hope that this will be a moment to recognize our oneness as the Body of Christ across cultures and to learn from each other’s expressions of faith.

**First Saturday Social for June**

All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for our First Saturday Social after the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 6**. The Marriage Enrichment Team is co-hosting and has planned a casual and fun Q&A session featuring Fr. Jacob Boddicker, the reigning local champion of Catholic Trivia! Join for free fun, food, beverages and socializing! Questions? Contact DeAnn Fleming: [deann.r.fleming@gmail.com](mailto:deann.r.fleming@gmail.com) or Tina Ernst at [ternst@stxchurch.org](mailto:ternst@stxchurch.org).

**WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

You are invited to join us for a prayer/discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to scripture, contemporary spiritual issues, and selected popular books. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 26**, from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center. The meeting will focus on our book, *Women of the Bible – a One Year Devotional Study*. We will discuss Mary of Bethany, Salome, and the Widow with the Two Coins. Holly Schapker will give us a personal art tour of her newest exhibition featuring her spiritually rich paintings. Contact: Fr. Ackerman, [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org).

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MAY 17**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 24**

- 4:00 PM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Michael Graham, 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, 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 21 Thursday Social - Dickmann's Sports Barn & Brew
- May 22 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- May 23 Pray the Rosary after the 4 PM Mass
- May 25 Memorial Day - 11:30 AM Mass only
- May 26 St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- Women's Spirituality Group - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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