



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

May 25 - 30

MON	25	<b>Memorial Day</b> <i>(No 6 AM Mass &amp; office closed)</i>	
	11:30	+	Leo Gibson ( <i>Annv.</i> ) Billy Baylis
TUE	6:00	+	Jason Ruppert
26	11:30	+	Mike Green
		SI	Joseph Niehaus
WED	6:00	+	John Nestelle
27	11:30	+	Cletus Brossart, Jr. Ginger Heider ( <i>Annv.</i> )
THU	6:00	+	Attiliano & Carolina DiGiovenale
28	11:30	+	Paul Ohe ( <i>Birth.</i> ) Mary Daly ( <i>Birth.</i> )
FRI	6:00	+	Richard Meixner
29	11:30	+	Deborah Morgan ( <i>Birth.</i> ) Louise Dawson
SAT	7:00	+	Elmer Link
	30		

## MUSIC

### Opening Hymn:

O Spirit All-Embracing #553

*Mass Parts – Mass of Redemption*

### Responsorial Psalm 104:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and  
renew the face of the earth #1084

### Preparation:

Spirit Blowing through Creation  
#555

### Communion:

One Bread, One Body #932

### Closing Hymn:

Come, Holy Ghost #559

Art: Enamel plaque depicting Pentecost  
Meuse Valley, South Netherlands (c. 1150-1175)  
Champlevé and translucent enamel on copper gilt  
© Metropolitan Museum, New York

## 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

Our Jesuit Parish Family continues its call to be transformed in the Body of Christ—bearing hope and healing to our world. As Easter ends and ordinary time begins, we remember Jesus' words "Peace be with you...as the Father sent me, I am sending you" (Jn 20:21). Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, rooted in our faith, and following His example, we are called to give, to evangelize, and to serve.

As the United States commemorates the 250th anniversary of our nation in 2026, we invite you to join our parish family in a special effort to bring hope, healing and peace to our community. With that spirit, our parish plans to complete more than 250 Good Works between Memorial Day (May 25) and Independence Day (July 4).

Scan the QR to visit a webpage with a list of upcoming parish good works and service opportunities to which you are warmly invited. You are also encouraged to think creatively and help develop additional ways to serve. After you have completed your good work(s), individually or as a group, you are invited to record your efforts via a form linked on the webpage so they can be shared with the parish community.



## Welcoming Guests from Sister Parish

Did you know that St. Xavier Church has been in a parish twinning relationship for over 25 years? On **Sunday, June 14**, at 6 PM, Fr. Miguel Arrieta, SJ, pastor of La Virgen de Nazaret parish in Lima, Peru, will be joined by one of his parishioners and Fr. Kevin Flaherty, SJ, who ministered in Peru for over 30 years, to share about their community and ministries during a reception in the Parish Center. Please join us in strengthening the bonds of our parish twinning relationship and honoring our oneness as the Body of Christ across cultures. Lunch will be provided. (Note the reception time has been changed from earlier announcements.)

## Diaper Drive Ends in One Week

Next **Sunday, May 31**, is the last day to donate diapers and baby wipes to our collection for the Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank. Items can be placed in the blue barrels in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



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**.

## The Coming of the Spirit

Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit of God coming into our lives. It is the Spirit of light and life. It is the Spirit that offers the enlivening strength of Faith when we have every *reason* to doubt. It bears Hope when all possibilities seem to lead towards despair. It is the Spirit of love that renews, restores, and allows us to endure whatever suffering we face with grace. Above all, God's Spirit stands in distinction against the Spirit of the world; it shines a light that shines in darkness, and darkness cannot overcome it.

When the world seems chaotic or when evil seems to burden us, we are given grace to name and open ourselves to the good that will help us prevail. What do we need? Is it courage? Is it peace? Is it strength and fortitude to fight for the good? Is it gentle acceptance of what is right now? Is it wisdom and understanding to even know how to ask for what we need, Maybe it is simple trust in God's Spirit to guide our way?

Whatever the case, it is God's Spirit, in US that the world needs, and this is what God invites us to. In the Book of Genesis, the Spirit breathed over the waters and made all things, but humanity chose to do things against that Spirit and cut us off from God. Still today we make choices that align us with something other than what God would have for us. This is why we believe the world is as it is: too few choose to receive the Spirit that God desires to reveal to us all.

The stakes are real. With the coming of Christ, we are given the grace to receive that Spirit anew. This is how we believe the world will change. The question we need to ask ourselves, of the many spirits Holy or worldly we encounter each day, which does God want for me? God and God's people need us to choose the Holy Spirit. In doing this, we defy the spirit of the world that leads to chaos, and let the author of all creation make something new in us. Let us trust the Holy Spirit, author of all peace and healing, to continue leading us into a hope-filled future.



Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
*Pastor*

## Congratulations to...

- Joda and Lauryn (White) Green, who were married on May 16.
- Henry Ryan Radley, son of James and Emily, who was baptized on May 17.

**SUNDAY READINGS – #1084**

Sunday Collection for May 10	\$13,678
Online Contributions	5,803
<b>Total for May 10</b>	<b>\$19,481</b>

**Support St. Xavier Church:**

**Church of the Resurrection**

Last week, it was announced that the Church of the Resurrection in Bond Hill will become a free-standing parish within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Jesuit Community will provide pastoral support. There will be an informational meeting at Bellarmine Chapel on **Sunday, May 31**, at 12:30 PM to discuss how this happy news might impact the Jesuit Parish Family and answer any questions. We are excited to accompany the Cincinnati Jesuit Community and the Church of the Resurrection as they discern their way forward. All are welcome!

**Adoration, Benediction, & Confession**

**Tuesday, June 2**, 5:30-6:30 PM. Presider: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ. Ordinary Time gets its name not because it's plain, but because it's ordinary—counted, ordered, the rhythm of weeks where most of life actually happens. Come sit with Jesus for an hour. Let confession lift what needs lifting. Let Benediction send you back into your week with something steadier than you walked in with. Bring whatever you're carrying.

**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)

**CONNECT WITH ST. X!**

**New Visitation Ministry Launch**

Our St. Xavier Visitation Ministry is officially up and running! This new ministry is a way for parishioners to bear hope and healing to one another by providing fresh meals and Holy Communion to fellow parishioners in need of support. If you are experiencing a life event that makes it difficult to leave home, such as a new baby, illness or injury, loss of a loved one, or are otherwise homebound, you can request a Meal Train through which volunteers prepare and deliver meals to your home. Likewise, if you are unable to attend Mass due to a recent life event, you can request lay ministers to bring you Holy Communion at home, the hospital, or a long-term care facility. To request a visit or to sign up as a volunteer, please scan the QR code to access our new Visitation Ministry webpage. You can also contact Sr. Whitney at [wschieltz@stxchurch.org](mailto:wschieltz@stxchurch.org) for more information.

**Curious About Becoming Catholic?**

Join us for an evening of inquiry on **Thursday, June 25**, 6:30-8 PM. Have you been wondering what it would mean to become Catholic? Whether you're a baptized Christian from another tradition drawn to full communion, or someone who has never been baptized and feels curious about faith in Christ and life in the Church, you're warmly invited to a relaxed evening of conversation and questions. This evening is for two kinds of seekers:

- Those discerning full reception. If you've already been baptized in another Christian tradition, your baptism is recognized and honored by the Catholic Church. Full reception welcomes you into full communion through Confirmation and the Eucharist without requiring baptism again.
- Those discerning baptism. If you have never been baptized and are drawn to Christ and the Catholic faith, this is the beginning of a journey toward Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist, celebrated together at the Easter Vigil.

Both paths are walked through our OCIA program, which begins in September. This evening is simply a no-pressure place to learn more and ask questions.

Where to meet: Gather in the Parish Center, and we'll walk over to the rectory dining room together. Questions? Contact Fr. Damian at [damian@stxchurch.org](mailto:damian@stxchurch.org). All are welcome.

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MAY 31**

- 4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 10:30 AM Abp. Robert Casey
- 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 Fielers, 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, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 25 Memorial Day - 11:30 AM Mass only
- May 26 St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- Women's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- May 31 Church of the Resurrection Info Session - Bellarmine
- June 2 First Tuesday Adoration, Benediction & Confession
- June 5 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center

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