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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

June 22 - 27

MON	6:00	+	Thomas and Phyllis Rose, and Neal Gilday
22			+ Don Dryer
	11:30	+	Fred Friehofer
		+	Joan Robinson
TUE	6:00	+	Paul Kreis
23		+	Jack Rademacher
	11:30	+	James S. Ginocchio, Sr.
		+	Jack Rose (<i>Wedd. Annv.</i>)
WED	6:00	+	Carmelita Schlueter (<i>Birth.</i>)
24	11:30	+	Paul Kreis
		SI	Jeff Papp
		SI	Noah Ohlhaut
THU	6:00	+	Mike Green
25	11:30	+	Mike
FRI	6:00	SI	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
26		+	Paul Kreis
	11:30	+	Jamie M. Lindemann (<i>Birth.</i>)
SAT	7:00	+	Fred Thornsby (<i>Annv.</i>)
27		+	Paul H. Luersen (<i>Birth.</i>)

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

O God beyond All Praising #598

Gloria:

A New Mass for Congregations #319

Responsorial Psalm 69:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.
#1125

Gospel Acclamation: #337

Offertory:

Jesus, Lead the Way #732

Communion:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940

Closing Hymn:

How Can I Keep from Singing?
#685

Art: *Study of a Flying Sparrow*
by Giovanni da Udine (c. 1520)
Red chalk and gouache
© Nationalmuseum, Sweden

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

INTRODUCING ...

AMY KRAMER

Office Manager

Please welcome Amy Kramer to the parish staff as the new St. Xavier Church Office Manager. Amy holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Cincinnati and a Master's degree in Education from Xavier University.



After 13 years of teaching in Catholic schools, she is grateful to bring her experience to a parish rooted in the Jesuit mission of service, reflection, and care for others. Amy enjoys spending time with her husband, Brandon, and their three children. She looks forward to contributing to the vibrant community of St. Xavier Church. Please join us in wishing her well in her new role with us. Contact Amy at akramer@stxchurch.org.

Calling for Clemency

Governor DeWine is leaving office this year and can use the power of capital clemency to issue commutations for those on death row in Ohio. Our faith community joins many other faith groups throughout the state to call for an end to the death penalty. Please send a letter to Governor DeWine urging him to use his clemency powers. For more information, visit: bit.ly/CommutationLetters.

Men's Spirituality Group

The St. X Church Men's Spirituality Group is a prayer and discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to scripture, the Bible, and selected popular books. The next meeting is **Friday, July 17**, from 12-1 PM in the Parish Center. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.



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, June 28**.

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.



Discipleship Means Trust in God

What is the true cost of discipleship?

This question has echoed through Christian history ever since Jesus declared, *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"* (Mt: 16:24). The cost of discipleship has looked different in different times and places. For St. Oscar Romero, it meant risking his life in the face of injustice and oppression. For St. Francis of Assisi, it meant letting go of wealth and possessions. Yet beneath these different expressions of discipleship lies the same invitation: to place our lives completely in God's hands.

Last week, many of us heard a powerful witness to true discipleship from members of our Peruvian sister parish, La Virgen de Nazaret, on the outskirts of Lima. Through Fr. Miguel's homily and the parishioners' stories at our dinner presentation (a video they created is available on our website), we encountered a community living the Gospel amidst poverty and hardship. What stood out most was not what they lacked, but the faith that sustained them. Their lives reflect a deep confidence that God is present and active even in the midst of struggle.

Whether in Lima, San Salvador, Assisi, or Cincinnati, the cost of discipleship is ultimately the same: surrendering our tendency to rely on ourselves and learning to rely more fully on God. Discipleship begins when we recognize that our security rests not in our possessions, achievements, or plans, but in God's faithful love.

That trust is at the center of today's readings. Jeremiah proclaims, "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion," even as he faced hatred and denunciation. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that not even a sparrow falls without the Father's knowledge and that every hair on our heads has been counted. We are known, loved, and accompanied by a God we can trust.

For many of us at St. Xavier, the cost of discipleship is likely not persecution or extreme poverty. Our challenge may be something subtler: letting go of the comfort, security, and self-reliance that can keep us from realizing we ultimately belong to God. Perhaps the first step towards practicing discipleship is a willingness to be made uncomfortable by the Gospel—to step beyond familiar routines, encounter those on the margins, and discover Christ already present there. As we seek "to bear hope and healing," may we learn to trust, like Jeremiah and our sisters and brothers in Peru, that God is with us every step of the way.



Tim Severyn
Parish Family Director of Sustainability and
Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1125

Sunday Collection for June 7	\$9,438
Online Contribution	8,304
Total for June 7	\$17,742

Support St. Xavier Church:**Toiletries Collection for Parish Kitchen**

The St. Xavier Prime Timers are sponsoring a collection of travel-sized toiletries for the Parish Kitchen **through Sunday, June 28**. The Parish Kitchen is a ministry of Catholic Charities in Covington that has been offering hospitality to those in need for over 50 years. Designated collection bins are located at the top of the stairs from the north parking lot and in the south side of the narthex. Items needed include travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss, deodorant, shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, sunscreen, feminine products, body wipes, and ponchos. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Second Annual Trivia Night

Join us for Trivia Night on **Saturday, July 25**, immediately following the 4 PM Mass, from 5-7 PM! This fun night in the Parish Center is hosted by local comedian and XU grad Michael Flannery. Our Jesuit Parish Family priests and Sr. Whitney will host an entertaining Q&A between trivia rounds! Feel free to bring friends for teams of six, or we will form teams from registrants. Food, prizes, and split-the-pot provided! BYOB welcomed! Please RSVP to Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org or leave a message at 513.721.4045 ext. 1004.

Curious About Becoming Catholic?

Join us for an evening of inquiry on **Thursday, June 25**, 6:30-8 PM. This evening is for two kinds of seekers: Those discerning baptism and those who have already been baptized in another Christian tradition. 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. Gather in the Parish Center, and we'll walk over to the rectory dining room together. Questions? Contact Fr. Damian at damian@stxchurch.org. All are welcome!

250 Good Works

As we commemorate 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.

**National Prayer Service for Solidarity**

In observance of the United States' 250th anniversary, and rooted in the Church's pastoral mission of welcome, accompaniment, and solidarity, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops has composed a prayer service to acknowledge and honor the many diverse communities that have journeyed to the U.S. in search of hope, safety, and opportunity, while also recognizing the voices, sufferings, and enduring contributions of those who were forcibly brought to this land. Please join our Jesuit Parish Family on **Wednesday, July 1**, at 7 PM in Bellarmine Chapel to pray in solidarity.

Supporting Our Sister Parish in Peru

Last weekend, our community welcomed Fr. Miguel Arrieta, SJ, and Juan Cajahuaman from our sister parish, Virgen de Nazaret. If you missed the dinner reception on June 14, you can scan the QR code to view a video that they prepared to share about their parish, community, and ministries in Lima, Peru. You can also offer your financial support for Virgen de Nazaret through our parish giving page or by using one of the special collection envelopes in the back of the church. As we continue to develop our twinning relationship, we look forward to taking a group from St. Xavier Church to visit Virgen de Nazaret parish. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sr. Whitney at wschieltz@stxchurch.org

**Save the Date: Parish Family Picnic**

Get ready for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, and fun at the Jesuit Parish Family Picnic! Our 2026 picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 27**, 12-4 PM, in Devou Park (front lawn of OneQuest Health, 200 Home Road, Covington, KY 41011). Whether you are new to the parish or have been part of our community for years, we hope you will join us for this joyful occasion. More details about food, activities, and ways to participate will be shared soon.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JUNE 21

- 4:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JUNE 28

- 4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Ryan Birjoo, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Ryan Birjoo, 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 Fielser, 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, Shannon Boyle, Lisa Durr, Harry Schneider, Blair Niernberger, Hunter, Mark, Jenny Seithel, Kevin Noble, Raymond Hopkins, Kate W., Harper Meyer, Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Kathy England, Alice DeAngelis, Ed Hershede, Jim Wigger, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 25 OCIA Evening of Inquiry - Parish Center
- June 28 Tender Mercies Collection (*drop off by 11 AM*)
- July 7 St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- First Tuesday Adoration, Benediction & Confession
- July 17 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- July 25 Trivia Night - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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