



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

June 29 - July 4

MON 29	6:00	+	Paul Kries
		+	Nathaniel
	11:30	+	Elise Ellen Early (<i>Annu.</i>)
		SI	Dina Sullivan (<i>Birth.</i>)
TUE 30	6:00	SI	Diane Roden
		+	Paul Kreis
	11:30	+	Samuel Richard Asmah (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+	Virginia Gessing
WED 1	6:00	+	Nathaniel Wells
		+	Odie Smith
	11:30	SI	Franks Family
		+	Everett & Eleanor Thurston
THU 2	6:00	+	Nathaniel
	11:30	+	Mr. & Mrs. Mar Web
		+	Donna Wilson
FRI 3	Independence Day observed		
	(No 6 AM Mass & office closed)		
	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	John Boylan (<i>Birth.</i>)
SAT 4	Independence Day		
	(No 7 AM Mass & office closed)		
	10:00	+	Alison Tinsley (<i>Annu.</i>)
		SI	Bill Mauthe (<i>Birth.</i>)

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble
Service #764

Gloria: #319

Responsorial Psalm 89:

Forever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord #1128

Gospel Acclamation: #337

Offertory:

Unless a Grain of Wheat #783

Communion:

All Who Hunger #925

Closing Hymn:

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
#744

Art: Saint Peter and Saint Paul

by El Greco (c. 1590)

Oil on canvas

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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

Dear Jesuit Parish Family,

My father, Manuel Botello, passed away the morning of Monday, June 22, after two years of battling stomach cancer. I am grateful to be part of a community that I know has been praying for him all this time. Those prayers have been a source of real comfort and hope, and I believe they made a difference. From what I understand, people with his kind of cancer typically live only months. He lived two years. I believe that is a testament to your prayers and to his own faith and love of Christ.

I will be with my family in Kansas City and will return as soon as things are settled.

Thank you for the gift of being the community you are. Your support and prayers have meant so much.



Fr. Damian

Faith, Family, FCC Night

FC Cincinnati is excited to celebrate Faith at TQL Stadium on **Friday, August 7**, 8 PM, as FC hosts Liga MX runner ups Pumas UNAM. The Faith, Family, FCC night is an opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate the importance of Faith in our everyday lives.



All St. X Church and Bellarmine Chapel family and friends are invited to take part in this special night. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code. When you “check out” please make sure to select section 127 and your parish name so that you will be seated alongside our community at TQL. Deadline: July 31.

Peter's Pence Collection

This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that allows the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. Please be generous with your giving as we join with Catholics around the world to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church.

CONNECT WITH ST. X!



Seeing & Believing

“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:38-39)

Jesus' words in the Gospel today establish a sense of separation. At first, this seems a contradiction of our Christian understanding of love, friendship, and community. Finding life sounds like a positive thing; why do we have to lose it? Then again, we must remember that God entered human form to overturn conventional wisdom. How are we to accept such a stance from our good and loving God?

But Jesus is not threatening his apostles with punishment here; instead, he is articulating an important theological distinction between the kingdom of earth and the Kingdom of God. There is a sacred and eternal separation between God and man. We all know this as Christians, exercising our free will in one plane on the quest for eternal life in the next. Separation is fundamental. The tragedy occurs when we try to bridge that gap on our own terms. Attempting to bridge the gap between the kingdom of earth and the Kingdom of God with the wrong intentions will guarantee failure—just ask Icarus or the builders of the Tower of Babel.

Misconceived attempts at transcendence offer lessons through the ages, lessons still worth heeding today. Historical/mythological failures remind us that we cannot reach the sun on waxen wings; we must develop the spiritual eyes to see the Light already among us. “Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe,” writes St. Augustine. We must ask God for the courage and wisdom to see the Kingdom of God emerging in the kingdom of earth.

Where do you sense the Kingdom of God breaking through in your life? Perhaps in the Sacraments, in the people you love, in art and beauty, or in striving toward a meaningful goal. These experiences are often inexplicable, eliciting awe and drawing our imagination toward something higher.

“No one has ever seen God, but as long as we love one another God remains in us and His love comes to its perfection in us. That is the proof that we remain in Him and He in us, that He has given us a share in His Spirit” (1 John 4:12-13).



Sam Aberle
Parish Family Director of Communications

SUNDAY READINGS – #1128

Sunday Collection for June 14	\$8,120
Online Contribution	11,598
Total for June 14	\$19,718

Support St. Xavier Church:**Jesuit 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. The venue provides accessibility accommodations for visitors with disabilities. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Volunteering for the Parish Picnic is a great way to share your gifts, meet fellow parishioners, enjoy the satisfaction of creating fun and bringing our community together for a memorable day. Whether you can help for a few hours or take on a larger role, we would love to have you join us! Please contact Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org

Saturday Parish Social

In place of our usual Saturday Social after Mass on July 4, we want to encourage everyone to take that time to Celebrate America's 250th birthday with your loved ones. We hope you will join us instead for a special social event later in the month. Please mark your calendars for Trivia Night on Saturday, July 25, immediately following the 4 PM Mass!

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 513.721.4045 ext. 1004.

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.

**Nourishing Our Neighbors**

Our fellow downtown parish, St. Francis Seraph Church, will sadly be closing after its final Mass this Sunday. However, St. Francis Seraph Ministries, including the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Dining Room, will remain open to nurture and nourish our most vulnerable neighbors in Over-the-Rhine. Volunteers continue to be needed Monday through Friday to serve breakfast (6:45 - 9 AM) and dinner (3:45 - 6 PM). The Dining Room is located in the St. Anthony Center at the corner of Liberty and Republic, with free parking available. To sign up, visit: sfsministries.galaxydigital.com/need or contact Susan at swalsh@sfsministries.org, 513.549.0542 x 284.

Catholic Night at the Ballpark

Join fellow Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the Second Annual Catholic Night at the Great American Ballpark (100 Joe Nuxhall Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202) on **Saturday, September 5**, 5:30-10:30 PM. The Cincinnati Reds will take on the Milwaukee Brewers, with first pitch at 6:40 PM. The evening will include a pre-game Mass, discounted tickets available exclusively to the Catholic community, and a special Elly De La Cruz bobblehead giveaway for fans in attendance while supplies last. Come enjoy a fun-filled evening of faith, fellowship, and baseball with family and friends! Suggested sections if you would like to sit with other JPF parishioners: Field Box Section 136 (Row BB and Row CC currently available) or View Level Section 530 (Rows L, M, N currently available).

**Congratulations to...**

- Vincent and Lindsey (King) Worner, who were married on June 13.
- Easton and Anna (Sciarretti) Tupper, who were married on June 20.
- Bruce Shanahan Al-Doory, son of Alexander and Madeline, who was baptized on June 21.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JULY 5

4:00 PM

Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ

7:00 AM

Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

9:00 AM

Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

10:30 AM

Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ

5:00 PM

Fr. Ryan Birjoo, 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 Fielor, 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 Hersheide, Jim Wigger, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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