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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

August 24 - 29

MON 24	6:00	+	Larry Erhardt (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	+	Deborah Hogan Charles B. Ginocchio
TUE 25	6:00	+	John Red Nuby Clark Line
	11:30	+	Margaret Whalen (<i>Birth</i>) Samuel Richard Asmah (<i>Birth</i>)
WED 26	6:00	SI	Rev. Bob Ross, S.J. (<i>Birth</i>) Clark Line
	11:30	SI	Diane Roden
THU 27	6:00	+	August Hoffman (<i>Birth</i>)
	11:30	+	Kevin England Robert & Julaine Amman
FRI 28	6:00	+	M/M Mar Web Angeline Beatty
	11:30	+	Patti Colwitz (<i>1st Annv</i>)
		SI	Ellen Russo
SAT 29	7:00	SI	Christina Kaye Bolden (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Bonnie Dooley

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation #742

Gloria: St. Henry

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Responsorial Psalm 138:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not
forsake the work of your hands.
#1152

Offertory:

Praise and Thanksgiving #861

Mass Parts:

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini
Revised Order of Mass, pp. 23-24

Communion:

I Receive the Living God #916

Closing Hymn: Holy God, We
Praise Thy Name #615

Art: *The Chair of Saint Peter*
by Gian Lorenzo Bernini (c. 1647-1653)
Bronze and gilt-bronze
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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

Fall Religious Education Classes

Registration is open! Like last year, we will be offering at least three courses. All classes will be held on Sundays in mid-morning in the Parish Center.

- First Communion / Preparation class
9:30 - 10:15 AM. Starts on Sept. 27.
- Middle School Group (Grades 3,4,5,6) classes
9:30 - 10:30 AM. Starts on Sept. 27.
- Confirmation / Preparation class (Grades 7 and 8)
10 - 11 AM. Starts on Sept. 27.

There will be a presentation and session for parents to meet the teachers on **Sunday, September 13**, at 10 AM. Please call the parish office or contact Fr. James Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org for more information and to register.

First Tuesday Adoration Returns

First Tuesday Adoration is returning. After a quieter summer, we'll gather again for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament on the first Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates: **September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1**, at 5:30 PM in the Church. Come for the full hour or a few minutes. Confession will also be available. All are welcome. Any questions? Email Fr. Damian at damian@stxchurch.org

Congratulations to...

- Adam and Maggie (Moeller) Kirby, who were married on August 15.
- Eleanor Irene McCloskey, daughter of Sean and Jacqueline, who was baptized on August 16.



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, August 30**.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Join us for 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, August 28, from 12 PM to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Meetings occur every other Friday. For more info, email Fr. Jim, jackerman@stxchurch.org.

A House of Prayer for All Peoples

Isaiah gives us a beautiful reminder of what God's family is meant to look like: *there is room for everyone*.

The people of Israel were learning that God's love was not meant to be kept within a small circle. The Lord says that even foreigners who turn toward Him, love His name, serve Him, and keep His covenant will be welcomed onto His holy mountain.

And then comes the beautiful promise: "*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples*." That message still speaks powerfully to us today.

Our parish is not meant to be a place only for people who have everything figured out, who have been Catholic their whole lives, or who always feel like they belong. God's house is a place where people are welcomed, invited, and drawn closer to Him. We all come to church carrying different stories. Some come with joy and gratitude. Others come carrying grief, loneliness, doubt, or struggles that no one else can see. Some may feel deeply connected to the Church; others may be wondering if there is still a place for them.

Isaiah reminds us that God says: *Come. You belong here*.

But there is also a challenge in this reading. God calls us not simply to come into His house, but to "*observe what is right*" and "*do what is just*." Being part of God's family means allowing His love to change the way we treat one another. So, when we gather for Mass, we are not simply attending a service. We are becoming the kind of community Isaiah describes – a people who make room for others, who welcome the stranger, who care for those who are hurting, and who seek to live with justice and mercy.

Our parish should be a house of prayer for all peoples. That begins with each of us. Who might need a welcome from us this week? Who might be feeling like an outsider? Who could use a kind word, an invitation, or simply someone willing to sit beside them? God's invitation is wide. May our hearts – and our parish – be wide enough to receive it.



Lisa Durr
Parish Family Business Director

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SUNDAY READINGS – #1152

Sunday Collection for August 9	\$10,531
Online Contribution	5,593
Total for August 9	\$16,124

Support St. Xavier Church:**Jesuit Parish Family Picnic**

Join us on **Sunday, September 27**, 12-4 PM in Devou Park (200 Home Road, Covington, KY 41011) for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun for all ages, including a simultaneous watch party for the Benglas game! Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of our family for years, we would love to see you there. Please bring along a side dish or a dessert to share, your favorite beverages, and a lawn chair. Want to help? We need volunteers! Please contact Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org or scan the QR code to sign up. Thank you!

**Celebrating With Our Sister Parish**

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of St. Rose of Lima, patron saint of Peru. On this special day, we invite you to learn more about our sister parish, Virgen de Nazaret, and its many ministries serving the people of Lima, Peru. Scan the QR code where you can view a video about Virgen de Nazaret parish and make a donation to support their mission. Special collection envelopes are also available in the back of the church. Saint Rose of Lima, pray for us and for the people of Peru!

**Celebrating the Feast of St. Phoebe**

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Phoebe on September 3. Our annual celebration will be **Wednesday, September 16**, at 7 PM in Bellarmine Chapel. The gathering will include prayer, witness, and learning about Synod implementation.

Catholic Night at the Ballpark

Join Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the Second Annual Catholic Night at the Great American Ballpark on **Saturday, September 5**. The Cincinnati Reds will take on the Milwaukee Brewers, with first pitch at 6:40 PM. 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).

**Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?**

As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Participants will join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future. There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. Register at: catholicaoc.org/conversations.

Catechism of Immigration Panel

Join us on **Thursday, September 24**, at 7 PM for the next installation of our Journey of Hope series exploring the theme of migration through a Catholic lens. All are welcome at this facilitated conversation on the Church's teaching on and response to immigration. We will gather on the 4th floor of the Health United Building at Xavier University. Registration is not required, but we encourage you to RSVP via the QR code so we can set the room up for the appropriate number of participants.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, September 29**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *Framed* by John Grisham. This non-fiction book tells ten harrowing true stories of wrongful convictions. Once someone has been found guilty in our legal system, there is very little room to prove doubt. These are stories of overcoming adversity when the battle already seems lost, and the deck is stacked against you. We look forward to a great discussion. Join us!

Saturday Social - Schedule Updates

First Saturday Social, a.k.a. Wine & Cheese Socials, will continue to be held on a monthly basis, and all parishioners are welcome! Food and refreshments are provided. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet, greet and build our faith community. Questions? Please email deann.r.fleming@gmail.com. Upcoming socials:

- **Saturday, August 29**, after the 4 PM Mass
Football Season Kick-off tailgate
- **Sunday, September 27**, Parish Picnic
- **Saturday, October 24**, after the 4 PM Mass
Harvest & Halloween
- **Saturday, November 21**, after the 4 PM Mass
Wine & Cheese & more
- **Sunday, December 6**, Holiday party

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - AUGUST 23

4:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ

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7:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Patrick Cerminaro, Marianne Phillips, Annie Muchmore, Greg Cole, Harper Meyer, Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Wendy Welsh, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Frank & Sandy Fielier, 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., Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Kathy England, Alice DeAngelis, Ed Hershede, Jim Wigger, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 25	Women's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
Aug. 28	Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
Aug. 29	Saturday Social - Parish Center
Aug. 30	Tender Mercies Collection
Sept. 1	First Tuesday Adoration - St. Xavier Church

Contact the parish office to learn more.



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