



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

Registered historic site founded in 1819
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

PARISH STAFF

Sam Aberle	Olivia Castelli
Chris Crabb	Lisa Durr
Tina Ernst	Mary Beth Fennell
Kathy Heile	Katherine Jennings
Amy Kramer	Trevor Kroeger
Julia Neundorfer	Sr. Whitney Schieltz, SC
Tim Severyn	Susanne Wright

www.stxchurch.org

MASS INTENTIONS

August 31 - September 5

MON 31	6:00	+	Clark Line
		+	Robin Kofler
	11:30	SI	Roxanne Motl (<i>Birth</i>)
		SI	Pat Back & Frederick Ochieng (<i>Annw</i>)
TUE 1	6:00	+	Clark Line
		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	+	Janice Messer (<i>Annw</i>)
		+	Jose Damo & Rosa Masters
WED 2	6:00	+	Richard Hoffman (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	SI	Jason Sanders (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Sr. Janet Roesener
THU 3	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
		+	Joe McDevitt (<i>Annw</i>)
	11:30	+	Rev. Ken Hannon
FRI 4	6:00	+	Clark Line
		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	SI	Franks Family
		+	Kevin England
SAT 5	7:00		Jean Schied (<i>Annw</i>)
		+	Don Dryer

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble
Service #764

Gloria: St. Henry

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Responsorial Psalm 63:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you my God. #1155

Offertory:

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours
#760

Mass Parts:

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

Communion: Draw Near #935

Closing Hymn: As a Fire Is Meant
for Burning #744

Art: *Rétire-toi, Satan*
by James Tissot (c. 1886-1894)
gouache over graphite on gray wove paper
Brooklyn Museum

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 – Sept. 1

Join us on **Tuesday, September 1**, from 5:30-6:30 PM for our monthly Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This hour offers a chance to encounter Christ in the Eucharist – to pray, to listen, to simply be present. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available throughout, with Fr. Damian presiding. Yes, we're in Ordinary Time. But there's nothing ordinary about praying before Jesus. This sacred time is a good time!

Rosary Group

Please join our Jesuit Parish Family as we pray the Rosary each evening from 7:30 to 8 PM. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link. Our Lady of Fatima instructed the three shepherd children in 1917 to pray the Rosary every single day to bring peace to the world and an end to war. Please join us – all are welcome!



Congratulations to...

- Jackson Drew Schroeder, son of Andrew and Morgan, who was baptized on August 22.
- Wells Charles Weiler, son of Matthew and Kelly, who was baptized on August 22.
- Calum James Guarasci, son of Alexander and Elizabeth, who was baptized on August 22.
- Samuel Eric Spencer, son of Eric and Sara, who was baptized on August 23.
- William Andrew Kober, son of Christopher and Katherine, who were baptized on August 23.

Choosing God's Way Even When It Isn't Easy

This Sunday's readings remind us that following God often requires courage and trust. Jeremiah's experience shows how heavy faithfulness can feel at times. His frustration is familiar to anyone who has tried to do the right thing when the easier path is tempting. His honesty helps believers see that struggle is not a sign of weak faith, but part of the journey.

Saint Paul encourages the Church to offer their lives as a "living sacrifice." Its meaning is simple, let God shape everyday choices. It happens in small moments like choosing patience and kindness, or choosing to listen instead of react. Saint Paul's words remind us that real change begins quietly, in the heart, long before it is seen by others.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about taking up the cross. He is not pointing only to dramatic suffering, but He is teaching that discipleship often means choosing what is loving rather than what is comfortable. Sometimes that looks like forgiving someone who hurt us, helping when we are tired, or staying faithful when life feels uncertain. These choices may stretch the heart, but they form a life that reflects Christ.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux believed that holiness grows through small, faithful choices made throughout the day. Her "little way" was built on choosing love in ordinary moments, even when it required effort or sacrifice. One of her most beloved reminders captures this beautifully: "Do small things with great love."

Today's readings invite us to consider where God may be calling us for a little more courage or generosity. Though the path of discipleship is not always easy, God provides strength for each step. Choosing God's way leads us to deeper peace and a clearer sense of purpose.

May this week's message encourage all to walk faithfully, trusting that God is present in every challenge and every choice.



Amy Kramer
Office Manager

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.



SUNDAY READINGS – #1155

Sunday Collection for August 16	\$9,406
Online Contribution	6,803
Total for August 16	\$16,209

Support St. Xavier Church:**Love to sing? Join the St. Xavier Choir**

The St. Xavier Choir is seeking parishioners who love to sing and work in a group to join their welcoming and joy-filled community of around 20 volunteer singers and ten professional section leaders. The Choir rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6-8 PM and sings at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays from September through May. The Choir also sings for the Jesuit Works Mass, Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, and Easter Vigil Mass. No audition is required to join the Choir. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact our music director Trevor Kroeger at tkroeger@stxchurch.org.

iVoteCatholic Resources

As Catholics, we are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives. This includes a call to civic engagement, requiring much prayer and discernment especially when it comes to voting. Our Church teaches a consistent ethic of life, so we are called to be advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. During this election season, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is offering reflections on the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to encourage careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform our voting. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

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).

**Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat**

Couples from the Jesuit Parish Family are currently planning a half-day Marriage Enrichment Retreat that will be held on **Saturday, November 14**, from 10 AM to 3 PM. This year, the retreat will be held on the campus of Xavier University at the Health United Building. It will focus on meaningful couple conversations that reenergize intimacy and resilience in marriages. Parking and lunch will be provided at no cost. Further details and registration to follow. For questions, contact Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org.

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:

- **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

