



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

September 7 - 12

MON 7		Labor Day <i>(No 6 AM Mass & office closed)</i>
	11:30	+ Joseph McDevitt (<i>Birth</i>) + Charles (Chas) Brannen
TUE 8	6:00	+ Clark Line + Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell Harris (<i>Ann</i>) SI Matthew Dowling
WED 9	6:00	+ <i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i> + Clark Line
	11:30	+ Arnold & Darlene Thurston + Marie-Louise Pamelard
THU 10	6:00	+ Suzette Casey (<i>Birth</i>)
	11:30	+ JoAnn Komanecky SI Alice Lopez
FRI 11	6:00	+ Clark Line
		SI Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	+ Lizzie Dankert + Manuel Botello, Jr.
SAT 12	7:00	+ Helen D. Williams

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

O God Beyond All Praising #598

Responsorial Psalm 95:

If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts #1158

Offertory:

Where Charity and Love Prevail
#706 (4:00, 5:00)

Mass Parts:

#384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

Where Two or Three Are Gathered
#907 (4:00, 5:00)

Closing Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #614

Choral Music Schedule:



Art: *Siewca (Aniot Pański, Przed siewem)*
by Marian Żarembki (c. 1888)

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

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!



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.

Congratulations to...

- Joseph and Margaret (Blackaby) Meadows, who were married on August 29.
- Lucy Grace Black, Dani Michelle Black, Elly Mae Black, and Edyn Marie Black, daughters of Erich and Megan, who were baptized on 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, September 11, from 12 PM to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Meetings occur every other Friday. For more info, email Fr. Jim, jackerman@stxchurch.org.

My Brother's Sleeper

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8)

The theme of today's readings can be distilled to this: the responsibility of the Christian. We share a responsibility for our community, not just ourselves. Our faith may be personal, but our religion is not. We are tasked with loving our neighbor as ourselves, even when our neighbors wrong us or disagree with us. For any regular churchgoer, this should come as no surprise. It's the Golden Rule—the first track of the greatest hits album. Even the person in the back pew who just woke up from a nap knows we're supposed to love our neighbor.

In the Gospel, Jesus instructs us about the right way to correct a neighbor who has wandered astray. If someone sins against you, first, take it up with them alone. If that doesn't work, *"take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses"* (Matthew 18:16). If that doesn't work, appeal to the church. The wider Christian community can then help discern the matter and administer justice. And if all else fails, *"treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector"* (Matthew 18:17). Call to mind how Jesus treats Gentiles and tax collectors elsewhere in the Gospels. Such labels do not signify a rejection, but an opportunity for reconciliation.

There is something almost refreshingly procedural about Jesus' instructions. Try to go it alone, bring a few others along, and then appeal to the wider community. And no matter the outcome, the responsibility remains with you to love your neighbor.

I think Jesus is onto something here. All societies must find ways to resolve conflict or else descend into a cycle of retributive justice and chaos. Jesus does not tell us to hand every grievance over to some distant authority; the process begins at the level of the individual. In other words, Jesus does not let us outsource responsibility for our neighbors.

If you catch me sleeping in the back pew again, just take it up with me alone. Don't bring two or three witnesses with you, and please do not tell the whole church.



Sam Aberle
Parish Family Director of Communications

SUNDAY READINGS – #1158

Sunday Collection for August 23	\$8,188
Online Contribution	12,461
Total for August 23	\$20,649

Support St. Xavier Church:**Catechism of Immigration Panel**

Our Journey of Hope series continues on **Thursday, September 24**, with a facilitated conversation around the Church's teaching on and response to immigration. This event will feature a panel with Dr. Marcus Mescher, Professor of Christian Ethics in the Department of Theology at Xavier University; Sr. Karina Montes Ayala, a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati who has ministered with a variety of organizations serving immigrants; and Patrick Reynolds-Berry, Chief Operations Officer for Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio. All are welcome to join us at 7 PM 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.

**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.

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.

**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.

iVoteCatholic – Reflection #1

During this Labor Day weekend, we focus on the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. In our Catholic tradition, work is more than just a way to make a living; work is one of the ways we participate in the ongoing work of creation in our world. Those who are responsible for the employment of people have a special responsibility to make decisions that uphold the dignity and safety of workers and their rights. Those rights include being able to earn fair wages, to have productive work, and to have a say in decisions that affect them, including the right to organize. Under this principle fall issues such as living wages, fair hiring practices, availability of job training/skills, discrepancy in employment for women and minorities, and job availability for thriving not just surviving. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

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.

Liturgical Minister Training Sessions

Mark your calendars for **September 19** from 10 AM to 12 PM for Servers and **October 17** from 10 AM to 12 PM for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. More information to come. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please join us on either date. Thank you!

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 6

4:00 PM

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

7:00 AM

Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

9:00 AM

Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

10:30 AM

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

5:00 PM

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 13

4:00 PM

Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

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. James Ackerman, SJ

St. Xavier Prayer Ministry

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

John Seithel, Patrick Cerminaro, Marianne Phillips, Annie Muchmore, Greg Cole, Harper Meyer, Susan Anderson, Adelie Eaton, 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., Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Kathy England, Alice DeAngelis, Ed Hershede, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 11

Men’s Spirituality Group - Parish Center

Sept. 13

Fall Religious Ed. Meeting - Parish Center

Sept. 19

Liturgical Minister Training - St. Xavier Church

Sept. 24

Catechism of Immigration Panel - Xavier U

Sept. 27

Jesuit Parish Family Picnic - Devou Park

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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