



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 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

September 14 - 19

MON 14	6:00	+	Nathaniel Wells
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	+	Stephen G. Kirtley
		+	Richard Berning
TUE 15	6:00	+	Suzette Casey (<i>Annv</i>)
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	SI	Whitaker, Franks & Shackelford Families
		+	Ben Wilson
WED 16	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose, and Neal Gilday
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	SI	Chris Frank (<i>Birth</i>)
		SI	Tobe A. (<i>Birth</i>)
THU 17	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	+	Catherine Ann Kearns (<i>Wedd Annv</i>)
		+	Mike Green
		+	Olivia Eloise Vos
FRI 18	6:00	SI	Rev. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	+	Jeff Krohmer
		+	James Hinker
SAT 19	7:00	+	Don Dryer
		+	Robert Hastings

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
#612

Responsorial Psalm 103:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. #1161

Offertory:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
#828 (4:00, 5:00)

Mass Parts:

#384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940
(4:00, 5:00)

Closing Hymn:

How Can I Keep from Singing? #685

Choral Music Schedule:



Art: *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*
by Claude Vignon (c. 1629)

Oil on canvas

© Musée des Beaux-Arts de Tours, France

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

Lighting the Path: Lunch with ISP

Join Fr. Michael Graham, SJ, and members of ISP Cincinnati in the Parish Center on **Sunday, October 4**, at 11:30 AM for a free lunch and an introduction to the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a Jesuit ministry that accompanies people experiencing homelessness and addiction, creating safe spaces to share their stories and strengthen their relationship with the God of their understanding. Through personal stories and interactive reflection, we will explore the transformative power of encountering God's love, hope, and healing as we walk with others. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



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.

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.

AUGUST 2026 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 224	Sunday 7 AM – 143
Sunday 9 AM – 325	Sunday 10:30 AM – 333
Sunday 5 PM – 257	

Seventy-Seven Times This Fall

I wonder, as you read this, your mailbox, inbox, and television have been drowning in political ads, and maybe someone at your dinner table, at work, anywhere, has already said something about the midterms that made someone else go quiet. In some capacity, we know that tension all too well.

Sirach knew this feeling three centuries before Christ. He warns that wrath and anger are things people carry around as if they belong to them, long after the moment that caused them has passed (Sirach 27:30). He's naming something more specific: what happens once a grudge moves in and starts paying rent. Given enough time, it stops being a guest and starts running the whole house!

Paul gives us the reason we can actually set that tension down. No one lives for themselves, he tells the Romans, and no one dies for themselves either — in the end, we belong to the Lord (Romans 14:7-9). That's true of you! It's also true of the person whose yard sign or bumper sticker makes your jaw tighten. Before they belong to a party or a candidate or an opinion you find maddening, they belong to God the same as you do.

Then there's Peter's question, which could be ours this election cycle: how many times do I have to stay in relationship with someone I can't stand agreeing with? Jesus doesn't give him a number so much as a door that never closes (Matthew 18:21-22). And the parable that follows holds up a mirror — a servant forgiven an impossible debt turns around and chokes his neighbor over pocket change (Matthew 18:23-35). We know that servant. Most of us have been him, at some dinner table, gathering, or conversation this year.

Here's the hope in all of it: your convictions don't have to shrink for your heart to stay soft. Ignatius would have us start small: notice where the anger actually sits in your body when the news comes on, name it honestly in prayer, then ask what's genuinely yours to carry and what's just wrath borrowed from somewhere else.

If you'd like a concrete way to get into that kind of noticing this season, pick up the Ignatian Examen for Civic Life at the back of the church, or scan the QR code below. Five honest minutes with it might do more good than the next argument you almost have. Can I get an Amen?



Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
Parish Family Director of Evangelization

SUNDAY READINGS – #1161

Sunday Collection for August 30	\$7,757
Online Contribution	5,703
Total for August 30	\$13,460

Support St. Xavier Church:**Congratulations to...**

- Logan and Peyton (Hyde) Raposo, who were married on September 5.
- James Melvin Sturm, son of Robert and Elizabeth, who was baptized on September 6.
- Pearl Monroe Bretcher, daughter of Kevin and Abigail, who was baptized on September 6.

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!

**Supporting Our SVDP Conference**

Donations from your Donor Advised Funds (DAF) are a great way to support our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. It's easy to do! Conference member Steve Jung is available to help you with the process (513-616-6195). These can be one time or scheduled donations. Your support helps our Vincentians assist our downtown neighbors having difficulty paying their rent or utilities by preventing their eviction or utilities being disconnected as well as other needs. Please consider supporting our conference. The Cathedral/St. Xavier/Cathedral Conference is a 501(c)3 organization.

CONNECT WITH ST. X!

@stxchurch

Thursday Parish Social

All are invited to join the next Thursday Parish Social on **September 17** at Wiedemann's Brewery and Taproom (4811 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45217) and on **October 15** at Dead Low Brewing (5959 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45230). The fun happens around 4-7 PM. Come get to know your fellow parishioners!

iVoteCatholic – Reflection #2

During this second week, we focus on the call to Family, Community and Participation. Our God is Trinity, three persons, one God. These three persons are in constant relationship with each other. Being created in the image of God, we too need to be in relationships. Each human person is not only sacred but also social. We must recognize and cherish the gift of belonging to our immediate family and wider family; the Church and society. The Church teaches that in order to fully belong to a family and community, participation is essential. We encourage you to ensure you and your family are registered to vote. Get informed and educated about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Our community calls us to participate not just for our own needs but for the larger whole of society. Voting is an actionable way to love and a tool to cultivate community. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org

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!

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. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 20

4:00 PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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 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, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 17	Thursday Parish Social - Wiedemann's Brewery
Sept. 19	Liturgical Minister Training - St. Xavier Church
Sept. 24	Catechism of Immigration Panel - Xavier U
Sept. 27	Jesuit Parish Family Picnic - Devou Park
Oct. 4	Lighting the Path: Lunch with ISP - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

Berry Best Quilting

LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES
NORWOOD, OHIO

EDGE TO EDGE STARTS AT \$0.02
PER SQUARE INCH
SIZES BABY TO QUEEN
TURNAROUND IN 4 TO 6 WEEKS

Contact
MARIAH BERRYMAN
BERRYBESTQUILTING@GMAIL.COM



RAM SERVICE
EXPERIENCE
RESULTS

REAL ESTATE GROUP

COLDWELL BANKER | REALTY

call text **(513) 608-1199**
ramrealestategroup.com

(513) 305-0289 (859) 635-1854

info@acrny.com
www.acrny.com

Financing available

ADVANCED CONTRACTING
AND REMODELING

Christine Maegly &
Roxanne Motl
St. Xavier Parishioner

Taft/
The Modern Law Firm.

Helping your business navigate
federal, state, and local tax issues,
contracts, and entity governance.

Taftlaw.com

Joe Stewart-Pirone
Attorney - St. Xavier Parishioner
jstewart-pirone@taftlaw.com
(513) 357-9614

4 SPACES
3 x 2 inches

PRIORITY 1 INSULATION

5178 CROOKSHANK RD., CINCINNATI, OH 45238
BARRY KIRBY 513-922-0203

State Farm

Marian Sizemore, Agent

880 Alexandria Pike Ste 204
Fort Thomas, KY 41075-2100
Bus: 859-441-2624
www.mariansizemore.com

Providing Insurance and Financial Services
State Farm, Bloomington, IL

GEO. H. ROHDE & SON
Funeral Home Since 1910

STEVE ROHDE, DARRELL SCHNEIDER & BELINDA HARPER



115 Years of family service to Eastern Cincinnati & Beyond
3183 Linwood Avenue • Mt. Lookout Square
321-0404
ROHDEFUNERAL.COM

2 SPACES
1.5 x 2 inches
\$874/year

**More Advertising
Space Available!**
Contact Lisa Durr
ldurr@stxchurch.org

# of Spaces	Annual Price
1	\$474
2	\$874
3	\$1304
4	\$1665