



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

September 21 - 26

MON	6:00	+	Clark Line
21		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	SI	Diogo A. (Birth)
		+	Jeff Krohmer
TUE	6:00	+	Clark Line
22		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	+	M/M Mar Web
		+	Paul Sagel
WED	6:00	+	Clark Line
23		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	+	Manuel Botello, Jr.
		SI	Jason & Joan Dickman
THU	6:00	+	Clark Line
24		+	John G. (Annv)
	11:30	+	Mary Daly (Annv)
FRI	6:00	+	Clark Line
25		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	SI	Kalyn Obermeyer (Birth)
		+	James S. Ginocchio, Sr.
SAT	7:00	+	Don Dryer
26			

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

Lord of All Hopefulness #663

Responsorial Psalm 145:

The Lord is near to all who call on him.
#1164

Preparation:

Open My Eyes #651 (4:00, 5:00)

Mass Parts:

#384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

All Who Hunger #925 (4:00, 5:00)

Closing Hymn:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#644

Choral Music Schedule:



Art: Denarius 14-37

The Roman Empire, Tiberius, 14-37

Silver coin, Lugdunum, Laureate head

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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

St. X Prime Timers – Upcoming Events

The St. X Prime Timers, a group for parishioners ages 55 and older, have some fun events coming up. We will visit the American Sign Museum, 1330 Monmouth Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45225 on **Thursday, September 24**, for a 10 AM guided tour, followed by lunch at Camp Washington Chili, 3005 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati. Cost is \$16 per person. If you have not signed up there are a few slots available but we need to hear from you by Monday, September 21. Contact Kathy England at 513.910.0691 for information and payment.

On **Saturday, October 3**, we will meet in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM for Pastries & Prayer with Fr. Paul. This informal event provides an opportunity for some spiritual reflection and conversation with our pastor, Fr. Paul. To ensure enough pastries for all, please email us at primetimers@stxchurch.org if you plan to attend.

Next, mark your calendars for **Tuesday October 20**, for a walking/tram tour of Spring Grove Cemetery. Details will follow. Finally, we're exploring serving as a group at La Soupe Kitchen food rescue in Cincinnati. Possible tasks include kitchen prep, chef assist, morning meal building and sandwich prep. Email primetimers@stxchurch.org for details.

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. The Ohio Department of Transportation has communicated the full weekend closure of the I-75 bridge starting September 25 through September 28. That said, we recommend that you consider using the John A. Roebling Bridge or the C. W. Bailey Bridge on September 27 if you are driving from Ohio to Kentucky. Want to help at the picnic? Please scan the QR code.



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, September 27**.

Plenty Good Room?

Today we have either the parable of the “Generous Employer” who employs things like grace, mercy, hope, and, of course, people. Or, taken another way, we have the parable of the “Unfair Employer.” He could be considered unfair because he appears to employ favoritism that borders on injustice. Inevitably, we can agree on one thing: there is some unease with this parable, and there is going to be some arguing over this one.

But perhaps we should ask a dedicated employee who shows up on time/early. He/she might retort, “Excuse me, those late people who got here at 4 PM are going to be paid the same as the employee (like me) who arrived at 9 AM? It’s so illogical! Unethical! Irrational! Unfair!”

And yet...the Kingdom of God is on display here. This “wild kingdom” defies logic and expectation. It is beyond an algorithm calculation. And yet, it is generous and fair... per God’s view.

What’s the take away? We must put our measuring stick away since God doesn’t have one as inflexible or precise as the one we might want to employ. Have sharp teeth? They are not wanted. Got a stopwatch? Stow it! A whip? No, put it all away. This generous employer is not interested in these.

For we have a God of Plentitude not Exactitude on display here. As the song goes, “There is plenty good room in my Father’s kingdom, just choose your seat and sit down.” The seats remind me of Musical Chairs, but with a spin: Recently, I invited some kids to play “Reverse Musical Chairs.” This involves **adding** a chair until everyone has a place to sit. The object is to play until everyone has a spot – even the very last person left standing eventually gets a place to sit. Yet the children (and adults!) may complain with “What’s the point if no one gets eliminated? Where’s the competition? Does everyone really win?” In God’s musical way of proceeding, everyone does, indeed, win. May we have the humility to redefine “winning” and offer others a seat, as God does, to a banquet where there is “Plenty Good Room.”



Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor

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SUNDAY READINGS – #1164

Sunday Collection for September 6	\$9,180
Online Contribution	5,233
Total for September 6	\$14,413

Support St. Xavier Church:**Sacred Arts Fund: Upcoming Concerts**

The Sacred Arts Fund will present *Sanctuary*, a 35-minute immersive celebration of light and song during the BLINK Festival on **Saturday, October 10**, and **Sunday, October 11**, at 8, 8:45, and 9 PM both evenings. Tickets are not required, and entry is welcome at any time.

The Sacred Arts Fund will also present *The Union Christmas Concert* on **Thursday, December 10**, and **Friday, December 11**, at 7:30 PM and **Sunday, December 13**, at 2 PM. Tickets are required for the Christmas concerts and can be reserved online at www.stxchurch.org/concerts.

We Are Hiring - Admin Assistant

The Jesuit Parish Family is hiring an Administrative Assistant to support both St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel by performing essential secretarial, financial, and office duties—including managing reception, processing accounts payable, updating parish data systems, and coordinating Safe Parish compliance. Applicants should have a high school diploma or equivalent, 3-5 years of general office experience, strong written and verbal communication skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office and Google Workspace, and a commitment to adhering to Catholic faith principles and policies. Email a cover letter and resume to Lisa Durr at ldurr@stxchurch.org. Visit stxchurch.org/job-opportunities to learn more.

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.

**iVoteCatholic – Reflection #3**

Now halfway through the Season of Creation, we focus on Care for God's Creation. Beginning with Pope St. John Paul II through Pope Francis, care for creation has been an integral part of Catholic social teaching. "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love of our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society...we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures." (#92,93 Pope Francis). When we do things to protect the earth and care for it, we show reverence for God, the creator of all. Under this principle fall issues such as laws governing corporate and individual use of environmental resources - including land, water, and air - which impact all living things. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org

SVDP Appeal Next Sunday

Next weekend, in honor of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, our local SVDP conference will be appealing for support. Please consider donating to this life-changing ministry. Vincentians will be available after each Mass to collect donations and answer any questions.

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!

Catechism of Immigration Panel

There's still time to RSVP for the Catechism of Immigration panel on **Thursday, September 24**, part of our Journey of Hope series exploring the theme of migration through a Catholic lens. 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. 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 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
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

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10:30 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 24	Catechism of Immigration Panel - Xavier U
	Prime Timers Event - American Sign Museum
Sept. 25	Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
Sept. 27	Jesuit Parish Family Picnic - Devou Park
Sept. 29	St. X Book Club - Parish Center
Oct. 4	Lighting the Path: Lunch with ISP - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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