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Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

September 28 - October 3

MON 28	6:00	+	Helen Sievers (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	+	Rose Masters (<i>Annw</i>)
		+	Jeff Krohmer
TUE 29	6:00	+	Mary Ann Justice
		SI	Rev. Jacob Boddicker, S.J. (<i>Birth</i>)
	11:30	SI	Cheri Fields (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	John Klare (<i>Annw</i>)
WED 30	6:00	+	Clark Line
		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30		Mary Jo Schwartz (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Dottie D'Epiro
THU 1	6:00	+	Clark Line
	11:30		Ron Goyette (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Dorothy D'Epiro (<i>Birth</i>)
FRI 2	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
		+	Mary T. Doud
	11:30	SI	Franks Family
			Tony & Ellen Viox (<i>Birth</i>)
SAT 3	7:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose, & Neal Gilday

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
#613

Responsorial Psalm 25:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. #1167

Preparation:

Unless a Grain of Wheat #783 (4:00,
5:00)

Mass Parts:

#384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

We Remember #681 (4:00, 5:00)

Closing Hymn:

They'll Know We Are Christians #835

Choral Music Schedule:



Art: *The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard*

Georg Pencz (c.1534-35)

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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

A Message from Fr. Damian

From **October 4 to October 11**, I'll be stepping away for my annual retreat. This is something priests are asked to make time for each year—a period the Church sets aside for prayer, reflection, and renewal in God's presence. I would be honored to carry your prayers with me. If you feel moved, please share your intentions via the QR code so I can lift them to the Lord each day I'm away. Your prayer request will stay confidential, held only between you, me, and the heart of God.



– Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat

The retreat, *A More Authentic Love: Seven Conversations for a Magis Marriage*, begins at 10:30 AM and will conclude by 3:30 PM on **Saturday, November 14**. Join us for coffee starting at 10 AM. An optional 4 PM Mass will be held at Bellarmine Chapel. Location: Xavier University – Health United Building Room 402, located at 1723 Cleneay Avenue, Norwood, OH 45212. Parking provided on the north side of Cleneay in the McGrath lot, Visitor Lot B, and C2.

Join us for a Parish Family Marriage Enrichment Retreat designed to help couples rediscover the joy of their relationship through meaningful, transformational conversations. Together, we will explore ways to rekindle intimacy, strengthen resilience, and reconnect to deepen authentic love—whether you have been married for a few months or many decades. Come as you are and take time to invest in the gift of your marriage! Advance registration required and includes complimentary parking and lunch. Scan the QR to register by **November 6**. For more information contact Tina Ernst at ternst@stxchurch.org.



St. X Prime Timers – Upcoming Events

The St. X Prime Timers are a group for parishioners ages 55 and older. 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 tram tour of Spring Grove Cemetery. Details will follow.

Seeking the Humility of Christ

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:1-5)

In today's Second Reading, we are reminded that God calls us to live with humility and to serve others with the same selflessness and love demonstrated by Christ. We are assured that God honors such humility. Yet serving others selflessly, rather than living for our own self-interest, does not always come easily.

We live in a world filled with busy schedules, responsibilities, pressures, and a constant stream of outside influences. It's easy to become focused on what we want, what we think we need, and what benefits us. Without realizing it, we can lose sight of the needs of those around us. We are all works in progress, striving each day to become better disciples in living as Jesus calls us to live. Even so, Jesus had a clarity of purpose that we often lack. He knew who He was, whom He loved, and whom He came to serve. We hope to grow into that understanding, learning day by day how to follow His example.

So, I am challenging myself this week—and invite you to join me—to put this reading into action through small, mindful choices in everyday interactions. To attempt to seek the humility of Christ by asking how to serve others rather than focusing on personal wants and desires.

- In Marriage: Ask how to serve and support my spouse rather than focusing on my own agenda and schedule.
- With Family: Choose patience and understanding instead of trying to direct or offer advice.
- In Community: Serve generously without counting what it costs in time, energy, or convenience.
- At Work: Be mindful to focus and support the overall mission rather than dwelling on my own workload.
- During Conflict: Listen more carefully to understand and thoughtfully consider someone else's position.
- In Leadership: Instill trust and confidence by encouraging and developing others instead of controlling decision-making.

Humility does not mean thinking less of ourselves; it means thinking of ourselves less. Christ showed us that the path is found *not* in being served, but in serving. We then become more attentive to the dignity, needs, and gifts of others.

As we become more mindful of our motivations, even in the smallest moments, we can more clearly reflect the humility of Christ. Through more patience, kindness, listening, encouragement, and service, may we grow as faithful disciples and become a more loving presence to the people God has placed in our lives.



Tina Ernst
Director of Marriage Ministries

SUNDAY READINGS – #1167

Sunday Collection for September 13	\$8,727
Online Contribution	81,857
Total for September 13	\$90,584

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 9:30 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.

SUNDAY – Parish Family Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, September 27**, 12-4 PM in Devou Park – One Quest Health (200 Home Road, Covington, KY 41011) for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun for all ages, including a simultaneous Bengals watch party! 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. NOTE: The I-75 bridge will be closed starting September 25 through September 28.

iVoteCatholic – Reflection #4

On this Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, we focus on Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you...” (Matt 25:31). Scripture reminds us that some people’s needs are so urgent and so great that their needs come first. Therefore, while everyone is important, those whose voice in our society is ignored, those whose human rights are violated, those whose dignity is not recognized, must take our first priority. When we enter into the lives and the struggles of the poor and vulnerable, we experience Jesus’ presence in a real and powerful way. We need to remember in this principle persons who are elderly, disabled, marginalized, vulnerable, formerly incarcerated or otherwise discriminated against or disadvantaged. Under this principle fall issues such as addiction, mental health, healthcare, and systems that perpetuate poverty. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org

St. Vincent de Paul Appeal

This Sunday, in honor of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, our local SVDP conference is appealing for support. Vincentians will be available after each Mass to collect donations and answer any questions, or you can scan the QR code to make a contribution online. Thank you for your generosity to this life-changing ministry!

**First Tuesday Adoration – October 6**

Join Fr. Jim on **Tuesday, October 6**, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Come for ten minutes or the whole hour, and bring whatever you're carrying. With the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary the next day, consider bringing your rosary. Fr. Jim will also hear confessions, so if it's been a while, this is a gentle way back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Active Discipleship Day – RSVP Today

Our fall Active Discipleship Day, a family-friendly day of reflection and action, will be on **Saturday, October 17**, 9 AM to 1 PM, launching from Xavier University's campus. As before, the event will be held in conjunction with the XU students' Community Action Day. Scan the QR code to see the list of sites and RSVP today!

**Thursday Parish Social**

All are invited to join the next Thursday Parish Social on **October 15** at Dead Low Brewing (5959 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45230). The fun happens around 4-7 PM!

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 27

4:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - OCTOBER 4

4:00 PM	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Sondra Clark, John Seithel, Patrick Cermiaro, 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, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 27	Jesuit Parish Family Picnic - Devou Park
Sept. 29	St. X Book Club - Parish Center
Oct. 3	St. X Prime Timers Event - Parish Center
Oct. 4	Lighting the Path: Lunch with ISP - Parish Center
Oct. 6	First Tuesday Adoration and Benediction
Oct. 9	Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.



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