



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

October 5 - 10

MON 5	6:00	+	Clark Line
		+	Sarah Tooleroock
	11:30	+	Ruth Phillips (<i>Birth</i>) + Mark Sandmann (<i>Annw</i>)
TUE 6	6:00	+	Clark Line
		+	Sarah Tooleroock
	11:30	+	Carl & Carolyn Soss SI Russell Sanders (<i>Birth</i>)
WED 7	6:00	+	Helen D Williams
		+	Jerome & Catherine Kearns
	11:30	SI	Fr. Cy Whitaker, S.J. (<i>Birth</i>) + Greg Leurck
THU 8	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
		+	Ray Fetick (<i>Birth</i>)
	11:30	+	Fr. Ken Hannon
FRI 9	6:00	+	Robert Scheid (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Clark Line
	11:30	+	Linda Klare (<i>Annw</i>) + Jason Scott (<i>Birth</i>)
SAT 10	7:00	+	Angela Fennell Harris (<i>Birth</i>) Jery Rouse (<i>Annw</i>)

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation #742

Gloria – St. Henry

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Responsorial Psalm 80:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of
Israel. #163

Preparation:

Healer of Our Every Ill #960
(4:00, 5:00)

Mass Parts: #384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

Take and Eat #950 (4:00, 5:00)

Closing Hymn:

The Kingdom of God #736

Choral Music Schedule:



Art: *The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*
Painted by Abel Grimmer (c. 1590)

Oil on panel

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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. Xavier Church

 Sacred Arts Fund

Sanctuary During the BLINK Festival

The St. Xavier Church Sacred Arts Fund warmly invites parishioners and guests to *Sanctuary*, a 35-minute immersive celebration of light and song presented during the BLINK Festival on **Saturday, October 10**, and **Sunday, October 11**. Performances will take place at 8 PM, 8:45 PM, and 9:30 PM both evenings at St. Xavier Church. The program features performance by The Union professional choral ensemble under the direction of Trevor Kroeger, set to light design by internationally acclaimed designer Thomas Hase. Admission is free, no tickets are required, and guests are welcome to enter at any time during the performances. For more information, please visit www.stxchurch.org/concerts.

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 afterwards. 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.



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Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



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Renewed for Mission

In my role as Associate Director of Social Mission, I help connect the *Inward Reflection* and *Outward Action* of our parish motto by inviting parishioners to put their faith into action and grow as disciples of Christ. Our faith calls us not only to encounter Christ in prayer, but to carry that encounter into the world through lives of service, compassion, and love. Likewise, meaningful action requires us to pause and be attentive to the ways God is working in our lives.

Throughout the year, our parish offers a variety of opportunities for service, from weekly home visits with our St. Vincent de Paul conference to seasonal Active Discipleship Days (the next taking place October 17). True to the Ignatian tradition, these experiences begin and end with prayer and reflection. In the coming months, we will be launching several initiatives that use Ignatian spirituality to process what is on our hearts, to discern meaningful ways of putting our faith into action, and to be nourished and renewed for mission.

Along with generously giving of our time, talent, and treasure, we must be sure to rest and make space to receive God's love, grace, and guidance. To honor this, we have created trading cards featuring our parish priests and a prayer to read on their respective days off, or Sabbath days. These will be released one at a time over the next five weeks. Collect your set from the back of the church!

This invitation to pause, receive, and be renewed will continue into Lent when our parish family will host a Renewed for Mission Retreat (March 12-13). Through prayer, conversation, silence, and time in nature, participants will slow down to receive God's nourishment and reconnect with our call to live the mission of Christ in the world. As St. Paul reminds us this Sunday in our second reading, we are invited to bring everything to God in prayer, allowing His peace to guard our hearts and minds, and then to put into practice what is good and life-giving.

As we enter this season of renewal, may we embrace the invitation to take a break, listen deeply, and allow God to renew us for His mission. May our prayer lead us to action, and may our action continually draw us back into prayer. Together, let us open ourselves to God's grace so that, renewed in Christ, we can joyfully carry His love into the world.



Sr. Whitney Schieltz, SC
 Associate Director of Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1170

Sunday Collection for September 20	\$7,863
Online Contribution	11,118
Total for September 20	\$18,981

Support St. Xavier Church:**Saturday Parish Social**

All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for our next First Saturday Social after the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, October 24**. Join for free fun and socializing! Questions? Contact DeAnn Fleming: deann.r.fleming@gmail.com.

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. The group will next meet in-person on **Wednesday, October 21**, at 7 PM at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue.

**Thank You for a Wonderful Picnic!**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed, and participated in making our Jesuit Parish Family Picnic such a joyful celebration! We were blessed with beautiful weather, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. It was a delight to see so many of our parish family gathered in conversation, laughter, and community. A special thank you to One Quest Health for generously sharing their beautiful front lawn and facilities with us. We are deeply grateful for their hospitality. To learn more about One Quest Health, their mission, and how you can support their work, visit onequesthealth.org.

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

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!

**iVoteCatholic – Reflection #5**

On this Respect Life Sunday, we focus on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. The Church teaches that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Because of this fact, every human life is sacred. Every life is worth living. There is nothing anyone can do to take this dignity away. All of our Catholic social teaching flows from this principle. People are more important than things. Under this principle fall issues such as abortion, racism, war and terrorism, the death penalty, and assisted suicide. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

CISE Annual Campaign

Throughout Cincinnati, CISE (Catholic Inner-city Schools Education) helps students from underserved communities access a values-based Catholic education. Through scholarships and essential services, they empower students to learn, grow, and reach their full potential in the classroom and beyond. As they launch their annual campaign, we hope you will be inspired by the mission of CISE to give what you can. Your generosity will help rewrite the future for nearly 3,000 children living in Cincinnati's inner-city neighborhoods through a strong Catholic education from preschool through high school graduation. For more information or to give online, visit www.CISEKids.org.

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.

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 - 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - OCTOBER 11

4:00 PM

Fr. Bill Verbryke, SJ

7:00 AM

Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

9:00 AM

Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

10:30 AM

Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ

5:00 PM

Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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 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 Hersheide, Charlie Murrell, Ziggy Nolan, Scott Wedemeyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Oct. 15

Thursday Parish Social - Dead Low Brewing

Oct. 17

Active Discipleship Day - Xavier University

Oct. 20

St. X Prime Timers Event - Spring Grove Cemetery

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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