



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

October 12 - 17

|           |       |                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON<br>12 |       | <b>Columbus Day</b><br><b>(No 6 AM Mass &amp; office closed)</b>                                                             |
|           | 11:30 | + Henry Kemme ( <i>Annv</i> )<br>+ Jack Rose ( <i>Birth</i> )                                                                |
| TUE<br>13 | 6:00  | SI Frances A. ( <i>Birth</i> )<br>+ Sarah Toolerock<br>11:30 + Jack Rose ( <i>Birth</i> )<br>+ Billy Baylis                  |
| WED<br>14 | 6:00  | + Sarah Toolerock<br>+ Jack Rademacher<br>11:30 + Mr. & Mrs. Mar Web<br>SI Sr. Aileen Bankemper OSB &<br>Benedictine Sisters |
| THU<br>15 | 6:00  | + O'Conner & Whalen Families<br>11:30 SI Whitaker, Franks & Shackelford<br>Families<br>+ Leslie Ray Rice                     |
| FRI<br>16 | 6:00  | + Sarah Toolerock<br>+ Robin Kofler<br>11:30 + Fr. Matthew Gamber ( <i>Annv</i> )<br>+ Annabeth O'Sullivan ( <i>Birth</i> )  |
| SAT<br>17 | 7:00  | + John Kohrman Family<br>+ MSGR Robert Amann                                                                                 |

## MUSIC

**Opening Hymn:**  
Sing a New Church #743

**Gloria** – St. Henry  
(inside back cover of hymnal)

**Responsorial Psalm 23:**  
I shall live in the house of the Lord all  
the days of my life. #1173

**Preparation:**  
The Summons #790 (4:00, 5:00)

**Mass Parts:** #384, 385, 386, 390

**Communion:**  
Eat This Bread #941 (10:30, 5:00)

**Closing Hymn:**  
Glory and Praise to Our God #606

*Choral Music Schedule:*



Art: *The Peasant Wedding*  
Painted by Pieter Breughel the Elder (c. 1567)  
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

## 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](http://www.stxchurch.org/concerts).

## Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat

The retreat, *A More Authentic Love: Seven Conversations for a Magic 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, 45212.

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! Complimentary parking and lunch. Scan the QR to register by **November 6**. For more information contact Tina Ernst at [ternst@stxchurch.org](mailto:ternst@stxchurch.org).



## St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, November 10**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *Twice* by Mitch Albom. When he is eight years old, Alfie Logan discovers the magical ability to get a second chance at everything. He can undo any moment and live it again. The one catch: he must accept the consequences of his second try – for better or worse. We look forward to a great discussion!

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## Bingo! for the Kingdom

Earlier this spring, a group of parishioners, the Colombian refugee family St. Xavier's been co-sponsoring with Catholic Charities, and I went on a native wildflower walk in Caldwell Nature Preserve. "Bingo!" the two children yelled every time they spotted a new plant on their card. Dutchman's Breeches. Bingo! Yellow Trout Lily. Bingo! Toadshade Trillium. Bingo!

The beauty of these tiny spring ephemerals was channeled into the boisterous shouts of two children who, only a couple years before, had fled violence in their home country for safety in ours. As we walked, I found myself thinking about the Ignatian practice of finding God in all things – or as one member of our Healthy Earth Team likes to say, finding God in small things. I saw Christ reflected in the children's joy, in the tenderness of the parishioners accompanying them, and in the intricacy of the flowers we discovered across our common home.

This Sunday, our readings invite us to explore these experiences of the kingdom of God present in our midst. Isaiah describes the kingdom as a great feast made available not to a select few, but to all of us. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the invitation to the banquet table knows no bounds. God's abundant love extends to all, breaking into our world wherever that love is felt and shared.

Today, the second Sunday of the Church's Respect Life Month, our theme is "Life on the Margins." While Respect Life Month invites us to cherish life from womb to tomb, this week there is a special invitation to recognize and accompany those excluded from the banquet table, people whose lives and dignity we sometimes fail to recognize: migrants and refugees, people fleeing war and climate disruption, those experiencing poverty in our neighborhoods and homelessness on our streets. If God's banquet is truly prepared for them too, then we have to ask: How do our tables reflect God's invitation? "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me." When we go to the margins, are we truly seeing the face of Christ there? How do we need to prepare our hearts to truly experience the kingdom of God in our midst?

This week, may our hearts be filled with love and attentive to God's grace moving through the margins, so that we can join our brothers and sisters, and all of creation, in joyfully shouting: Bingo!



Tim Severyn  
Parish Family Director of Sustainability and  
Social Mission

**SUNDAY READINGS – #1173**

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Collection for September 27 | \$8,105         |
| Online Contribution                | 5,148           |
| <b>Total for September 27</b>      | <b>\$13,253</b> |

**Support St. Xavier Church:****Be Part of Someone's Big Yes!**

Someone in our parish is working up the courage to say YES to Baptism, Confirmation, or full reception into the Catholic Church. And they need a companion. OCIA (formerly RCIA) is looking for sponsors: practicing Catholics of any age who will walk with an adult seeker. No theology degree required, just a willingness to share their experience of the faith, attend weekly sessions, and are present for their person's concluding Mass: either the Feast of Christ the King (10:30 AM Mass, November 22, 2026) OR the Easter Vigil Mass (Saturday, March 27, 2027).

Curious? Write to Fr. Damian at [damian@stxchurch.org](mailto:damian@stxchurch.org).

**Congratulations to...**

- Zachary and Madeline (South) Deters, who were married on October 3.
- William and Latoiuia (Foster) Imbus, who were married on October 3.
- Shepherd Michael Pizarek, son of Michael and Madeline, who was baptized on October 3.
- Brooks Michael Zins, son of Eric and Kelly, who was baptized on October 4.

**iVoteCatholic – Reflection #6**

During this sixth week, we focus on Rights and Responsibilities. Human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, have basic rights which protect our dignity and ensure all can live a full human life. Because these rights are universal, we have the responsibility to help maintain and protect these rights, not just for ourselves, but for all. Under this principle fall issues such as access to quality education, healthy food, healthcare, safe and affordable housing, and nonviolent neighborhoods. Find out more at [www.iVoteCatholic.org](http://www.iVoteCatholic.org)



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, October 25**.

**Active Discipleship Day – RSVP Today**

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

**Season of Renewal - Trading Cards**

As we enter autumn with its cooling weather, falling leaves, and animals preparing for hibernation, let us too remember to slow down, rest, and be renewed. Over the next several months, our Social Mission team is launching a series of 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 renewed for the Gospel mission. To kick off our Season of Renewal, we 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, and please take only one per family.

**Magnifica Humanitas Discussion**

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, addresses human dignity and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence. Join our Jesuit Parish Family in discussing and considering the profound impacts that rapid technological advancement has on human work, social relations, and the common good of all people. The group meets on **October 28** at 7 PM. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

**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!

**Laudato Si' Movement in Ohio**

The Laudato Si' Movement Ohio Chapter and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati invites you to attend a Holy Mass for the Care of Creation at St. Xavier Church on **October 14**, 11:30 AM. This will be followed up on **October 24**, 10 AM to 12 PM in the St. Xavier Church Parish Center, with an inspiring morning of connection and Conversation in the Spirit for the LSM Ohio Kickoff. RSVP via the QR code.



## PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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     |

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - OCTOBER 18

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

## ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Sondra Clark, John Seithel, Patrick Cerminaro, 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, 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

|         |                                                   |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 14 | Mass for the Care of Creation - St. Xavier Church |
| 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  |
| Oct. 23 | Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center          |
| Oct. 24 | First Saturday Parish Social - Parish Center      |

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