



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

October 19 - 24

MON 19	6:00	+	Sarah Toolerock
		+	Robin Kofler
	11:30	+	Carl & Carolyn Voss (<i>Annv</i>)
		+	Don Dryer (<i>Annv</i>)
TUE 20	6:00	+	Sarah Toolerock
		+	Robin Kofler
	11:30	+	Leo Gibson (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Jack Rose (<i>Annv</i>)
WED 21	6:00	+	Catherine Ann Kearns (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	SI	Patricia Gibson (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Andrew McGlaughlin
THU 22	6:00	+	Sarah Toolerock
		+	Mike Green
	11:30	+	Martha Crabb
FRI 23	6:00	SI	Luna A. (<i>Birth</i>)
		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Billy Baylis
SAT 24	7:00	+	Joyce Reckner
		SI	Living & Deceased Members of Due-Wurth Family

MUSIC

Opening Hymn:

How Great Thou Art #578

Gloria – St. Henry

(inside back cover of hymnal)

Responsorial Psalm 96:

Give the Lord glory and honor. #1176

Preparation:

I Have Loved You #588

Mass Parts: #384, 385, 386, 390

Communion:

One Bread, One Body #932

Closing Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God #636

Choral Music Schedule:



Art: *Julius Caesar on his triumphal car*
by Andrea Mantegna (c. 1500)
© British Museum, London

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

Children's Mass

All children of our parish are warmly invited to participate in our Children's Mass on **Sunday, November 8**, at 9 AM! Our purpose is to involve children in as many roles as possible, helping them feel valued and connected to our parish family as they grow in faith and discover ways to serve. After Mass, all are invited to a family-friendly donut social in the Parish Center to enjoy a sweet treat and connect with our parish family. If your children or grandchildren would like to participate, please email Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

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 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 experience of the faith, attend weekly sessions, and be present for the concluding Mass: either the Feast of Christ the King (10:30 AM Mass, November 22) OR the Easter Vigil Mass (Saturday, March 27, 2027). Curious? Contact Fr. Damian at damian@stxchurch.org.

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, featuring wine, cheese, and refreshments! All are welcome; bring a friend.

Congratulations to...

- Ron and Allison (Rowland) Kincaid, who were married on October 10.
- Bobby Matthew Bliese, son of Matthew and Laura, who was baptized on October 10.
- Margaux Jatho and Josephine Jatho, daughters of Adam and Charlotte, who were baptized on October 11.
- Burke Shanahan Al-Doory, son of Alex and Madeline, who was baptized on October 11.

Magnifica Humanitas Discussion

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, addresses human dignity and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence. Join us on **October 28** at 7 PM as we discuss the profound impacts that rapid technological advancement has on human work, social relations, and the common good of all people. Scan the QR.



What My Grandpa Saw

This Sunday's Alleluia verse says, "Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life." When I read it, I thought of my grandpa.

My grandfather, a WWII veteran, worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, loading cargo and maintaining train cars. Nobody ever called him a light of the world. He was a worker. But he held on to a word of life, and he gave it to me over and over: "I want you to work with your mind, not with your back."

We were a poor railroad family, and the schools where I grew up were struggling. My family scraped together what they could to send me to Catholic school. Through their sacrifice, I became the first in my family to graduate from college, and I'm now the first to pursue a doctorate. They knew what an education could open up: a certain kind of hope, a certain kind of life, and a certain kind of dignity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is handed a coin and asks whose face is on it. "Caesar's," they say. The coin belongs to Caesar because it carries his likeness. Then comes the question underneath the question: whose likeness do we carry? God's! Every one of us, including a man with a sore back from the railroad. My grandpa seemed to know whose image I carried long before I did, and he spent his life nudging me to live like it.

October is Respect Life Month, and this Sunday we're asked to look at everything that surrounds a person's life: the school that teaches a child, the clinic that treats a fever, the lease on an apartment. Some lift people up. Others grind them down, often without anyone noticing or caring. My family got me through school by giving up nearly everything they had, and families shouldn't have to do that. A railroad family knows someone has to lay the track before a train can go anywhere. Caring about life means caring who lays it, and for whom.

When I entered the Jesuits at 34, I told my grandpa I was going to be a priest. He laughed his gruff, Santa Claus of a laugh and said, "Oh, *mijo*, I won't be here to see you become a priest, but I will do what I can to make it happen from heaven."

And he did! And somebody held on to a word of life for you, too, and somewhere near you is a kid still waiting for someone to hold on to one for them.



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

SUNDAY READINGS – #1176

Sunday Collection for October 4	\$7,593
Online Contribution	8,673
Total for October 4	\$16,266

Support St. Xavier Church:**World Mission Sunday Collection**

On this World Mission Sunday, **October 18**, please support our sisters and brothers in 1,200 mission dioceses worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Many are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support also helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

We Are Hiring

The Jesuit Parish Family is hiring a full-time Director of Evangelization & Marriage Ministries. We are seeking a passionate, relational, and mission-driven leader who embodies genuine hospitality and steadfast leadership. The ideal candidate welcomes people with genuine care, builds authentic relationships in the community, and provides clear direction in advancing the Pastor's vision for the parish family. Visit stxchurch.org/job-opportunities to learn more.

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!

Honoring Veterans & Loved Ones

We invite you to bring photographs of loved ones, past and present, who have served or are serving in our nation's armed forces, for display during the month of November. We will put them on display as a sign of our gratitude for their service and as an invitation to pray for our deceased loved ones. Please bring your photos to the parish office before **October 30**.

Important Parish Survey Coming Soon

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is a 95-question survey tool that supports Church ministry with objective data, helping Her leaders recognize their potential and envision future possibilities through a deep analysis of attitude and belief, participation, relationship/satisfaction, and demographics. The survey will run from October 27 to November 24. Parish survey links will be made available starting **October 27**.

The responses to the DMI will be included in the listening process for Synod 2027. Archbishop Casey and a synod commission will review and contemplate the input received from the DMI as they discern the primary themes or questions that will be considered at the Synod General Assembly in fall 2027. Learn more at catholicaoc.org/synod-2027.

Service of the Longest Night

The dark nights of winter may seem magnified for anyone living with a loss. "Service of the Longest Night" Prayer Service is for all who search for healing and hope this holiday season. Please join us on **Saturday, November 21**, at 10 AM. Afterwards in the Parish Center, there will be refreshments and a presentation, "Getting Support for Grief and Loss During the Holidays." Please contact the parish office for more information.

iVoteCatholic – Reflection #7

This week, in honor of World Mission Sunday, we focus on Solidarity. We believe that every human person was created by the same God. Ultimately, we are all brothers and sisters. As one human family, we are deeply connected to people around the world—wherever they may be. Because we are one, we are affected by the joy and suffering of all. "*If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice.*" (1 Cor. 12:12–26). Under this principle fall issues such as immigration, refugees, homelessness, foreign aid, global policy and empowerment, and religious freedom. Find out more at 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**.

CONNECT WITH ST. X!

PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

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5:00 PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, 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 Fieger, 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. 20	St. X Prime Timers Event - Spring Grove Cemetery
Oct. 23	Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
Oct. 24	Saturday Parish Social - Parish Center
Oct. 28	<i>Magnifica Humanitas</i> Discussion
Nov. 3	First Tuesday Adoration - St. Xavier Church
Nov. 8	9 AM Children's Mass

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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