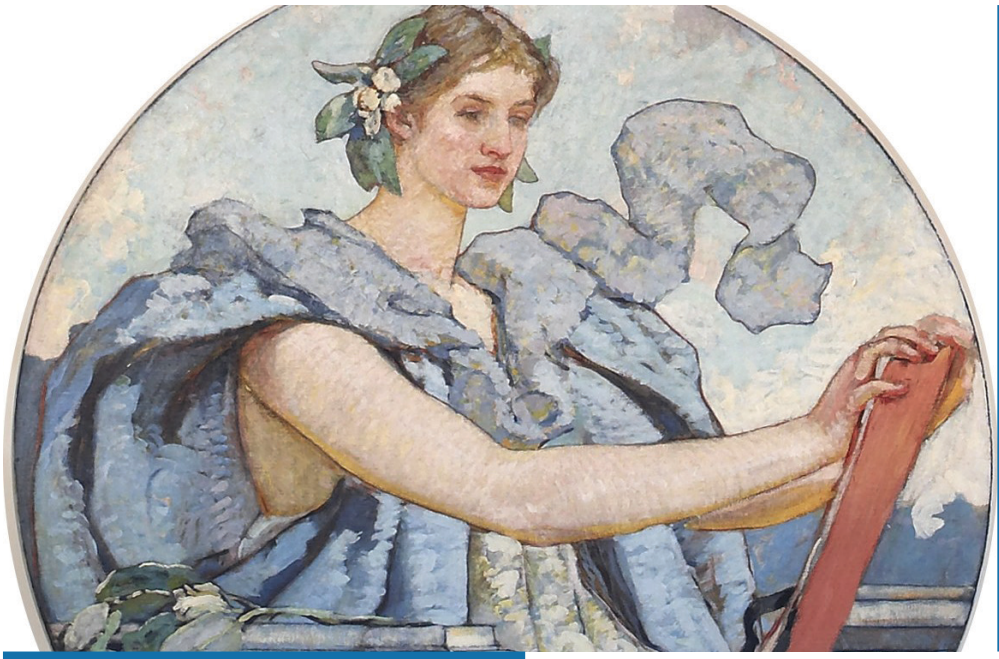
Saint Xavier Church Jesuit

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026



Art: *Wisdom*
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Mass Intentions

November 9 - 14

MON 9	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose, and Neal Gilday
		+	Sarah Toolerock
	11:30	SI	Connie Foster *(Birth)*
		+	Jason Scott *(Anniv)*
TUE 10	6:00	+	Sarah Toolerock
		+	Eric Weiss
	11:30	+	Christine Boylan Lytle *(Birth)*
		+	Betty Remolador
WED 11	**Veterans Day**		
	(No 6 AM Mass & Parish office closed)		
	11:30		*Living & Deceased Veterans*
THU 12	6:00	+	*Parish Book of Remembrance*
	11:30	+	Vicki Meyer *(Birth)*
			Living & Deceased Members of Due-Wurth Family
FRI 13	6:00	+	Anna Mae Teismann *(Birth)*
		+	Eric Weiss
	11:30	+	Robert Hastings *(Anniv)*
		+	David Ascoli *(Anniv)*
SAT 14	7:00		

Music

Opening Hymn:
Sing a New Song #607

Gloria: #319

Responsorial Psalm 63:
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you my God. #1185

Preparation:
Eye Has Not Seen #728
(Saturday 4 PM & Sunday 5 PM)

Mass Parts: #370, 371, 372, 389

Communion:
Behold the Lamb #939
(Saturday 4 PM & Sunday 5 PM)

Closing Hymn:
This Is My Song #986

Choral Music Schedule:

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive for SVDP

Since 2020, St. Vincent de Paul - Cincinnati has experienced a 300% increase in food pantry demand, leading to strained inventories and instances of people having to be turned away. Last November, our parish donated over 2,000 non-perishable food items to SVDP pantries to help feed our neighbors struggling with food insecurity. Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated again this year. Donations can be placed in the designated collection bins through **November 22**. Thank you!

Serve with Habitat for Humanity

St. X Church will soon be partnering with Bellarmine Chapel and eight other congregations in Habitat for Humanity's Shalom Coalition. Through this interfaith collaboration, our parish will join in providing prayers, monetary support, and volunteer labor to build affordable homes in partnership with future Habitat homeowners. Currently under construction is the Pope Leo Village, consisting of five new homes in West College Hill. To learn more about volunteering with this new ministry, contact Sr. Whitney at *wschieltz@stxchurch.org.*

Candlelight Mass at Bellarmine Chapel

The Angelico Project, a local Catholic arts and culture organization, will be hosting their monthly candlelight Mass at Bellarmine Chapel on **Friday, November 13**. The evening begins with the Sacrament of Reconciliation starting at 6 PM, followed by the Mass at 7 PM. All members of the community are warmly invited to join us for this special time of prayer, worship, and fellowship. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to stay for our Angelico Pub Night in the Gallagher Student Center. Scan the QR to RSVP.

Thursday Parish Social

All are invited to join the next Thursday Parish Social on **November 19** at Padrino (14 N Grand Ave., Fort Thomas, KY, 41075). The fun happens around 4-7 PM!

Congratulations to…

- Kellan Dean Clark, son of Jacob and Alexa, who was baptized on November 1.

A Torch for Wisdom

If you are a fan of musical theater with a religious spin, you undoubtedly are familiar with the musical, "Godspell." I first came to appreciate this very creative retelling of the Passion of Jesus when I was in 7th Grade Chorus, and we sang both "Prepare Ye the way of the Lord" and "Day by Day" – two catchy and memorable songs from the musical. Singing those songs helped me enter into the spirit of Christian living and its expectations even though I was at a public grade school.

This weekend, both of these songs pertain to our scripture readings. We ponder: Are we prepared, and do we have a daily attitude of readiness for Jesus? In the gospel, we meet several well intended folks who were not prepared and suffer the consequences, and we learn what distinguishes between the prepared and the ill-prepared.

The gospel features ten young women who are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. He is delayed, and they all fall asleep. Only the ones that brought a proper amount of oil (symbolic for the Holy Spirit) for their lanterns are disposed to meet the bridegroom. The persons whose oil is depleted flee to seek oil elsewhere thus missing the bridegroom's arrival. They are denied entrance into the celebration.

The difference between the wise and the foolish virgins? The First Reading reveals this non-transferable virtue: Wisdom. Wisdom cannot be gathered quickly but is earned by experience, wins and losses, faithful service, sacrifice, study. Not laziness. Lady Wisdom? She knows better. She *"cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice, at the busiest corner she cries out and says 'the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and live at ease, without dread of disaster'"* (Proverbs 1:20-21, 32-33).

Where can we secure a friendship with Lady Wisdom? Order it on Amazon? Run the request through AI? No. The virgins may have been Phi Beta Kappa and fresh out of college: slick, impudent, impatient, impulsive. Sadly, "ye was not prepared" and, "day by day" ye did not practice readiness. May we become resolute friends with Lady Wisdom and allow her to guide our faith, our morals, our integrity. Fear of the Lord, his sovereignty, goodness, and mercy is the beginning of wisdom. We begin to see life from the vantage point of eternity focusing on the long haul, not just the moment. May the torch of Lady Wisdom, "resplendent and unfading," light our eternal flame to be prepared now for our Lord.



Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor

Sunday Readings – *#1185*

Sunday Collection for October 25	**$13,369**
Online Contribution	**5,095**
Total for October 25	**$18,464**

Support St. Xavier Church:

The Union Christmas Concert

The Sacred Arts Fund will present *The Union Christmas Concert* on **Thursday, December 10,** and **Friday, December 11**, at 7:30 PM, and **Sunday, December 13**, at 2 PM. The Union professional choir and orchestra return with their spectacular Christmas program, led by conductor Trevor Kroeger and featuring soprano Alexandra Schoeny. If you joined us for *Sanctuary* during BLINK, or missed it, you'll once again experience immersive lighting by Thomas Hase, Cincinnati Opera's resident lighting designer. Pay-what-you-wish tickets are available now. Tickets must be reserved in advance at *stxchurch.org/concerts*.

Two Job Openings in the Parish Family

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

Additionally, Bellarmine Chapel is hiring a Pastoral Care Assistant, responsible for providing direct personal outreach and pastoral care to parishioners. Visit *stxchurch.org/job-opportunities* to learn more about these two opportunities.

Women's Spirituality Group

You are invited to join us for a prayer and discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to Scripture, contemporary spiritual issues, and selected popular books. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24, from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Fr. James Ackerman at *jackerman@stxchurch.org* or call the parish office.

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**, **November 18,** at 7 PM at St. Xavier Church.

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. We look forward to a great discussion! Join us!

Global Thanksgiving Dinner

It's almost that time of year again! Our Refugee Support Team is partnering with Bellarmine's Immigration Team on a Global Thanksgiving Dinner happening **Wednesday**, **November 18**, at 6:30 PM. This year, the dinner will be held in Room 402 in the Health United Building on Xavier's campus. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Honoring Veterans and 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. You are also welcome to bring photos of any deceased family members 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.

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**, at Xavier University, Health United Building. The retreat is designed to help couples rediscover the joy of their relationship through meaningful conversations. Contact Tina Ernst at *ternst@stxchurch.org*.

September 2026 - Average Mass Attendance

Saturday 4 PM – 180	**Sunday 7 AM – 137**
Sunday 9 AM – 265	**Sunday 10:30 AM – 338**
Sunday 5 PM – 180	

Presiders for This Weekend - November 8

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

Presiders for Next Weekend - November 15

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

St. Xavier Prayer Ministry

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Lisa Koch, Harvey Cohen, John Seithel, Patrick Cerminaro, Marianne Phillips, Annie Muchmore, Greg Cole, Harper Meyer, Susan Anderson, Adelie Eaton, Wendy Welsh, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Frank & Sandy Fieler, 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 Nierberger, 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

Nov. 8	9 AM Children's Mass
Nov. 10	St. X Book Club - Parish Center
Nov. 11	Veterans Day *(No 6 AM Mass & Parish office closed)*
Nov. 14	Marriage Enrichment Retreat - Xavier University
Nov. 18	Global Thanksgiving Dinner - Xavier University
Nov. 19	Thursday Parish Social - Padrino (Fort Thomas, KY)

Contact the parish office to learn more.

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