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**SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018**

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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Contact and biographical information for staff can be found on our parish web site

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday** 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am (choir)  
12:00 pm 5:00 pm

**Mon – Fri** 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

**Confessions** Mon-Sat 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS April 30 – May 5

**MON 6:00** + Martin McGuinness

**11:30** SI Carol Lee Wendel

**TUES 6:00** + Vickie Walsh

**11:30** + Phyllis Rose

**WED 6:00** + Raymond A. Bode (Birth.)

**11:30** + Joseph McDevitt

**THURS 6:00** + Charles Keating IV (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)

**11:30** + Rita Blank Klare

**FRI 6:00** + Joan C. Schmitt

**11:30** + Richard W. Blank, Sr.

**SAT 7:00** + Favret and Dell Families

✠ **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Sunday readings are found at #1074*

## MUSIC

**Opening:** Sing a New Song # 607

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption

p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Responsorial Psalm 22:**

I Will Praise You, Lord # 1074

**Presentation:** I Will Be the Vine # 872

I Am the True Vine - Aston (10:30 AM Choir)

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.  
Every branch that bears fruit, he purges it  
that it may bring forth more fruit.*

*I am the vine, ye are the branches.*

*He that abides in me, and I in him,*

*brings forth much fruit.*

*Herein is my Father glorified, that he bears much fruit;  
so shall you be my disciples.*

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you:  
continue in my love.*

*This is my commandment, that you love one another,  
as I have loved you.*

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Mass of Redemption

p. 18-20 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Communion:**

I Received the Living God # 916

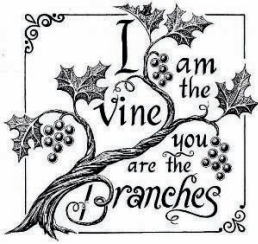
**Closing:**

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## Spiritual Pruning

Now that we can actually see evidence of spring, our thoughts turn to outdoor activities: picnic, parties, sporting events, golf, vacations, or stay-cations. It's nice to get outside and do

something. For most of us that outside activity is taking care of the lawn, garden, trees, and shrubs. With all the techno-toys at our disposal, the number one hobby in this country is still gardening, in some fashion. So, as we are out cutting, trimming, weeding, plucking, and pruning, maybe we could think about the readings for this Sunday.

Jesus tells his followers that he is the **vine** and we are the **branches**. He asks them to remain in his love, and, if they do, they are charged with the task of bearing fruit. Not remaining in Christ's love means we have pruned ourselves away from the vine, away from the love of Christ. It's a good analogy. In our haste to clean up after the long winter, we want the yard to look nice. But a haphazard gardening technique can sever the growth, the stem or blossom that produces the beauty and fruit later in the season.

Sometimes we are quick to put on a good face, of showing others that we are good people by what we do, that we prune away the source of that goodness—the love of Christ—just to make a pretty showing. And it's not just ourselves that we prune. In the Acts of the Apostles' reading for today, Saul (Paul) was trying to join the other Apostles but that would have none of him. Paul had a reputation, and even long after the wonderful conversion events or witnessing Jesus' post-resurrection appearance, of being able to cure and cast our demons in the name of Jesus, or speaking in tongues and proclaiming the good news to all the nations, still, after all the years had passed even the Apostles couldn't believe that a man—Paul—could have had a personal relationship with Jesus, repented, converted, was baptized, and now wanted to share in spreading the good news. He was, pruned from the believing community.

We have to be careful when we wield the sickle and scythe in our spiritual life. We must watch for the things that truly need to be removed, the things that are detrimental to our spiritual growth, the things that will not allow us to bear fruit in Christ. We must also be careful not to remove what God has placed before us to help us mature and produce the fruit that continues to feed the world with the Word and life of Christ. The Jesuit mantra of "Go, set the world on fire," is not a call to burn the branches of the vine, but to inflame the love of Christ in every heart.

If you find interest and favor with this spiritual pruning analogy, then you're bound to have an equal experience in considering pesticides and herbicides in our spiritual life! ☺

—Deacon Tim Crooker

## ✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

**Please offer prayers for the infirmed:** Mary Tenkotte, Angie Fennell, Sharon Ionna, Ann Fetick, Sandy Fieler, Bob Freudenberg, Patti Schutte, Karen Shaw, Anderson Kelley, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Tim Goetz, Jane McGraw, Adam Gosney, Jack Lawler, Edward Pestian, Kenneth Kramig, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Lou B., Doug Lange, Ralph Kitts, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Pamela Smitherman, Sally Gaynor, Betty Headsworth, Linda Pierce, Bill Santen, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Carol Lee Wendel, Josefa Navales, Judith Lahner, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Marguerite Kron, Judy Dyer, Helen Sievers, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Bonnie Sartin, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Mary Jo Duljic, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Carla Molina, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Phyllis, Jim Bien, Plinio DeGoes, John O'Connell, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Linda Drapp, Fr. Joe Casey, SJ, and Fr. Bob Thul, SJ.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for April 22	\$ 11,027
Online donations	1,460
<b>Week of April 22</b>	<b>\$ 12,487</b>
<b>Sunday's Goal</b>	<b>\$ 12,794</b>

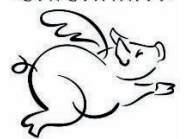
### Presiders for this weekend: April 29

- 4:00 PM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 12:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

### Presiders for next weekend: May 6

- 4:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 12:00 PM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

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**FLYING PIG  
MARATHON**

### Flying Pig Marathon May 4 - 6

Please be aware that the downtown marathon is next weekend. Make allowances for traffic and parking.

**SAVE THE DATE** ...As you may know, Fr. Sossy will be returning to East Africa this summer. In his honor, we will stage a final farewell celebration on **Sunday June 24 at the 10:30 Mass** with grand reception following. Please mark the date and plan to join us as we bless and thank Father for his years of service to the people of St X. *Asante, Kwaheri.*

**OUR SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS**

to these our newest Catholics, baptized last weekend.

...to **Eliza Marie Carmody**, daughter of Thomas and Kaitlin (Rooney) Carmody; and

...to **Elizabeth Kaur Saroya**, daughter of Sumir and Bridget (Tyner) Saroya.

*May they all be filled with God's blessings!*

Please remember our recently deceased: **James Smith, Mary Alice Jorling** and **Joseph Merten, Sr.**  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
Let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**SINCERE THANKS**

...to **Emily Conklin** and **John Kollar** who prepared our children for First Holy Communion;

...to **Casey and Paula Trimble**

for General Religious Education classes

...and to **Mary Jeanne Fetick** who prepared our teenagers for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**ATTENTION Liturgical Ministers:**

Please complete your availability sheets for May and June. You can pick a hard copy up in the sacristy or go online to our website. **Please complete your availability by April 30.** Thank you!

**St. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**

Next Meeting of the Young Adult Group  
After 5 pm mass on Sunday, May 6  
Hot Topics Night at 6 PM, Parish Center  
Topic: Mary the Mother of God

What we believe and why, the controversies, questions, teachings, apparitions and more, concerning Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Bring questions and friends and a potluck items to share. Time for prayer is included. Young Adults 21 - 35 are welcome. Be there.



Young Adults interested in the **2019 World Youth Day in Panama**, our trip is forming now. Email Fr. Gamber at [mgamber@stxchurch.org](mailto:mgamber@stxchurch.org) and see the information at our website [www.stxchurch.org/youngadults](http://www.stxchurch.org/youngadults).

**Xpressions Book Club**

Our lively group will meet Tuesday, **May 15 at 3:00 PM** in the Parish Center to discuss *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. You are welcome to join us to discuss your reactions to the book.

**New Papal Letter "Rejoice and Be Glad"**

To see a summary of Pope Francis' latest exhortation, please go to: [www.thejesuitpost.org](http://www.thejesuitpost.org).

**The Gospel Today**

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four, and the last chapter (16) is hotly debated as to its length and authenticity. Join us for the monthly parish Bible study of the Gospel of Mark. We also take time to pray *Lectio Divina* reflection on the coming Sunday readings. We meet in the parish center on **Tuesday, May 1 at 7pm**. Bring Bible and spirit.

**Caregiver Support Group**

Meet others who share your experience to discuss topics like maintaining balance, solving problems, the stress of caregiving, and learning to care for yourself. Free and open to the public! For more info, call the Caregiver CAREline at (513) 869-4483 or visit [www.ccswoh.org/caregivers](http://www.ccswoh.org/caregivers).

**CINCINNATI FESTIVAL OF FAITHS**

This summer, Cincinnati will hold its first "Festival of Faiths," a celebration of our community's rich religious character. The theme will be "Compassion through Action." The event will be held Sunday, **June 24** at Xavier University in Cintas Center from 1-5pm.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is one of the event's key sponsors, along with Protestant, Jewish, Muslim and other religious organizations. The gathering will be a unique opportunity for Catholics ...

- to encounter and learn more from our neighbors who worship in other faith traditions,
- to celebrate the contributions that each faith tradition has made to the common good of our region,
- to bear witness to our own Christian discipleship before others. For more information contact: [Trialoguecincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:Trialoguecincinnati@gmail.com) or call 513-806-9650.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities mobile food pantry visits 5 eastern counties each month. A food pantry "pops up" in just a few hours in a local church and then serves between 125-225 families in 2 hours. Catholic Social Teaching asks us to create opportunities for mutuality for both the poor and vulnerable to truly encounter each other so all are transformed and healed by the interaction. To volunteer one time or on a regular basis, contact Julie at 513-672-3720 or [jpfaffer@ccswoh.org](mailto:jpfaffer@ccswoh.org). Come and join us once and you will want to return.

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