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**SUNDAY MAY 6 2018**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Sunday readings are found at #1077*

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## 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

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## MASS INTENTIONS May 7 - 12

<b>MON</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Bob and Louanne Schulte
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Steve Cripe
<b>TUES</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ John H. Meiser
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Mary Blum
<b>WED</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Margie Messick
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Johanna Sievers (Birth.)
<b>THURS</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Dr. Joseph "Harry" Stagaman
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Shirley Fenney
<b>FRI</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ James Kautz
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Joseph McDevitt
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7:00</b>	+ Donald Cowie

## MUSIC

**Opening:** Be Joyful, Mary # 526

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption  
p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Responsorial Psalm 98:**  
The Lord Has Revealed # 1077

**Presentation:** I Have Loved You # 588

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**  
Mass of Redemption  
p.18-20 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Communion:**  
There Is No Greater Love # 701

**Closing:** We Are Called # 807



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## ***Tis the month of Mary, Our Mother***

Finally, spring has arrived as we begin the month of May, traditionally dedicated to Mary, our Mother. From my youth, it was also the time for May crowning – which always seemed to be a part of our First Communion celebrations. The origins of May Crowning are hard to pinpoint, although special devotion to Mary began in the earliest days of the church. Toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia, a Jesuit of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus instituted the practice of dedicating the month of May to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality.

From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the Jesuit colleges, and eventually throughout the whole church. May seemed the most appropriate month because the liturgical calendar marks several feasts honoring Mary: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (May 5); Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (May 13); Our Lady of Fatima (May 13); Mary, Help of Christians (May 24); Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (May 31); and the Visitation (May 31). In this country, we also honor mothers on the second Sunday of May: Mothers' Day.

The public practice of crowning an image of Mary gained popularity in the 19th century. In Rome, an image of our Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus is enshrined at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Tradition holds that St. Luke painted the image. On Aug. 15, 1838, the Feast of the Assumption, Pope Gregory XVI with great solemnity, crowned the image of the Blessed Mother and the practice became popular, especially during the month of May.

In 1987, to help celebrate the Marian Year declared by Pope St. John Paul II, a ritual *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary* captured the significance of this pious practice. The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute 'crown' of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King and the maid of Nazareth who consented to God's plan. She journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith, listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart. She remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross.

Thus, in an eminent way, Mary won the 'crown of righteousness,' 'the crown of life,' and the 'the crown of glory' that is promised to those who follow Christ. It seems very appropriate to honor Mary in a special way at St. Xavier Church as well. You will notice the statue of Mary (on the north side Blessed Virgin Mary altar) is crowned with a laurel of flowers. During the month of May, let us be sure to honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes. Having our own May Crowning is a wonderful way not only to foster devotion and faith, but also to draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.

– Mrs. Kathy England, Pastoral Associate

## **✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠**

**Please offer prayers for the infirmed:** Mary Tenkotte, Sharon Ionna, Ann Fetick, Sandy Fieler, Michelle Kirby, 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 Duljje, 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 29	<b>\$ 8,782</b>
Online donations	<b>1,340</b>
<b>Week of April 29</b>	<b>\$ 10,122</b>
<b>Sunday's Goal</b>	<b>\$ 12,794</b>

*Financial Note: With the new tax law almost doubling the standard deduction, many parishioners who previously deducted their charitable giving to St X may no longer find it advantageous to do so. If you are over age 70.5 and required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. X by giving to St X directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. Consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation.*

### **Presiders for this 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



### **Presiders for next weekend: May 13**

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

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

**St. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**

Next Meeting of the Young Adult Group  
After 5 pm mass TODAY!

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 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.

**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: [Dialoguecincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:Dialoguecincinnati@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 [jpfeffer@ccswoh.org](mailto:jpfeffer@ccswoh.org). Come and join us once and you will want to return.

**The Virgin of Nazareth**

On the previous page, you may have read Kathy's article about our tradition of honoring the Mother of Jesus during the Month of May. One great way of honoring Mary during this month is by sending prayers and welcome messages to the members of our sister parish in Lima, Peru. Located in the El Agustino neighborhood, the parish is called **La Virgen de Nazaret**. St X Church has been in solidarity with them since 1999. Fr. Fairbanks and other pilgrims will be making a trip to Lima next month (June 15) in order to strengthen our sister parish and to bring our two communities together. If YOU would like to send a message of warmth and welcome to our sister community, or make a donation to their parish, please send your suggestions, photos, messages, prayers, checks, well wishes, or other input to Fr. Fairbanks at the parish office or [pfairbanks@stxchurch.org](mailto:pfairbanks@stxchurch.org). When our pilgrimage returns, we will offer a presentation on our sister parish during coffee and donuts after Masses in the parish center.

**Lydia's House of Norwood, Ohio** is currently looking for a female community advocate to live in our main property and support homeless pregnant women and single mother families as they work to establish stability and grow in wholeness. The term of service is a minimum of one year (with possible extension) and applications are being accepted immediately for a Summer 2018 start. Compensation: Each worker receives a monthly stipend, all food, housing, and transportation and a generous self-care allowance including counseling and retreats. All Lydia's House community members also have access to classes at nearby Xavier University. Volunteers should be passionate about living alongside the poor and living simply. For more information and the application, visit our website at <http://stlydiashouse.org/associate-program/> or email [maryellen@stlydiashouse.org](mailto:maryellen@stlydiashouse.org).

**Natural Family Planning**

Two classes are beginning Sunday, May 20.

- 1) St. Gertrude Church, 7630 Shawnee Run Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243-3009, at 1:00 p.m.
- 2) St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 1 Medical Village Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, or to register for a class, call 471-2000 or go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

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