



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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SUNDAY MAY 13, 2018

WELCOME TO St Xavier

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Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam

Our sincerest gratitude to all parishioners, visitors and friends of St Xavier Church who have joined us today.

Pastor: Rev. Patrick A. Fairbanks, S.J.
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Mr. Chris Crabb

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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

Baptism • Marriage • Anointing • RCIA
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MASS INTENTIONS May 14 - 19

MON	6:00	+ Brian Schafer
	11:30	+ Henry Sievers (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+ Patrick A. Tepe
	11:30	+ Johanna Sievers
WED	6:00	+ Dale Wagenlander
	11:30	+ Charles Ginocchio
THURS	6:00	+ Amy Obermeyer (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Joan Jaber
FRI	6:00	+ Jerry Rouse
	11:30	+ Stephen Rechtin (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+ Stephen Rechtin (1 st Annv.)

✠ ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday readings are found at #1079

MUSIC

Opening: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! #545

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

Responsorial Psalm 47:
God Mounts His Throne # 1079

Presentation:

On This Day, O Beautiful Mother - Lambilotte S.J.

*On this day, O beautiful Mother,
On this day we give thee our love.
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.*

*On this day we ask to share,
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care.
Aid us 'ere our feet astray
Wander from thy guiding way.*

*Queen of angels, deign to hear
Thy dear children's humble prayer.
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,
Sweetly to thyself allure.*

Eucharistic Acclamations:

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

Communion: Living Bread of God # 921

Closing: Go to the World! # 546



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He Ascended into Heaven

The meaning of the Ascension of the Risen Lord Jesus is that: whatever the hardships of your human life, you are meant for life in the heights. Although you were

“raised” by a wonderful mother, in His grace, you are eventually “Raised for God” by Jesus Christ.

Take for example Mother’s Day. On this Sunday, we likely see mom in two ways: the details and the ideals. First, we know our moms in the small events of daily life. It’s a bit like taking a magnifying glass and looking closely at your hand. We know our mom up close with all her smudges, wrinkles, and scars of age. But another way of regarding your mother is by looking to the heights: the ideals. Beyond the faults and details, you see your mother as a saint, a martyr, Santa Claus, and maybe even an angel. You see her as God sees her: a model of love. She is a paradigm of sacrifice and generosity.

Mother’s Day gives us a chance to raise our sights higher than the kitchen table and see our mothers as channels of grace and proof of God’s eternal love for us. Likely the greatest work or accomplishment she made was to deliver you to this world. And here you are: **born of a woman, but raised for God.** When we elevate our human relationships, like we do on Mother’s Day, we are reminded that life is more than the smudgy details of every day. We call that “eternal” (outside of time and space). We call that life “transcendent” or “glorified.” Whatever the small hardships of your human life, you are destined for the heights. Raised for God.

Mother’s Day, and a feast like the Ascension, both lift our eyes to see more than this temporal world has to offer. God lifts up each of our faces to reveal a goal greater than this present day-to-day existence. Despite your tears and trials, you also have a chance to rise up to all that your loving mother (and Father) had in store for you at your creation. The ascended Lord Jesus promises His risen life to each of us, and to our moms.

– Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Pastor

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. We will have an insert next month with more information about Father’s new assignment.

✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed: Mary Tenkotte, Sharon Ionna, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Marti Leonhard, 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 and Kathy 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 May 6	\$ 6,485
Online donations	5,104
Week of May 6	\$ 11,589
Sunday’s Goal	\$ 12,794

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 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

Presiders for next weekend: May 20

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

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**St. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**

Next Meeting Sunday, May 20 in the Parish Center after the 5 PM Mass: Pentecost BBQ: Bring drink, side or dessert to share. Young adults 21-35 are welcome.



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

RCIA CLASSES forming soon

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Father Gamber to begin the

process. His email is mgamber@stxchurch.org. Classes will begin in September on Tuesday nights each week from 7 to 9 pm. We had a great class of 17 people come into the Church at the recent Easter Vigil. It is a great experience for everyone. We also welcome parishioners' involvement as members of the RCIA Team and/or as sponsors for the class members.

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.

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 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 jpeffer@ccswoh.org. Come and join us once and you will want to return.

The Virgin of Nazareth

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. When our pilgrimage returns, we will offer a presentation on our sister parish during coffee and donuts after Masses in the parish center.

MARKETING PROFESSIONAL seeks position:

A highly experienced professional is now searching for full time placement in communications, marketing, or administration. Resume, references and portfolio samples available. If you are able to offer assistance to this member of our parish family, contact Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ at pfairbanks@stxchurch.org.

MAY Diapers: In our ongoing mission to respect the dignity of every person and to support those who choose life, Catholic Charities assists many families with young children. Families struggling to provide the basic needs for their families often run into difficult times paying rent, buying food and paying for diapers. While there are wonderful pregnancy resource centers in the Greater Cincinnati area, often times families find themselves in need of extra help with **diapers, especially size 3 and 4 diapers**. Next time you are shopping this month, would you consider picking up a few packs of diapers to donate to Catholic Charities? There will be tables in the back of church the next two weeks. Thank you for your support!

THIRSTY THURSDAY – MAY 17

Ft. Mitchell's Public House, 2053 Dixie Hwy., Ft. Mitchell. \$1 off draft and house wines. Come after 4 or after work and join us!

TENDER MERCIES – MAY 27

Please call the office if you can donate a food item this month.

Happy  Mother's Day

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