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*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018**

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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

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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

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

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### MASS INTENTIONS May 28 – June 2

<b>MON</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
<b>TUES</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Bill and Alice Walsh
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Brian Schafer
<b>WED</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Fr. Giles Pater
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Elsie and Harry Franke and Patricia Cinquina
<b>THURS</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Thomas D. Fleming
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Rita Blank Klare
<b>FRI</b>	<b>6:00</b>	+ Thomas R. O'Meara
	<b>11:30</b>	+ Joseph McDevitt
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7:00</b>	+ Favret and Dell Families

## ✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*Sunday readings are found at #1087*

### MUSIC

#### Opening:

Holy Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty #567

#### St. Henry Gloria:

inside back cover of Gather Hymnal

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the People the Lord Has Chosen #1087

**Presentation:** Rain Down # 582

#### Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Creation #198, 200, 202, 204

**Communion:** Now We Remain # 785

**Closing:** O God, Almighty Father # 566



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## What Verb Are You?

When I was in grade school, I remember learning about the various parts of a sentence. At first it was easy: noun and verb. Then it seemed someone invented a name for every part, grouping, and phrase of a sentence. Worse yet, we had to diagram them on the chalkboard. (Historical fact: that was a big piece of slate upon which one would scratch words and symbols with a compressed stick of calcium. Yep, not unlike cave drawings.)

Now nouns were easy: a person, place or thing. Verbs were a little trickier. They were introduced to us as “action” words. Running, jumping, driving were all action words. That seemed easy enough to identify. I thought if it ended in -ing, I was good. Not so fast mister! Such words, I found out, also included “is,” “being,” and “thought” to name but a few. Why, there’s no “action” in those words I told myself.

Our Gospel readings of the last few weeks have had a lot of action in them. The main verb has been “Go!” “Go into the world,” from two Sundays ago, “I send you” from last Sunday’s Gospel, and this week, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” It seems rather obvious that Jesus doesn’t want us to just sit (which by the way is also a verb) but he wants us to move, to GO out to the world, to teach all nations. It’s a little like a “bait and switch” operation, this little ploy of Jesus.

We are first called to Jesus, to follow him, to understand his message of love and concern for others. Then he introduces us to the Father who is God and Creator of all. And just when we have grasped the need for a relationship with Father and Son, Jesus tells us, “Go.” “Go into the world, spread the good news who have seen, heard, and experienced. Make disciples of all nations. Receive the Holy Spirit, forgive others, baptizing them in the name of the Most Holy Trinity.” We have been duped. We thought just sitting in relationship with Jesus was all the action that would be required. Instead, he commands us to “Go.”

Ah, the mystery of God! How wonderful it is to be chosen to be in an intimate bond with Jesus, who reveals to us the Father’s love, and continues to reveal it through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **The Trinity is the very definition of a verb.** The Trinity was, is, and ever shall be. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, create, redeem, and sanctify. They give us life, call us into being, send us forth to continue and participate in God’s creative action, and welcome us home after life’s journey. They invite us to act, to move, to heal, to love, to do everything but “sit” idly by, to “lie” in complacency, or to “wallow” in our own self-absorption. Those words are verbs too, just not the verbs of the Trinity. So, a question for reflection on this Trinitarian feast: **What verb are you?**

—Deacon Tim Crooker

## ✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

**Please offer prayers for the infirmed:** Mary Tenkotte, Susan Anderson, Jo Schwartz, Merle Koenig, 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, and Fr. Bob Thul.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for May 20	\$ 8,735
Online donations	3,205
<b>Week of May 20</b>	<b>\$ 11,940</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 27

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. John LaRocca, SJ  
 12:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ  
 5:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

### Presiders for next weekend: June 3

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

### Summer Hours

Beginning Friday, June 1 the parish office will close on Mondays and Fridays at 1 PM.



**On the Cover**

The image on the cover of today's bulletin is a reproduction of a very famous Russian icon. "The Hospitality of Abraham" was created by Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18), but the painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility. The left angel symbolizes God the Father. He blesses the cup, yet his hand is painted in a distance, as if he passes the cup to the central angel, Jesus Christ. The nature of the three persons is revealed through their symbolic attributes, i.e. the house (Father), the tree (Son), and the mountain (Holy Spirit).

**NEXT WEEK: MISSION COLLECTION**

On June 2 and 3, Mr. Florian Smith, representing the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi (ASN), will speak at our Masses. Mr. Smith will be making an appeal on behalf of the Assumption Sisters to contribute to the ongoing work of the Sisters in Kenya. The sisters' mission is to educate the disenfranchised, provide medical care, and alleviate disease to the poorest of the local poor, especially women, in Africa. The sisters provide a primary school through secondary school education to over 400 students living in the slums of Nairobi. The Sisters have recently begun the enormous project of starting a university for nursing. Further advanced degrees are planned as money and buildings become available. Please be generous in your consideration of this mission appeal on behalf of the poor in Africa.

**CINCINNATI FESTIVAL OF FAITHS**

This summer, Cincinnati will hold its first "Festival of Faiths," a celebration of our community's rich religious character on **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. For more info: [Dialoguecincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:Dialoguecincinnati@gmail.com).

**FR. MECONI VISITS ST X with FOCUS**

We welcome Fr. David Meconi S.J. in two weeks as he comes to St X to promote the new program for young adults: Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Meconi will speak at all Masses June 9-10 and is happy to return to his former stomping grounds for the weekend. Fr. Meconi now teaches in the Department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University; he is also editor of Homiletic & Pastoral Review. FOCUS is an international organization that serves students on more than 125 college campuses inviting them into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. To see more about Fr. Meconi, see our parish website [www.stxchurch.org/upcoming](http://www.stxchurch.org/upcoming).

**St. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**

Hello, I'm John, one of the leaders of the Young Adults group here at Saint Xavier whose mission is to create community for young adults 21 - 35 years old. I moved to Cincinnati about 3 years ago from the D.C. area and found it difficult to meet people once I got here. Then, about a year and a half ago, I heard about the Young Adults group from an announcement at the end of mass. I'm not the most extroverted guy, but I challenged myself to go. It turned out to be a great decision. The group has lead me to new friendships, lasting memories, fun at social and service events, growth in my faith by teaching CCD and becoming a Eucharistic Minister with my fellow Young Adult group members, and a sense of belonging. Some of my Young Adult Group friends even made signs to cheer me on as I completed the Flying Pig Marathon a few weeks ago. I encourage young adults 21 - 35 to be a part of this community which I'm happy I've found. Join us, won't you?



**Next Meeting: Sunday, June 3 after the 5 PM Mass.**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019**

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).

**RCIA CLASSES forming soon**

**RCIA** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Father Gamber to begin the process: [mgamber@stxchurch.org](mailto: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.

**IGNATIUS HOUSE COMMUNITY****Seeking new members for 2018-2019**

The former rectory next door to our parish church is now "Ignatius House" a lay faith community grounded in Jesuit spirituality in service to the local area. The residents are now seeking new members for the coming year. For more information, contact Mr. Greg Mellor at [mellorg@xavier.edu](mailto:mellorg@xavier.edu) or see their web site at [www.jesuitcincinnati.org/ignatius-house](http://www.jesuitcincinnati.org/ignatius-house) ... There is also a link on our parish website [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org).

**WEEKDAY CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Starting July 2, we will hear confessions from 12:00-1:00 PM. Confessions will begin immediately AFTER the 11:30 Mass and continue until all have been served. No change Saturdays.

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