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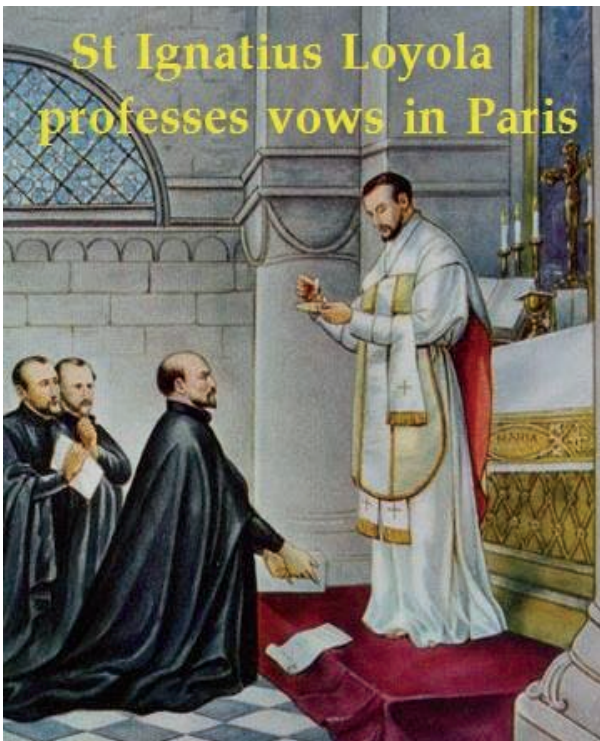
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Congratulations to Fr. Matthew Gamber S.J. on the pronouncing of his final vows September 2.

Sunday readings are found at #1156

MUSIC

Opening:

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior #596

St. Henry Gloria- inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 15:

One Who Does Justice #1156

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Creation #194

Presentation: The Servant Song #751

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Creation #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion: Now in this Banquet #937

Adoro Te Devote (3 PM Mass only)

One Bread One Body #932 (3 PM Mass only)

Post Communion: Ave Maria

[sung by Andrea Thomas] (3 PM Mass only)

Closing:

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King #573

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 3 - 8

MON	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
3	11:30		Parish Book of Remembrance
TUE	6:00	+	Mary Jenkins
4	11:30	+	Phyllis Rose
WED	6:00	SI	Jason Sanders (Birth.)
5	11:30	+	Richard W. Blank, Sr.
THU	6:00	+	Albert and Mary Bleil
6	11:30	+	Mark Gamber (1 st Annv.)
FRI	6:00	+	Norbert & Kathryn Reinstatler
7	11:30	+	Joe McDevitt (1 st Annv.)
SAT	7:00	+	Favret and Dell Families
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**Message from Fr. Matthew Gamber S.J.**

This Sunday I make my final vows as a member of the Society of Jesus here at St. Francis Xavier Church. I am very blessed to be doing it in this wonderful church and in this city where I was first sent as a newly-ordained priest in 1997.

Although Jesuits do not have one permanent home here in earth, we have many places over the course of our lives that we call home while on mission. Cincinnati is one of those places for me. I have always loved it here, primarily because of the great people and also because of the hills - so different from the flatlands outside Chicago where I was raised. The people and the Church in Cincinnati have been extremely welcoming to me and I have always appreciated the strength of faith I have found here. I tell people elsewhere that it seems everyone in Cincinnati is connected deeply to their families and to parishes while also undertaking their own apostolates ranging from service to the poor, to pro-life work, evangelization, education, men's and women's conferences, prayer campaigns and study centers. The Jesuits have been instrumental in bringing about this apostolic zeal among the Body of Christ here in The Queen City. I am privileged to contribute to our ministry among the People of God at St. Francis Xavier. You may ask...just what does Jesuit Final Vows mean?

After making first vows and then priestly ordination, we Jesuits encounter what is called a tertianship (third) year - a year of preparation for making final vows under the direction of a wise, older Jesuit who helps us to deepen all the graces that we have received during our formation. Our tertian director, Fr. Bill Barry of Boston, told us: "*Final Vows means that the Society of Jesus is yours now - it is in your hands and you are responsible for it.*" This is a tremendous gift that is being given to me. It is a gift that comes as I endeavor to make a gift of myself to God, the Church and the Society of Jesus through the profession final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It is not an end but a milestone marker in a life of continuing service as a Jesuit priest. St. Ignatius Loyola, our founder, wrote that we are always on the way and should never stop progressing in the ways of God. He wrote, "that, since they (Jesuits) themselves have made progress, they may better help others to make spiritual progress to the glory of God and of our Lord." I hope my Final Vows will help us all to make greater progress in the ways of God and of Jesus Our Lord -The Lord of the Society of Jesus. Thank you to everyone who has helped bring me to this day. *Madonna della Strada* - Our Lady of the Way - Pray for Us!

Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ, Associate Pastor

✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed: Pat Murdock, Jack Lawler, Jerry Wallman, Margie Plummer, Roberta Gamel, Jewell Rossman, Mary Tenkotte, Jo Schwartz, Merle Koenig, Sharon Ionna, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Marti Leonhard, Sandy Fieler, Patti Schutte, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Kenneth Kramig, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, 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, Josefa Navales, Judith Lahner, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Judy Dyer, Helen Sievers, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Bonnie Sartin, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Mary Jo Duljie, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Jim Bien, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Carla Molina, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, John O'Connell, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Fr. Joe Casey, and Fr. Bob Thul.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for August 26	\$ 10,131
Online donations	1,720
Week of August 26	\$ 11,851

Presiders for this weekend: September 2

4:00 PM Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
 12:00 PM Fr. Jeremiah Lynch, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

Presiders for next weekend: September 9

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, LABOR DAY

Masses for Monday, September 3 will be at 6 AM and 11:30 AM. Confessions will be after the 11:30 AM Mass. Parish offices are closed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Frances Elaine Horan, daughter of John and Lindsay (Vehr) Horan who was baptized at St Xavier last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

...to Jacob and Mackenzie (Cole) Manning;
...to Zachary and Amanda (Snyder) Cieslak;
...and to Clayton and Elizabeth (Parkhouse) Huston,
 who were married at St Xavier last weekend.
May they be filled with God's blessings!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religion classes to prepare for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation begin in September and meet every Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10am. Classes are also open to students in between those sacramental ages. Please **Register now**. Call Fr. Jerome Veigas at 513.721.4045.

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS -

We are looking for teachers who can help in Religious Education, to prepare children for First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The classes are expected to begin the end of September, every Sunday at 10 am in the Parish Center. Would you like to join and share your knowledge of faith with children? Call Fr. Jerome Veigas at 513.721.4045.

St. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**Sunday, September 16****Fall Opening Night!****Speaker: John David Kimes** on

"Introducing the Theology of the Body."

Young adults of all ages 21 – 35 welcome.

**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 and see the information at our website www.stxchurch.org/youngadults.

RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Father Gamber to begin the process: mgamber@stxchurch.org. **Classes will begin September 18, Tuesday nights each week from 7 to 9 pm until Easter.** We had a great class of 17 people come into the Church at the recent Easter Vigil. It is a great growth experience for everyone. We are also looking for many parishioners to serve as members of the RCIA Team and/or as sponsors for the class members. Think about it.

History of CATHOLICS IN CINCINNATI

Rev. David J. Endres, Ph.D will be leading a 4 week presentation on Cincinnati Catholics at St. Mary, Hyde Park on **September 24, October 1, 8 & 15** from 7 to 9 PM. There is no charge for the Cincinnati Catholic history presentation. Those interested should contact Margaret Shank at 513.321.1207.

Retrouvaille – A lifeline for Married Couples

September 7-9, 2018. Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse: for couples that are thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. Visit their website at www.helpourmarriage.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - KEENELAND

Parish annual Keeneland Trip – Thursday, October 18 9am to 6pm. \$50 a person. More details to follow.

PRAY the IGNATIAN EXERCISES

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are essentially an extended retreat or "school of prayer," drawing one into an intimate encounter with God, revealed in Jesus Christ, in order to respond more generously to God's call. Bellarmine Chapel Parish will be launching *The Spiritual Exercises* beginning on **September 9**, continuing through April. Small groups will meet on Sunday mornings and evenings, and during the week. We use [The Ignatian Adventure](#) by Kevin O'Brien S.J. All St. Xavier parish members are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Jane Myers 745-3317 or email her at myersj6@xavier.edu.

RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's "Evening for Life," which is held **Thursday, October 18th** at the Sharonville Convention Center. A social starts at 5:30 pm, then dinner and program at 6:30 pm. The evening features emcee Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio; speaker Jennifer Fulwiler; and Cincinnati Celtic band "Easter Rising"! Reservations are required as seating is limited. To register, call 513/728-7870 or visit the website at www.CincinnatiRightToLife.org

Jesuit ALUMNI Welcome to Attend

Please join our inaugural JFAN meeting (Jesuit Friends and Alumni) as we welcome **Fr. Michael Graham, SJ**, President of Xavier University who will share some insights about the Jesuits and the future of Jesuit universities. Meeting is scheduled **Wed Sept 19** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Taft Law Center (US Bank Tower, Downtown Cincinnati- 21 E. 5th St.) Appetizers and Beverages Provided. To assist with event costs, a \$10 minimum contribution is suggested. Thank you!

CAN YOU HELP? Why not get some friends together and have some fun while helping others? St. Francis Seraph Ministries has a real need for volunteers for their Cooking for the Family Program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Monday and Saturday mornings in Over-the-Rhine. Please contact Theresa Diersen at tdiersen@sfsministries.org or 513.549.0542 ext 289 to volunteer or to get more information. Visit website at www.sfsministries.org

Mark Your Calendars

Save the date – Sat and Sun **September 15-16** as we welcome back to St X **Fr. Matt Garr, S.J.** the pastor of our sister parish in Lima, Peru. Fr. Matt will bring us stories and pictures of our recent trip last June, and we will have several items on sale. Coffee and donuts will be provided after the Sunday morning Masses. He will be preaching at all our Masses that weekend.

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