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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 ✠ 26TH ORDINARY SUNDAY

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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-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

Baptism · Marriage · Anointing · RCIA
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MASS INTENTIONS October 1 - 6

MON	6:00	+	Michael E. Wangler
1	11:30	+	Phyllis Rose
TUE	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
2	11:30	+	Allan Schroeder
WED	6:00	+	Timothy A. Garry
3	11:30	SI	Russell Sanders (Birth.)
THU	6:00	SI	Rev. Matthew Dunch, SJ (Birth.)
4	11:30	+	Rita Blank Klare
FRI	6:00	+	Norbert * Kathlyn Reinstatler
5	11:30	+	Ray Fetick (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+	Carl & Carolyn Voss
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Sunday readings are found at #1168

MUSIC

Opening:

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace #703

St. Henry Gloria –

inside back cover of Gather Hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 19:

The Precepts of the Lord #1168

Presentation: You Have Anointed Me #773

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of the Angels and Saints #375, 376, 377, 388

Communion: Blest Are They #735

Closing: Go to the World! #546



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People in Exile

In early September our parish staff gathered for our annual Staff Retreat.

This was a day when the 11 of us spent the day at the Milford Spiritual Center to reflect on our work together for our parish. This year Rev. Robert Hater, a noted author on Catholic parishes, led our morning session. He began with a basic definition of *parish*. Originally, the word "parish" referred to a territorial entity, defined by boundaries. All who resided within those boundaries were considered members and were entitled to receive the sacraments at that parish. In order to belong to a different parish, the member first had to receive the blessing of the pastor of their territorial parish before moving.

Fr. Hater also gave a second definition of parish: *People in Exile*. Something about that definition struck a chord with me, and ever since, I have been pondering how that meaning relates to St. Francis Xavier parish. Indeed, all of us are exiles from the Heavenly home to which we all aspire to return. We live on this earth as exiles. I also believe we yearn for a community of believers who will support us on our journey home. Many of us have found community here, even though this is not our "territorial parish."

What is it about St. Xavier that draws us here, week after week? What is it about this parish that has helped us in our exile? Does our Jesuit identity have anything to do with the way we minister to one another? Why is this your spiritual home? These are some of the questions our staff addressed at our retreat.

We come from over 120 zip codes. We are not territorial, but indeed we are exiles. We worship here, receive the Eucharist, baptize our children, marry our spouses, and bury our dead. So, how do we (as a parish staff) minister better to the needs of our fellow exiles? How can we improve our service to you? Should anything be changed?

Several members of our parish have recently been invited to participate in a "Parish Examen," an Ignatian process by which we attempt to answer some of these questions. We have placed a survey instrument on the parish web site, if you are interested to participate. Since 1845, the Jesuits and their lay collaborators have guided this parish along the journey. It is always healthy to take stock and ask "How are we doing?"

Next year we will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the first organized and recognized community of Catholic believers in Cincinnati. They were a disparate group of people who yearned for the sacramental life of the Catholic faith as part of their daily life. They were exiles from lives and parishes they had known elsewhere. They wanted to be a part of a community of believers here in Cincinnati, joined by others of their faith tradition. That small group eventually grew into the parish of St. Francis Xavier and into the larger Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The draw of our Eternal Home is strong. But the faith we have been blessed with is not always an easy path to follow. On this earthly pathway, we have had to make hard choices to live as Roman Catholics. Having others who share our faith and our values, who are trying to make their way back home, makes our road easier to travel.

So whether you are a parishioner or a visitor: know that **you are welcomed here**. You may always come to this place to receive the sacraments and join us in prayer. After all, we "eXiles" are all just passing through here on our way back Home.

– Mrs. Kathy England, Pastoral Associate

✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed: Diana DeVore, Dennis Malone, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Pat Murdock, Jack Lawler, Susan Lovett, 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, 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 Duljje, 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 September 23	\$ 8,720
Online donations	1,585
Week of September 23	\$ 10,305

We thank you very much your generosity and faith.

Presiders for this weekend: September 30

4:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, 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. Matthew Gamber, SJ
5:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

Presiders for next weekend: October 7

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**

... to **Evelyn Anne Kalus**, daughter of Mark and Ashley (Lawson) Kalus;

...to **Joseph Robert Jez**, son of Marcin and Meghan (Kamp) Jez;

...and to **Sofia Rose DeGregorio**, daughter of Joseph and Kristine (Pfeffer) DeGregorio, who were baptized at St Xavier last weekend.

– May your lives be filled with JOY! –

CONGRATULATIONS

... to **William and Megan (McMahon) Glockner**;

...and to **Austin and Hanna (Smiddy) Ernst** 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 **September 30** and meet every Sunday morning in the Parish Center at 10am. Register now. Call Fr. Jerome @ 513-721-4045

– RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS –

We are still 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

TONIGHT Sunday, September 30

Octoberfest: Oompay!! German Beer and Food. Young adults ages 21 – 35 welcome. Spread the word!

**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.



There is still time! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please

contact Father Gamber to begin the process:

mgamber@stxchurch.org. **Classes will began September 18, and are on 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.

ST. XAVIER'S TRIP TO KEENELAND

Parish annual Keeneland Trip – Thursday, October 18 9am to 6pm. \$50 a P/P Call Diane 513.721.4045 for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our History of CATHOLICS IN CINCINNATI

As we draw near our parish Bicentennial in 2019, you might be interested to learn more about the local Catholic history. Rev. David J. Endres, Ph.D will be leading a weekly presentation on Cincinnati Catholics at St. Mary, Hyde Park: **October 1, 8 & 15 from 7 to 9 PM.** No charge. See you there. Bring a friend.

SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES continues...

Justice for Immigrants: Come join us as we learn more about immigration and the Church's teaching on immigration reform. Talk led by Tony Stieritz, from the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Office of Social Action; and Allison Herre, Catholic Charities. Sunday, **October 21**, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Subs and salads following the 5 PM Mass at the Parish Center. All are welcome!

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 at 6:30 p.m. The evening features emcee Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio; speaker Jennifer Fulwiler; and Cincinnati Celtic band "Easter Rising"! Reservations are required. To register, call 513/728-7870 or visit the website at www.CincinnatiRightToLife.org

St Xavier Church Soup Kitchen Team

We are putting together a team to serve at the St. Anthony Ministries Soup Kitchen in OTR, at 1615 Republic Street (at Liberty St). We will serve every third Wednesday of the month from 4 - 6 PM. We still have a need for two servers on October 17, and more in the following months. If you can help on the 17th or if you have interest for a different night of the week, please email Mary Stutler, mstutler@stxchurch.org, or call Diane at 513-721-4045. Thanks for helping us help.

THEOLOGY ON TAP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Through lively conversations and interesting speakers, people in their 20s and 30s have an opportunity to reflect on their faith. The next series is **Wed Oct 3** and each Wednesday in October. The series will focus on "Learning to Love the Scriptures." Held at Mecklenburg Gardens in Clifton starting at 7 PM.

To the LGBT Community...**an Invitation to Build a Bridge**

Would a sit down session be beneficial to LGBT folks and myself? That is a question occurring to me and I am willing to discover the answer on **Wednesday, October 3rd at 7pm** in Room 110 at St Joseph Heights, 1601 Dixie Hwy, Covington, KY. This is simply a conversation opportunity. Where it leads, I do not know. What it offers is mutual respect, openness, and discovery for all involved.

– Fr. Bob Ross, SJ Assisting priest St. Xavier Parish

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