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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2018** ✠

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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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

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### MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 3 - 8

MON	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
3	11:30	+	Elmer Schlueter (Birth.)
TUE	6:00	+	Norbert and Kathlyn Reinstatler
4	11:30	+	Rosemary Boscamp Sullivan
WED	6:00	+	Leo Schulenberg
5	11:30	+	Gerald Rouse
THU	6:00	+	Jason & Heather Kroeger Family
6	11:30	+	Bob Fennell
FRI	6:00	+	Timothy A. Garry (1 <sup>st</sup> Annv.)
7	11:30	+	Michael E. Wangler (1 <sup>st</sup> Annv.)
SAT	7:00		<b>FEAST OF THE</b>
8	11:30		<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>

*Sunday readings are found at #993*

## MUSIC

**Opening:** Christ, Be Our Light #590

**Responsorial Psalm 25:**

To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul #993

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mass of Light #340

**Presentation:** There Is a Longing #653

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Mass of Light #361, 362, 363

**Communion:** Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

**Closing:** O Come O Come Emmanuel #395  
*(Verses 1, 2, 3 only)*



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## St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.

Tomorrow (Monday December 3) is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the patron of our parish, and the patron saint of missions. As you stand and gaze at the large murals behind the main altar, you can see St. Francis Xavier dressed in white, raising a Cross as he blesses the faithful around him. The ten Jesuits pictured on this right mural are all missionaries who had been sent by St. Ignatius Loyola (in the left mural) to the far reaches of Asia, Britain, and North and South America, Ignatius and many of his companions remained in continental Europe while dedicated missionaries carried the Good News abroad.

In 1821, with the founding of the Diocese of Cincinnati, the new Bishop Edward Fenwick built a small wooden cathedral on the site of our north parking lot. It was then dedicated to St. Peter. Three years later, the bishop built a larger brick cathedral on the site where our church now stands. The small wooden structure then became his new seminary, and in 1829 it was rededicated to St Francis Xavier. This was eleven years before the Jesuits arrived! Two years later, the small diocesan seminary was called "The Athenaeum" and began classes in October 1831.

Here is how Gilbert Garraghan reports it in his history of the Jesuits in the U.S.: *"Admiration for the missionary zeal of St Francis Xavier was more than once expressed by Bishop Fenwick and it was no doubt his desire to leave to the future priests of his diocese the inspiration of the saint's memory and example that led him to dedicate his seminary to the great apostle of the Indies."*

Later, when Fenwick constructed and moved to a newer cathedral on Plum Street, the Sycamore church retained the name St. Francis Xavier. The Athenaeum became St Xavier College (a mix of prep school and higher studies). Xavier University split off in 1920 and St X High School moved north in 1960. Next year, we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Catholics in Cincinnati, and the founding of this parish community. Part of our bicentennial celebration will be to publish small items of history like this, and much more. Parishioners will receive a mailing this week with more information about next year's events.

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Many of you recall Fr. Michael Sparough, S.J. who served at St X about 20 years ago. He now works with Heart to Heart Ministries and has generously offered us copies of their new book of meditations for Advent and Christmas: **"Ornaments of Grace."** An "ornament" is a short biographical sketch of someone living out God's word. Fr. Michael also offers a daily video series for each day of Advent. The booklets are in the back of church, and the daily video meditations are found at [www.hearttoheart.org/ornaments](http://www.hearttoheart.org/ornaments) (note: only 2 t's)

– Rev. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Pastor

## ✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

**Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:**  
 Helen Sievers, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Stephen Grace, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Susan Lovett, Jerry Wallman, Margie Plummer, Roberta Gamel, Jewell Rossman, Mary Tenkotte, Jo Schwartz, Merle Koenig, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Marti Leonhard, Sandy Fieler, 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, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Bill Santen, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Judith Lahner, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Judy Dyer, 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, Plinio DeGoes, John O'Connell, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Fr. Matt Garr, SJ, Fr. Joe Casey, SJ, and Fr. Bob Thul, SJ.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for November 18	\$ 8,003
Online donations	2,945
<b>Total Offerings for November 18</b>	<b>\$10,948</b>
Sunday offerings for November 25	\$ 8,512
Online donations	1,620
<b>Total Offerings for November 25</b>	<b>\$10,132</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 are 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: December 2

4:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, 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. Jerome Veigas, SJ

### Presiders for next weekend: December 9

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



**CONGRATULATIONS**

...to **Molly Kathryn Bessler**, daughter of Matthew and Jennifer (Treglia) Bessler,  
 ...to **Henry Steven Schmidlin**, son of Benjamin and Emily (Hengehold) Schmidlin,  
 ...to **Aven Marie O’Daniel**, daughter of Kyle and Ashley (Martin) O’Daniel,  
 ...to **Rocco William Arquilla**, son of Justin and Marisa (LaRosa) Arquilla,  
 ...and to **Alexandra June Wolterman**, daughter of Justin and Kelly (Shiels) Wolterman

All the children above were baptized at St Xavier and we wish them happy and holy lives.

**OUR BEST WISHES**

...to **Robert and Victoria (Lindhorst) Mattingly**,  
 ...to **Gregory and Elizabeth (Schaefer) Mueller**,  
 ...and to **Keegan and Jaclyn (Hyde) Burdsall**  
 all of whom were married at St Xavier. Blessings!



**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS  
 DECEMBER 2  
 ADVENT DINNER AND BLESSING**

After attending the 5 PM Mass, begin Advent 2018 together in the Parish Center at 6 PM with other Young adults from St. Xavier. We will learn about this great season, as well as have the Lighting of the Advent Wreath! Dinner will be served. Young adults age 21- 35 welcome.

**NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES:**

**“Understanding the Sacraments”**

Join us as we will take a deeper look into the 7 sacraments of the Church. Next topic is the Eucharist this **Wed Dec 5 at 7pm** in the parish center.

**“Walking With Ignatius of Loyola”**

Would you like to walk the journey of life with St. Ignatius? Here is an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of Ignatian Spirituality led by Fr. Jerome Veigas. Sessions will be held the third Wed in the parish center. Next: **December 19 at 7 pm.**



**THE GIVING TREE**

St. X is once again pleased to offer our parishioners the opportunity to participate in our **Giving Tree** ministry. Each year we partner with community agencies that serve the needs of children, families, and the elderly. Tree is up **Nov 17 - Dec 2**, return gifts by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**TENDER MERCIES - DECEMBER 30**

If you can donate a food item for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office at 513-721-4045. Thanks.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT – next Sunday Dec 9**

St Xavier Church will host a choir from Cincinnati Hills Christmas Academy to serenade our parishioners on the evening of Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come to the 5pm Mass that evening, and then come downstairs for some hot cider while we await the concert at 7pm. You might want to read more about this school and their commitment to the arts as gifts of God.  
<https://www.chca-oh.org/arts/performing-arts>

**LGBT sharing group** will meet at 7:00 pm, this Wednesday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph Heights, at 1601 Dixie Hwy. in Covington. Come in by front door.

**Expressions Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, **December 11**, at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss the book "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. If you would like to borrow a copy of this book, see Diane in the parish office. Please join us!

**Get together to pray the Rosary**

Join us in praying the rosary here at St. Xavier Church on **December 12** at 7:00 p.m. It is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe so we will pray the rosary over by the Our Lady of Guadalupe statue. All our welcome and bring a friend.

**Holiday Thirsty Thursday**

If you’ve never joined us before, come this month to enjoy holiday cheer with your fellow parishioners. We will gather at **Grove Park Grille**, 6735 Kellogg Avenue (just beyond Coney), Thurs., **December 13** from 4 – 7 PM. There is a \$10 Secret Santa gift exchange. Join us.

**Christmas Carved Art Sale**

Come join the Bethlehem Christian Families who will be here after all the Masses **December 15 & 16** Hand Carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land of Bethlehem. Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Christmas ornaments, Figures will be for sale after the morning Masses. Income of the sales will go to the support of the Christian Wood Carvers of Bethlehem  
 You may also view these beautiful items online at [www.holylandcarvings.com](http://www.holylandcarvings.com)

**HOLIDAY MASSES**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Dec 22/23:  
 Masses: Sat 4pm and Sunday 7, 9, 10:30 am, 12 & 5 pm  
**Christmas** Dec 24/25:  
 Masses: Monday at 4pm, 5:30pm, and Midnight and Tuesday at 7, 9, 10:30 am  
**Feast of the Holy Family** Dec 29/30:  
 Masses Sat 4pm and Sunday 7, 9, 10:30, 12 & 5pm  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, Tues Jan 1  
*This is a holy day of obligation*  
 Masses: 6:00am, 11:30 am & 5 pm (no confessions)

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