



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2018 ✠ SECOND 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

Baptism • Marriage • Anointing • RCIA
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MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 10-15

Mon	6:00	+	Bob and Mary Schulenberg
10	11:30	+	Bob Fennell
TUE	6:00	+	Elizabeth Armstrong
11	11:30	+	Rosemary Boscamp Sullivan
WED	6:00	+	John Burns (Birth)
12	11:30	+	Carl and Carolyn Voss
THU	6:00	+	Jack Lawler
13	11:30	+	Jerry Kreger (Annv.)
FRI	6:00	+	Claudia Temple (1 st . Anniv.)
14	11:30	+	O'Connor and Whalen Families
SAT	7:00	+	Ralph Schwartz, Jr.
15			

Sunday readings are found at #996

MUSIC

Opening: On Jordan's Bank # 418

Responsorial Psalm 126:
The Lord Has Done Great Things #996

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Light #340

Presentation: Comfort, My People #396

Eucharistic Acclamations:
Mass of Light #361, 362, 363

Communion:
Jesus, Hope of the World # 909

Closing:
The King Come When Morning Dawns #414



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*Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release
us, Let us find our rest in Thee.*

Do these words ring in your ears as you begin this season of Advent? They do because it is a season of

great expectations and awaiting. We want to see Jesus born into our hearts. We want to celebrate the life of joy and peace in our families and in our neighbourhoods.

The Liturgy of Advent invites us to reflect on our preparedness. "Be vigilant" is the call on the first Sunday. Many events are taking place around you. At times you are confused, distraught, carried away by the scenes around you. "Beware! Stand erect before the Son of God." What matters in life is Jesus. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths," urged John the Baptist. Truly he was the forerunner of the Messiah inviting the people to repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Have you thought of changing your ways? Giving a new direction in life in order to follow Jesus? A time to pause and reflect.

METANOIA (a Greek word for "change of heart"), also called conversion, was the result in the people's lives. John the Baptist pressed them for a more compassionate, less selfish conduct. Conversion is manifested by dealing well with one's neighbour, being generous, kind and compassionate. Radically, conversion demands we share one's resources with the needy, being honest and fair in business and moderate in the exercise of power.

A radically transformed person exuberates joy in life: for example, the experience of Elizabeth when the infant John started dancing in her womb at the encounter of Jesus through Mary. In the presence of the Messiah, our walk too becomes more elegant, because with him our humanity is clothed with virtue. **Come thou long expected Jesus!**

Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ, Associate Pastor

HOLIDAY MASSES at St X

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)



✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Kevin England, George Long, 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 December 2	\$ 8,569
Online donations	4,074
Total Offerings for December 2	\$12,643

On behalf of the Jesuit fathers and staff at St X Church, I send sincere gratitude for the many gifts we have received from you. Thank you!

– Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. Pastor

The Religious Retirement Fund Drive

This charitable drive benefits the many retired sisters who taught you and me over the years. The drive is next weekend. There will be flyers in the bulletin and envelopes in the back of church. Thanks for helping.

Presiders for this 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

Presiders for next weekend: December 16

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. Matthew Gamber, SJ
5:00	PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ



CONGRATULATIONS

...to **Joel Grant Stone**, son of Joel and Lisa (Maly) Stone,
 ...and to **Ryan Michael Wirtz**, son of Michael and Christina (Feldhaus) Wirtz,
 These children were baptized at St Xavier and we wish them happy and holy lives.


OUR BEST WISHES

...to **Corey and Margaret (Horne) Wissinger**, who were married at St Xavier. Blessings!

 **ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**
Sunday DECEMBER 16 at 6pm
Ugly Sweater/Christmas Party
 It's back and uglier than ever! Bring yourself and food and drink. Wear it proudly! Young adults age 21- 35 welcome.

“Understanding the Sacraments”
 Join us as we will take a deeper look into the 7 sacraments of the Church. Next topic is the Sacrament of Baptism, Wed **January 2 at 7pm**

“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**
 Thank you so much to those who took cards from the tree and bought gifts for the needy at Christmas. If you still have gifts to return, bring them to church or to the parish office Monday morning.

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.

COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS
 Could you bake a dozen cookies (or more) and return them to the **back of church the weekend of Dec 15 and 16** ? The Jail Ministry is handing out “Cookies for Christmas” and your help is appreciated! Tables will be at the back of church Dec. 16 and 17. Thank you!

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.

St. Xavier 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!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 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 9th 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>

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 next weekend after all the Masses **December 15 - 16** Hand Carved Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Christmas ornaments. 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
 ** **COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be available after the Sunday morning Masses during this sale.

CHURCH DECORATING
 A group will gather to decorate the church for Christmas on **Sat December 22** from 9–11am. We need your help! Call the office if you can help 513-721-4045 or just show up. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
 On Dec 22 we will decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to purchase some poinsettia flowers for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or you can clip this notice and return it with your payment in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.



Suggested donation \$10. Thank you!

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 – St Ignatius Loyola

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