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SUNDAY MAY 12, 2019



Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO St Xavier

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Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam

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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 May 13 - 18

Mon 13	6:00 11:30	+ + +	Parish Book of Remembrance Primo Bocboc and Cyril McCarthy (Birth.)
Tues 14	6:00 11:30	+ +	Charles & Bess Schulenberg Henry Sievers (Birth)
Wed 15	6:00 11:30	+ +	Hesham Zakaria Johanna Sievers
Thurs 16	6:00 11:30	+ +	Charlotte Ann Burleigh Dissette Charles Ginocchio
Fri 17	6:00 11:30	+ +	The Stricker Family Pochay Abao
Sat 18	7:00	+	Mary Margaret Metzger (1 st Annv.)

Sunday readings are found at #1072

MUSIC

Opening:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #536

Gloria: Mass of Redemption

p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

Responsorial Psalm 100:

We Are His People #1072

Presentation:

On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

By Louis Lambillotte S.J.

On this day, O beautiful Mother, on this day we give thee our love. Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover, trusting thy gentle care to prove.

1. On this day we ask to share, dearest Mother, thy sweet care. Aid us 'ere our feet astray, wander from thy guiding way. (Refrain)

2. Queen of angels, deign to hear thy dear children's humble prayer. Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure, sweetly to thyself allure. (Refrain)

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Redemption

p. 18-20 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

Communion: You Are Mine #721

Closing:

Sing of the Lord's Goodness #610



Ave Maria

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A Bicentennial Surprise

Since I announced last month that we would be renovating our sacristy in 2019, several people have come back to visit it and get a sense of how much work needs to be done to make our “backstage” functional, safe, and updated. The sacristy area includes the two rooms right behind the statue of Mary and behind the tabernacle. It also includes a long connecting hallway behind the main altar. These areas were NOT included in the 1988 renovation that turned our interior blue. My guess is that the sacristy had not been attended to since the 1960s. So, now in our bicentennial year, we are making great strides to renew these rooms. I am most grateful for those who have come forward right away to offer financial support. There remains much to do.

All of this is context to tell you a most surprising story about the sacristy: Seven weeks ago, on Thursday March 21, our facilities manager, Mr. Chris Dole, was working in the north sacristy, sizing up much of the work that needed to be done. He noticed a small door that had been painted shut. Chris then chiseled around the door which he found was locked. It had a keyhole that appeared to take a large skeleton key to open. Making a connection with all the variety of loose keys we have in the parish, he found the old key and pried open the small door. To his surprise, Chris found a collection of old sacramental vessels, tarnished chalices, small monstrances, ciboria, many sacred relics, authentication papers, and a 24” high reliquary containing the “cap of Francis Xavier.” He showed them to me and I was stunned. Apparently, no one had opened that small safe for decades. Chris found a newspaper inside dated in the 1970s. None of my predecessors ever spoke of these vessels nor of this famous skull cap.

When these items of our parish patrimony were discovered in March, I recalled an article I had just read from an older parish bulletin. In January 2019, Jennifer Thumm (a member of our bicentennial committee who is working on our parish history) had shown me this article from the St X parish bulletin dated March 5, 1978. This article is printed verbatim here below:

THE "CAP OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

Until the end of the Novena of Grace there will be on display in the sanctuary a rather ornate receptacle containing a rolled-up faded red silk cap interwoven with golden figures similar to, but larger than, the zucchetto (skull-cap) worn by prelates, and even resembling the head covering worn by Chinese coolies. It came into the possession of this church in the last century, possibly a hundred or more years ago. With it came authentication, dated January 12, 1742, and bearing the official seal of Fr. Francis Retz, S.J. the General of the Society of Jesus at that time. The document states that the cap was received from Goa, India, and "had been placed on the head of St. Francis

Xavier." Thereby hangs a storied incident. When Father Francis Xavier, S.J. first went to India (1542) he went as a special agent of Pope Paul III and King John III of Portugal. Ten years later, after baptizing almost a million Indians and Japanese and others, he longed to attempt the conversion of the Chinese, which would mean almost certain martyrdom since no foreigners were allowed in the Empire. He arranged an Embassy to the Emperor of China; the viceroy of India appointed him Ambassador, and the Holy See made him a papal nuncio. It would seem that the "cap" we have on display is the coolie-type zucchetto given to him ("placed on his head") at that time as a sign of great authority when he met the Emperor. (He never made it, because he died of fever on an island six miles off the Chinese coast waiting for a Chinese smuggler to sneak him in). Of one thing we are certain because of the document of Father Retz, the "cap" we have was at some time placed on the head of St. Francis Xavier.

So, I am impressed by the participation of the Holy Spirit during this, our bicentennial year. Fr. Francis Xavier S.J. and his legacy still lives today.

On **Sunday May 19, 2019 at the 10:30 Mass** many of these discovered vessels and the cap of Xavier will be included in the formal procession at the start of our Mass of Thanksgiving, with Bishop Binzer as primary celebrant. We hope you can join us for this great opportunity to express our thanks to God for such a blessed Catholic community, started in April 1819.

– Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Pastor

✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Bob Howard, Ed Holman, Christy Schiedemeyer, Thomas Kron, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Joe Feiertag, Angie Fennell, Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joe Eley, John Williams, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, George Long, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Margie Plummer, Roberta Gamel, Jo Schwartz, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Gregg, Rick, and Fr. Bob Thul, SJ.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for May 5	\$ 6,378
Online donations	5,238
Week of May 5	\$ 11,616

Presiders for this weekend: May 12

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

Presiders for next weekend: May 19

- 4:00 PM Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
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Congratulations to Charles Oliver Gomez-Hill, son of Richard and Maria Gomez-Hill who was baptized this past weekend. and to **Andrew and Michelle (Peterman) Wessels** who were married here this past weekend!

CONGRATULATIONS to our youngsters: **Abigail Kiefer, Catherine Hazzard, Charles Trimble, Danica Schulte, Joshua Lerma, Lily Muller, Lindsay Stein, Madeline Lecky, Mary Price, Ryan Toole and William Schott.** They made their Confirmation at the Cathedral this past weekend. A great big thank you to our Religious Ed Teachers: **Mary Fetick, Paula Trimble and Clare Krumme, John Kollar and Emily Conklin!** Thanks to **Fr. Jerome Veigas** for coordinating our Religious Ed Program!



ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day Away from home this Mother's Day? Let's celebrate in their honor by going out to dinner after the 5:00pm mass.



Save Change ← → Change Lives

Pick up your baby bottle TODAY the "Baby Bottle Campaign" benefits the Pregnancy Center East, a wonderful outreach for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. After all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12). Fill it with change, bills and even checks (payable to: "PREGNANCY CENTER EAST"). Return the bottles June 1-2 to bins in front of the Blessed Mother Statue to the right of the altar.

Walking With Ignatius of Loyola

Deepen your knowledge of Ignatian Spirituality led by Fr. Jerome Veigas, S.J. The final session is Wed May 15 at 7pm in the parish center. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

Bicentennial Mass

Probably one of the key moments in our Bicentennial celebration all year will be our **Mass of Thanksgiving** on Sunday May 19, 2019 at the 10:30 Mass. We will welcome Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer as principal celebrant. Noon Mass is cancelled that day.

Bridge Lessons

Our St X Bridge Club has been playing cards for years at church. For anyone interested to learn how to play bridge, lessons will be coming soon. If interested, write Mary Anne at drmaryannbarnes@gmail.com

Thirsty Thursday – May 16

Now that Lent is over, come join us at Swampwater Grill, 3742 Kellogg Ave. (3-6 PM Happy Hour) Come when you can. Special drinks & appetizer prices!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our book group meets on Tuesday, **May 28, at 3 pm in the Parish Center.** We will discuss "**Just Call Me Lopez**" by Margaret Silf. Come and join us!



Praying the Rosary

Next Rosary will be Wednesday May 22 at Divine Mercy Parish at 318 Division St. Bellevue Ky. 41073 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and bring a friend. If someone needs a ride, let Mary Beth Fennell know and we can arrange transportation. Email cigarbob42@hotmail.com or call 513-803-2058.

Interested to become Catholic?

Or do you know someone who wants to join the Church? We will again offer the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) starting in September. It's time NOW to evangelize and invite others to join our Church. Send your people for a friendly meeting with our Fr. Gamber to find out the best way to move into full incorporation in the Catholic Church.

Call Fr. Gamber at 513-721-4045, ext. 1007.

200 Years ❖ 200 Facts

- ❖ In the 1902-1903 school year some Marianists, (the Brothers of Mary) from Dayton, Ohio take over teaching in the St Xavier boys' grade school.
- ❖ Also in 1902, The St. Xavier School Association is established as the funding source for the St. Xavier Parochial School enabling it to become a free school.
- ❖ In 1907, the St. Xavier Monthly Calendar is read by every parishioner of St. Xavier Church, and hence it is one of the best advertising media. It was published monthly and distributed FREE. It reached fully 20,000 readers every month.
- ❖ In 1910, the Mass schedule went like this: Sunday at St X: 5,6,7,8:30, 9:30 (children only) and 10:30 am; Sunday at St. Thomas: 7 and 9:30 am / Weekday Masses at St. Xavier: 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 and 8 am. Mass for school children was weekdays at 8 am.

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