

SAINT XAVIER  
CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**April 21, 2024**

4th Sunday of Easter



The Good Shepherd  
(c. 280-290)  
*Anatolia, late Roman-early Christian*  
*Marble*

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**This weekend - April 21**

4:00 PM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

7:00 AM - Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

9:00 AM - Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

10:30 AM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

5:00 PM - Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

**Next weekend - April 28**

4:00 PM - Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ

7:00 AM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

9:00 AM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

10:30 AM - Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

5:00 PM - Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

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## Social Mission Survey

St. Xavier Church has a longstanding commitment to *Inward Reflection*, *Outward Action*. The role of social mission is to integrate the inward and outward elements of this call. All parishioners are encouraged to complete a brief survey in order to reflect on their call to participate in the social mission work of our church and to provide feedback on how we can further develop and expand our outreach. Printed copies available in the back of the church.

[Click here](#)

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Please save the date for our annual summer picnic on **Sunday, June 2** at Sharon Woods Park, Council Bluffs Shelter. Come by between 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM! Contact [office@stxchurch.org](mailto:office@stxchurch.org) with any questions.

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## **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

This month, we are participating in the annual, Archdiocese-wide CRS Collection. This collection helps Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and works for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. So, please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Donation envelopes and more information can be found in the tables at the rear of church.

## Tender Mercies

If you can donate of food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, April 28**. Any help is greatly appreciated!



In July, our Business Director, Mary Stutler, will be retiring. We are beginning our search for a new Business Director. If you or someone you know are interested in applying, please [click here](https://stxchurch.org/job-openings) or contact the parish office at 513-721-4045 for more information.

## St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 23**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Please join us for a great discussion of this historical novel!

## Global Crisis. Local Hope.

Show support for Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio at this **April 22**, 7 PM event on the 4th floor of the HUB (Health United Building) on Xavier University's campus. Anna Gallagher, Executive Director of CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.) will speak alongside, Elizabeth Clapp, Immigration Legal Services Director at Catholic Charities. Learn more and [RSVP here](#). Co-sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, Bellarmine Chapel, the Archdiocese Social Action Office, and the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue.



Bellarmino & CARE Senior Educational Program

# HEALTHCARE IN RETIREMENT

MAY  
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7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
at Bellarmine Chapel

Learn more about Medicare, Veteran's benefits, long-term care options, and insurance, presented by professional representatives!

Join us **Wednesday, May 8**, 7-8:30 PM in Bellarmine Chapel to learn about Medicare, Veteran's benefits, long-term care options, and insurance, presented by professional representatives brought to us by CARE (Community Aging Resource Experts.) [Please click here](#) to register.

Our Senior Adult Ministry team offers this presentation as the first of a series throughout the summer. Please mark your calendars for these future dates: June 12, July 10, and August 14 from 7-8:30 PM.

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## **Women's Spirituality Group**

The group will next meet on **Tuesday, April 23** from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. We will start with a prayer and brief introductions. The meeting will feature a discussion of Chapter 11 in the book, *Women of the Bible*. It features Mary of Bethany. Free copies of the book are available if you would like one at the time of the meeting, or in advance. Additionally, artist Holly Schapker will share her artistic insight into Mary of Bethany.

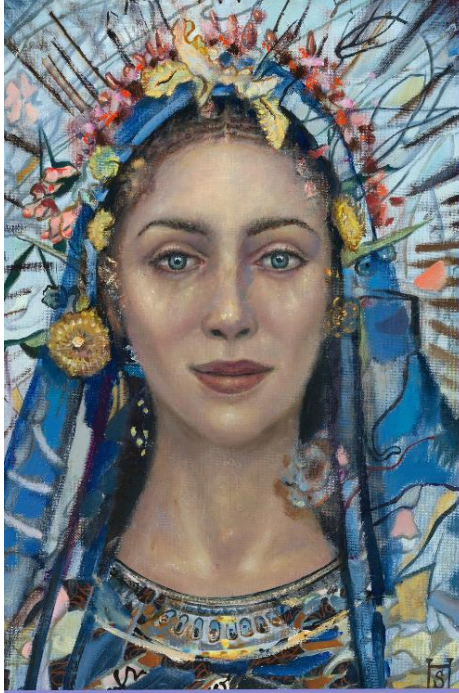
## **Rosary Group**

The rosary is recited each evening at 7:30 by parishioners. We welcome all! [Please click here for the Zoom link](#). Faithful devotion and recitation of the Rosary serves to strengthen our spiritual journey. Many followers find that praying the Rosary in a group is easier and more spiritual than praying on your own.

We will meet in person to pray the Rosary on **Wednesday, April 24** at 7 PM in the church following Adoration. All are welcome!

Our Lady appeared to three children at Fatima, including the Venerable Sister Lucy, six times in 1917. Lucy stated: *"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary"*

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# UNIVERSAL MOTHER

*A Journal For Finding Yourself in Mary*

## BOOK LAUNCH & ART EXHIBIT

Enjoy the twenty original Marian paintings featured in the book on display in the Sacred Art Gallery of the St. Xavier Church Parish Center.



St. Xavier Church  
611 Sycamore St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45202



Saturday, May 11  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

*Following the 4 p.m. Mass*

Brief remarks from the authors, Holly Schapker and Cecelia Dorger, at 5:15 p.m., followed by a book signing.

### Men's Spirituality Group

Join us for a prayer/ discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to Scripture/the Bible/selected popular books. Our next meeting is **Friday, April 26** from noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of the Sunday scriptures throughout the liturgical year. For more information you can [email Fr. Jim](#) or call the parish office.

### World Labyrinth Day



Celebrate World Labyrinth Day on **Saturday, May 4** at the Sisters of Charity (5900 Delhi Rd. Mount St. Joseph, OH). Throughout the world people will walk the labyrinth at 1 PM in their time zone. [Click here for more information.](#)

**HEARTS ON FIRE**  
**SUMMER RETREAT 2024**

**June 29, Cincinnati**  
**St Xavier Church**

**YOUNG ADULTS \$20**

schedule, registration

ADORATION & REFLECTION WITH JESUITS

PopesPrayerUSA.net/Hearts

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network  
UNITED STATES | CANADA  
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The poster features a central image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a red heart with a crown of thorns and a golden cross above it, set within a circular frame. To the left is a white diamond containing the text 'YOUNG ADULTS \$20'. To the right is a QR code. A red banner at the bottom reads 'ADORATION & REFLECTION WITH JESUITS'. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern.

Join us on Saturday, June 29 for the ‘Hearts on Fire’ retreat at St. Xavier Church! This is an invitation to prayer, adoration, discussion for young adults, ages 18-39. Reflections with young Jesuits on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Ignatian spirituality. The cost is \$20. [Click here for information/registration.](#)

**Performance of Agatha Christie’s *Go Back for Murder***

Our sister parish, Bellarmine Chapel, has partnered with Marjorie Book Continuing Education, to host a theatrical performance of *Go Back for Murder*, on **Monday, April 22** at 7 PM in the Chapel. The event opens with a Dulcimer performance from James Binder. All are invited! [RSVP here](#).

## **Young Adults Group**

St. X Church's Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more about the group, please visit [www.stxya.com/events](http://www.stxya.com/events).

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please join Fr. Jacob **each Wednesday** evening from 6 - 7 PM in our beautifully renovated sanctuary for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Jesus is waiting for you!

## **Evenings of Prayer for Women**

The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is hosting three upcoming evenings of prayer for women on **April 22**, and May 13. Each evening will be an inspiring time for listening to faith stories, sharing community and time for personal reflection. [Click here for more information](#).

## **Examen Prayer Group**

Join fellow parishioners of the Jesuit Parish Family every Tuesday evening on Zoom at 7:30 PM for an examen prayer. [Click here to receive the Zoom link](#)!

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Did You Know?

- You can name St. Xavier Church as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy.
- You can make St. Xavier Church a beneficiary on your IRA or 401k account, which may reduce estate taxes.
- For those at least 70 and ½, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. You can also use the QCD to comply with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), which begins at age 73.

Questions? Call us at 513-721-4045 and ask for Mary Stutler.

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## Kroger Community Rewards

Thank you to all who have selected St. Xavier! It is so easy to help support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends, and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). With all the food and gift cards that are bought throughout the year, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier.

St. X received \$462.72 last quarter!

## Catholic Telegraph

The Catholic Telegraph is the monthly magazine of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, available to the Catholic faithful free of charge. [Click for your complimentary monthly subscription.](#)

## Synod Results

[Click here](#) to read the local summary report from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the national report from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.