

Christ the King!



This week we enter into an awareness of the many gifts we have received, and the ways that we offer our gifts to others. While a pandemic has revealed the fragility of our human bodies, political unrest and the awareness of injustice has revealed the delicacy of our social fabric. Even now, especially now, we are called to rejoice. With gratitude we proclaim Christ, the one who was, who is, and who is to come, is found in us, in them (yes, them), and in every part of our world.

Gratitude can come naturally when everything is going well. Gratitude, though, is also a practice. Like we need to learn to practice courage in times of fear, and patience in times of agitation, so too does gratitude seek cultivation when times are hard. Sometimes we have to ask, *offer our intention*, to see those things which might not be immediately evident, those many goods we share.

As you take time to reflect in the coming days, recall that Christ the King is meant to reveal the love of God, yesterday, today, and forever. May we look through the struggles of the moment and see those many kind people who reveal to us the grace of the Spirit, the power of a life rooted in faith. Looking past the trials of the moment, may we seek revelations of the Good, the triumph of our lives shared in community, this Body of Christ.

We are not alone. We are one body, one Church, united by Christ. Let us grow in trusting that the one who gave us the grace to get to this point in our lives, will continue to reveal “the next right thing” for us to do. All we need is in Him and through Him. “Christ our King, Thy will be done.”

November 20, 2020

Parish address 611 Sycamore St. Cincinnati, OH 45202

Parish phone 513-721-4045

Parish email address office@stxchurch.org

Parish website www.stxchurch.org

Find the upcoming readings for weekday and Sunday here at the US Catholic Conference

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>

Most recent parish bulletin www.stxchurch.org/Bulletin

**By order of the Governor,
and with the agreement of Archbishop Schnurr,
masks are required in all public places, including churches.**

Please wear a mask when visiting St. Xavier.

Mass at St. Xavier

When you come to St. Xavier church for any Mass please observe the following regulations:

Wear a face mask to church

Hand sanitize before entering church

Keep a six-foot distance from others at all times

Sit only in pews that are not blocked off by white ribbon

Receive Holy Communion in the hand

Do not touch others at the Our Father or Peace Greeting

Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

As more people are returning to celebrate mass at St. Xavier, we want to seat everyone who comes to attend. Please "scoot" over to the center seat position so that someone else can occupy the pew without climbing over you. Our ushers have been asked to assist with seating people when they arrive. So please come a little early and move to the center! Our church has room for all. Thanks

THANKSGIVING

We will have one Mass on Thanksgiving at 9 AM. Parish offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after. Masses on Friday, November 27, will be the same, 6 AM and 11:30 AM.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. In our commitment to care for others, few Catholic organizations are as effective at reaching out and caring for material needs as SVDP. However, during COVID, our local group, which is funded specifically by donations from our Church and from the Cathedral Parish, has been underfunded. Thus, we are instituting a second collection on the 2nd Sundays with proceeds going directly to St. Vincent DePaul. If you are unable to make a financial donation, please consider volunteering your time. For more information please contact our Conference President, Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495. Collection date: **Second Sunday: December 13.**

TENDER MERCIES – November 29

If you can donate a food item this month, **please** call the office at 513.721.4045. We really need your help. Thank you.

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Enroll deceased family and friends in the Saint Xavier Book of Remembrance. Those enrolled are remembered at Mass once a month throughout the rest of the year. Special envelopes will be at the Pieta. Fill out the envelope or mail your name(s) to the office, and we will add the name(s) to the Memorial Book which is located at the Pieta during the month of November. AMDG

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This weekend is the last weekend to turn in food for this food drive. They will be picking up food on the 23rd. Thank you for all your support.

YOUNG ADULTS

There is more to life than what we see. Are you looking for ways to continue growing in the Spirit and make connections with others? We are starting a Young Adults group for those interested in creatively connecting with others during the time of COVID. The first event will be held in early January. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, let us know if you are interested by emailing: office@stxchurch.org

Holy Land Carvings -December 5/6

Due to the bad situation and the interruption of the tourist trade, hundreds of families of the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Our mission is to bring and sell the Olive Wood Carvings to Catholic Churches in the United States to help the Christian families remain in their homes and support their families. These Christians who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved Olive Wood religious items are depending on us to bring these beautiful carvings and religious items to you. Please help support this self-help project that enables to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land. We are accepting cash, checks and credit cards. Thank you for your support!

The Mystery of God and Suffering

Ken Overberg, S.J., will be signing and selling (\$20) his new book, *The Mystery of God and Suffering*, in the parish center after the 10:30 Mass on December 6. Fr. Overberg's book speaks to "...all those who suffer and search for meaning in their suffering...with a focus on the eternal concepts of life and love that are not simply integral to but inseparable from a God who is good..." You can also purchase the book by mail: send your name and address and \$20 to Ken Overberg, S.J., Xavier University, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

St. Xavier Giving Tree

St. Xavier Church is once again pleased to offer our parishioners the exciting opportunity to participate in our GIVING TREE Program. Each year we partner with several community agencies that serve the needs of children, families, and the elderly. **How it works?** Beginning the weekend of **November 28 and 29** simply take a tag off the Giving Tree near the front entrance of Church. Make your purchase as described on the tag. Unless it is specified, wrap the gift at home, **be sure to attach the tag on the wrapped gifts**. Bring the gift(s) back to St. Xavier no later than the weekend of **DECEMBER 12 and 13**. It is very important to return the gifts by this weekend as they will be delivered to the various organizations prior to Christmas. Please be considerate about this return date. **This year many agencies are looking for gift cards so the workers can provide needed items for their clients and have them safely delivered.** This is a wonderful way to live our "Outward Action!" **For more Information**, contact Deacon Tim Crooker at tcrooker@stxchurch.org.

ROSARY – December 16 at 7 PM The rosary will be held here at St. Xavier Church. All are welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. XAVIER

Christmas Dec 24/25:

Christmas Eve: 4pm, 5:30pm, and Midnight

Christmas Day: 7, 9, 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 1 *This is a holy day of obligation*

Masses: 6:00am, 11:30 am & 5 pm (*no confessions*)

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Support St. X through Kroger! **This last quarter St. Xavier received \$436.65!** Tell all your family, friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Re-wards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

AmazonSmile

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate to St. Xavier Church! The first time you sign on at smile.amazon.com use your existing account email and password. You can select **St. Xavier RC Church**, Cincinnati, OH. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid minus any rebates and excluding shipping and handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is inviting Catholics to participate in the "Pray A Minute" movement from now until January 1, 2021. You are asked to pray one minute (or more) than you normally pray every day for the intention of peace, justice, and goodwill in our country. To learn more, go to www.PrayAMinute.com.

FORMED...

The best Catholic content ALL in one place! It's easy and free to register. Go to Formed.org
Password: 2GNYN7 Click "Register and enter your name, email address and desired password.
You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! Enjoy and share with others!

Take a virtual tour of St. Xavier Church! Parishioner Jay Joyce has compiled over 200 photos and illustrations to create a digital tour guide of our Church in PDF format. You'll see details and parts of our Church you've probably never seen or noticed. The guide includes brief biographies of each of the holy men and women who are depicted in the murals and statues throughout the Church as well as some history about St. Xavier. You can go to our website under WELCOME / TOUR OF CHURCH INTERIOR or you can view the guide online, or download it to your phone or other portable device. If you would like to order a hard copy please call the office for information. Click here

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GFaOOegJcNazjpgRmmEGvC46ECI6j6G3/view?usp=sharing>.

THANK YOU!

We also want to emphasize, in a humble yet sincere way, that **we still need your financial support**. If you are able, we ask that you continue to support St Xavier with your regular Sunday Offering.

There are simple and secure ways you can do this:

- Visit our website at www.stxchurch.org/Donations and click the round **Donate** icon.
- Mail your Sunday Offering to: St Xavier Church, 611 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help us fulfill our mission.

Live Stream Mass from Bellarmine Chapel on the campus of Xavier University:

www.bellarminechapel.org/livestream