



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

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

Most recent parish bulletin: <https://www.stxchurch.org>



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THANK YOU to all those who remember to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. Your generous support of St Francis Xavier parish has enabled us to give to these local charities: Catholic Charities of SW Ohio, Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, St Vincent DePaul Society & Tender Mercies.

Current COVID Policy

Please remember that *unvaccinated parishioners* are kindly requested to continue wearing masks when attending mass at St. Xavier Church. Also, based on the recent release from Hamilton County Public Health, the wearing of masks in enclosed spaces or areas of close contact is recommended even for fully vaccinated people. Parishioners of St. Xavier are encouraged to wear masks while in the pews due to being in close proximity with each other, but this is not a requirement.

Priests, Eucharistic ministers, and musicians at St. Xavier will continue to wear masks during times of close contact during mass. We will not return to a mask mandate or seating restrictions unless notified by local government or Archdiocesan offices. As conditions change, as they may from week-to-week, it is possible that former COVID policies will be reinstated. We are not there yet.

Please be kind to each other during these coming weeks as we try to respond to the current pandemic as a community. Remain attentive to public health recommendations, to the common good, and to our need to care for each other. Patience and compassion are not always easy, but they are the foundation of all we profess.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor



Caring for our Church

The restoration of our church's belltower and eaves is underway! Prior to my arrival as Pastor, it became apparent that the clock tower and box-gutters on our church need to be repaired. This work was delayed in part due to the changing of pastors and in part due to the pandemic lockdown. As it stands, the work is slated to be finished sometime in late November or early December. Please pray for the health and safety of all who are involved in this massive undertaking.

The planned restoration will address specific structural issues that have led to leaking and water damage, and it will also attend to the tower's edifice. The first stage of these necessary repairs will be to shore up any places outside where water might be entering the church. During the second stage, work will move inside to scrape away damaged material and refinish our beloved interior.

St. Xavier church is our place of prayer, our spiritual home. As with repairing any home, there may be times of inconvenience, and more than a little dust raised up. As work progresses from the outside to the inside, the parish staff is committed to keeping you updated. We look forward to a completed exterior restoration (first stage) by the end of this liturgical year!

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This year the Society of Jesus celebrates the Cannonball Year: the 500-year anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion. Until his thirties, Ignatius was dedicated to winning worldly acclaim, a pursuit that led him into a battle where his leg was shattered by a cannonball. Over the course of a nine-month recuperation, the far-from-saintly soldier experienced a conversion that altered his perception of how the Holy Spirit was at work in his life. This conversion would lead Ignatius into a way of prayer and action that would eventually affect millions of lives.

On our website, if you click on the box marked "Cannonball Year", you will find a document titled "Christ Plays in 10,000 Places", published by the Jesuit Conference. This line from a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ speaks to the way in which God is constantly present in our lives, loving us, and re-creating us, if we only have the eyes to see. Even more than this, though, is the awareness that God has been with us all along.

Over the course of this year, the hope is that we all come to see those "cannonball moments" in our own lives: times when God has broken into our awareness, offering us a new path forward. Perhaps, as you take time to peruse these reflections, you will find your own moment of clarity and become aware of how you are called to change, grow, and deepen in your relationship with God. Through prayer, reflection, and the practice of good works, may we all come to see how "Christ plays in 10,000 places".

SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

October 3 Presentation from Noon to 1 PM

Come hear Fr. Endres discuss how pioneers and immigrants, despite persecution, transformed the city's Catholic presence, building an impressive network of churches, schools and charities. The early Catholic history of the city still reverberates today 200 years later. Light lunch available after the 10:30 AM Mass.



YOUNG ADULTS – October 3

If you are in your 20's come join us! Food and fellowship begin at 6 PM (after the 5 PM Mass).

Meetings are held in the Parish Center every other week. For Information: Contact: pastor@stxchurch.org



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

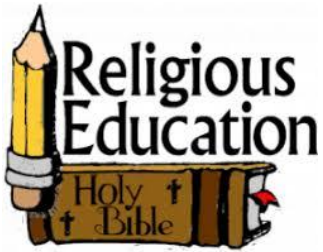


St. Xavier Church will begin having Adoration and Confession on Tuesday evenings from 5—6 PM. Please come and pray with us!



RSVP for Active Discipleship Day

Saturday, October 9th we will be joining with Bellarmine Chapel and the Church of the Resurrection for Active Discipleship Day, a morning of service and fun! This day is an archdiocesan-wide day of service. *"Let Your Service Shine,"* in honor of the Sisters, Brothers, and Priests who have served in the 200-year history of our archdiocese. We will gather at the Arrupe Overlook on the Gallagher Student Center (3800 Victory Parkway on Xavier University's campus) at 9 AM, go out to service sites across the community, and return to campus for lunch, wrapping up at 1 PM. Please RSVP at <https://form.jotform.com/bellarmino/Fall2021> or by contacting Bellarmine's Director of Social Mission, Tim Severyn, at severynte@xavier.edu



RELIGION EDUCATION CLASSES

Religion Classes to prepare for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will begin this fall.

Classes meet every Sunday morning in the Parish

Center at 10. Please Register now. **Classes start Sunday, September 26** at 10 AM.

Please email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org to sign up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

We are looking for teachers who can help in Religious

Education classes to prepare children for the

sacraments. The classes will begin at the end of

September and meet every Sunday morning in the

Parish Center at 10 AM. Would you like to join and share your knowledge of faith with children? Please email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org



RCIA

If you or someone you know is

interested in becoming Catholic, whether converting from another denomination or being baptized for the first time, classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults begin soon. The program starts in September and continues through the Easter Season. Please spread the word among family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings that a person can experience.

For information, email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, October 5, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book "Born Survivors" by Wendy Holden. This is a true account of three pregnant women who meet in Auschwitz and fight for their own survival as well as the survival of their newborns. Please join us!



MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at Divine Mercy Church, 318 Division Street, Bellevue, KY on **October 20 at 7 PM in their Grotto**. We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary every night in October for the month of the Blessed Mother at **8 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.



THURSDAY SOCIAL - October 21

Fort Mitchell Public House, 2053 Dixie Hwy., Ft. Mitchell.

Come join fellow parishioners for some food and a little socializing!
The fun happens around 4—7 PM! All are welcome.



TENDER MERCIES – October 31

You still can help out.....If you can donate food items for Tender Mercies on Sunday, please have them here by 11:00 AM. Thank you for all you do for this worthwhile ministry.

SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

A "Service of the Longest Night" Prayer

Service will be held on November 13 at 10:00 am in the Church. This service and program is for all who are grieving a loss of any kind. With the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, we all experience losses of social connections, touch, mobility, to name a few. In addition, people are grieving losses due to death, divorce, unemployment, infertility, etc. Your needs for hope and healing are important, so we gather in prayer and conversation to provide comfort, healing and hope. The Prayer Service will be followed by a program in the Parish Center, designed to assist people in *Getting Support for Grief and Loss During the Holidays*. Please join us and feel free to invite friends and family members.



Bellarmino Chapel Grief Support Group

Bellarmino Chapel's Grief Support Group offers an opportunity to meet with others on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Facilitated by a team of trained grief counselors, they are extending an invitation to St. Francis Xavier parishioners to join them. The next sessions will be on Wednesday, October 6, and 20, 7:00- 8:15 p.m. on Zoom. If you have lost a loved one or are experiencing other losses, please plan to join them for support and consolation. To receive the Zoom link by email please contact Angie Thorman Grimsley at angie.thorman@gmail.com



BEACONS UPDATE:

COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES" – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment **October 1-20** at www.BeaconsAOC.org Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese. Go to <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light>

CHECK THIS OUT

31 Days with St. Ignatius:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/31-days-with-saint-ignatius/?bblinkid=252320737&bbemailid=32316144&bbejrid=2019588927>

LIVE STREAMING!



Sundays at 10:30 AM & 5 PM AND Weekdays at 11:30 AM

[Two ways to Watch: From the Parish website: www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org)
(click on "Live Stream" button) or Youtube: search for St. Xavier Church Cincinnati



Support St. X through Kroger! 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). 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. Xavier received \$455.82 this last quarter! Thanks for all your support!**

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Emmet Cahill, world-renowned Irish tenor and star of Celtic Thunder,

will perform in concert on **Wednesday, Oct. 6**, at Mother of God Church. Tickets are available for the concert only-\$30, or come early for the meet-and-greet-\$45. Get ready for an evening of inspiring hymns, Irish folk songs and Broadway melodies brought to life by

this wonderfully talented singer who has appeared at Carnegie Hall and many other international venues. The meet-and-greet starts at 6 pm. A pre-concert performance with the Mother of God Contemporary Ensemble starts at 7:10 pm, followed by the concert at 7:30 pm. Purchase your tickets online at www.emmetcahill.com. Tickets will also be available soon after the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses on Sundays at Mother of God, or call 859-512-1063.

MASS and HEALING SERVICE

Celebrate mass followed by a healing service on **Wednesday, October 6th at 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Parish**. 5222 North Bend Rd., Monfort Heights. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more info visit our website at www.LRC1.org or call 513-471-LITE (5483).

NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE – October 8 & 9

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases. Hosted by Faith Community of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Police. WHERE: Avondale and West End. Friday 6 – 8 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM. Learn more: www.faithandblue.org

Now and At the Hour of Our Death:

Catholic Medical and Funeral Planning for the End of Life

It's never too soon to begin thinking about our own funeral, end-of-life care, and who will be making those decisions. Join us to learn about how to get started on planning a Catholic funeral and what the Church teaches on key end-of-life issues.

Topics include:

- Pre-planning the three stages of the Catholic funeral
- What the Church really teaches about cremation
- How to approach difficult end-of-life decisions with your loved ones from Catholic perspective (life support, medical power of attorney, etc.)

Tues, Oct 5, 7p-8:30p

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Weds, Oct 6, 1:30p-3p

Online

***PRESENTERS:**

Mr. Jeremy Helmes, Director, Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments

Mr. Bob Wurzelbacher, Director, Office for Respect Life Ministries

Mr. Tom Jordan, Director, Catholic Cemeteries

***COST: FREE**

***PLEASE RSVP TO: <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/now-and-at-the-hour-of-our-death>**

Request: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Francis Seraph Ministries (SFSM) is looking for Volunteers to help with their Cooking for the Family Program at the Saint Anthony Center located at 1615 Republic Street, 45202. The dates are Tuesdays from 4-9pm on 10/5, and on Saturday from 9am-2pm on 10/2. SFSM nourishes and nurtures anyone in need, and this Program teaches students to cook for a family of 4-6 for under \$10. Please sign up online [HERE](#) or contact Theresa for more information at tdiersen@sfsministries.org

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA DINING ROOM

They offer the urban poor in Over-the-Rhine an opportunity of dignity with a safe environment to have a hot meal served by compassionate volunteers. Meals are served Monday through Friday Breakfasts (excluding major holidays) at 7am-9am and Dinners (excluding major holidays) at 4-6pm. Located at 1615 Republic Street. If you would like to volunteer you can call Theresa Diersen at 513-549-0542 ext. 289 or tdiersen@sfsministries.org

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP - Catholic Charities

Southwestern Ohio is recruiting **volunteers to serve as mentors** to refugee youth ages 15-24. Work with refugee youth to promote social and civic engagement and support academic and vocational advancement. Volunteers must be 18 or older and commit 2 hours a week. No foreign language skills required. Contact Donald Foley at 513.672.3824 or dfoley@ccswoh.org for more information. **Affordable housing needed** for refugees resettling in the Greater Cincinnati area. For more information, contact Annie Scheid at 513.672.3784 or ascheid@ccswoh.org.

LAST MILE FOOD RESCUE IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HUNGRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR CITY

- Did you know that 35% of food goes to waste while 20% of Cincinnati's population struggles with food insecurity? Last Mile uses the power of technology to connect volunteer drivers to good food in need of rescue. Our simple app takes you every step of the way - from picking up food to dropping off at local non-profits. Would you donate an hour of your time to help us rescue good food and deliver it to those who need it most? To date, Last Mile has rescued 500,000 pounds of food in just seven months. Our goal is to hit one million pounds of food rescued by the end of 2021. Join us in the movement to #endfoodwaste and become a food rescue hero today! Get started by downloading the app! www.lastmilefood.org/our-app

"FRIENDS OF CISE" 41st Annual Raffle will be held virtually on December 17, 2021.

Grand Raffle Tickets are \$100 each. Prizes are \$10,000, \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500. Tickets are \$100 each. Winning tickets will be drawn by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. You can view a video of the live drawing at www.CISEKids.org after the drawing on December 17th. For more information or to purchase tickets contact the CISE office at 513.263.3472 or TMiller@CISEKid.org.

Proceeds provide tuition aid to low-income students attending ten Catholic inner-city, elementary schools in Cincinnati. Following the recent additions of St. William and St. Cecilia to our network of schools, enrollment is 28% higher allowing CISE to service 2,600 students in Cincinnati's inner-city. Please help us by supporting the raffle and the children of Cincinnati's inner-city. The schools supported by CISE are St. Boniface, Corryville Catholic, St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Seraph, *Holy Family*, *St. Joseph*, *St. Lawrence*, *Romero Academy at Resurrection*, *St. William*, and *St. Cecilia*.