



**September 10, 2020**

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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](http://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.*

### **WELCOME!**

St. Xavier Church will be welcoming its new pastor, Fr. Paul Lickteig, S.J., this weekend! Father Lickteig was ordained a priest in 2012, and he served as associate pastor here from 2013 to 2016. He recently completed his "tertianship" in Australia. Tertianship is the final stage of Jesuit formation; it includes making a retreat of thirty days according to the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, studying in detail the constitutions and other key documents of the Jesuits, and engaging in an apostolic ministry that helps challenge and stretch the young Jesuit. Let us welcome Fr. Lickteig as he arrives and takes on the leadership of our historic St. Xavier parish.

## **AUGUST MASS ATTENDANCE (average)**

<b>Sat. 4 PM</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Sun. 7 AM</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>9 AM</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>5 PM</b>	<b>88</b>

## **SAYING GOODBYE**

With heartfelt gratitude, we bid farewell to **Rev. Bob Thesing, SJ** who has shepherded our parish over these past few months. It was a welcomed return for our parishioners who remembered him fondly as pastor from 1996 to 2005. As acting pastor, he guided us during these challenging covid-19 times, determining how we could reopen amid the mandated restrictions and helped keep our beloved parish alive and well. Thank you, Fr. Thesing, and God bless you in your future assignments.

## **LAST MASSES AT ST. XAVIER**

**Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ** who has completed his time here at St. Xavier, will be celebrating his final Masses at St. X on Sunday, September 20 at both the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. This will be an opportunity for a celebratory “goodbye” for all of us. We will certainly miss Father Veigas, and we thank God for his generous service to St. Xavier Parish.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS**

We are looking for teachers who can help in Religious Education to prepare children for First Eucharist. 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? Call Diane at 513-721-4045 or email [droden@stxchurch.org](mailto:droden@stxchurch.org)

## **Marriage Preparation Class**

Saturday, September 19 from 8 AM—4 PM

Are you getting married within the next year and would like to attend the class here? To register for a Saturday workshop please fill out the form at [www.stxchurch.org/precana](http://www.stxchurch.org/precana) Any questions, please email Kathy at [kengland@stxchurch.org](mailto:kengland@stxchurch.org)

## **RCIA**

A new **RCIA class** will be forming in the Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized in the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic from another Christian denomination please call the parish office and leave your name and number. You will be contacted with more information once the schedule has been established. The program usually starts in September and continues through the Easter Season. With the arrival of two new priests in the parish, expect to see some exciting new ways to be part of the RCIA program. For now, spread the word among family and friends that becoming Catholic is one of the greatest blessings that a person can experience. Call

the main office and tell Diane you are interested.

## 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. Call Diane at 513-721-4045 or email [droden@stxchurch.org](mailto:droden@stxchurch.org) to sign up.

## 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 Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)

## AmazonSmile

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://www.PrayAMinute.com)

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**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. 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](http://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 from Bellarmine Chapel on the campus of Xavier University  
[www.bellarmineschapel.org/livestream](http://www.bellarmineschapel.org/livestream)