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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 5, 2021**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 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

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 6—11

MON 6	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
	11:30	+	Elaine Brandt (Birth.)
			Jane Kramig (1st Annv.)
TUES 7	6:00	SI	Special Intention
	11:30	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
		+	Ruth Due
WED 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Masses: 6:00 & 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM		
THU 9	6:00	+	Carl & Joyce Braun
	11:30	+	Timothy Meyer (Annv.)
FRI 10	6:00	+	John Burns (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Mary Helen Dyer
		+	Sr. Rose Rauen, OSB
SAT 11	7:00	+	Deceased Members of our St. Vincent dePaul Conference

Music

December 5, 2021

Opening: On Jordan's Bank #418

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #996

Scripture Readings: Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation
#198, 200, 202, 204

Communion: Jesus, Hope of the World #909

Closing: The King Shall Come
When Morning Dawns #414

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Offering for November 21	$ 6,978
Online Giving	4.964
Total for November 21	$11,942
Sunday Offering for November 28	$ 8,829
Online Giving	2,597
Total For November 28	$11,426

Financial Note: *If you are over age 72 and are required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. X by giving to St X directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. Consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation.*

QR CODE

This QR code allows for electronic giving by connecting you via cellphone to "We Share," our online giving app. You can also aim your phone camera at the code shown or from the front pages of the hymnal and follow the on-screen prompts to make a donation!

YOUNG ADULTS—DEC 12—GAUDETE SUNDAY PRE-CHRISTMAS X-TRAVAGANZA

If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us in the Parish Center at 6pm (right after the 5pm Mass).

CHRISTMAS THURSDAY SOCIAL

December 16—Indian Mound Café

5226 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati. Come join fellow parishioners for some food and a little socializing! Join in with Secret Santa and bring along a $10 Christmas Gift. The fun happens around 4—6 PM! All are welcome.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, January 4, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. This historical novel is the unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. Please join us!

READERS at Mass

The **2022 Lector Workbooks** are available in the Priest Sacristy for pickup after Masses this weekend. If you are a Reader at St. X, please pick up your copy.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **December 15 at 7 PM.** We are also doing **ZOOM** Rosary on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays in November at **7 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

November MASS ATTENDANCE *(average)*

Sat. 4 PM	**118**		
Sun. 7 AM	**96**	Sun. 9 AM	**158**
Sun. 10:30 AM	**209**	Sun. 5 PM	**132**

The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us

This wonderful season of Advent seems to pass as quickly as our shopping opportunities. We are but three weeks away from celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord. Each year it's the same mad rush to get everything done. More than a few of us are already thinking that we have more presents to purchase, more decorations to get and display, more food to buy, order, prepare. We get caught up in the preparing for the festivities of the upcoming season that we hardly notice the one we are in. We do that a lot, don't we. We long for the cooler days of autumn and barely enjoy the long hotter days of summer. We tend to look to what is coming and ignore the moment.

Advent constantly reminds us to be prepared, to wait in joyful hope, to set our sights on the promise of the future. But Advent does not ask us to ignore where we are or how to live in this season. We get the idea of preparing. We do that very well: our home, our hearth, our ritual dinners. However, we seldom live as people being prepared. Our entire lives are a process of being prepared; prepared to be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom. When we live our lives in this way, we can dial back the tinsel and lights that distract us from our journey.

John the Baptist tells us to make straight the paths in our life. He advises us to make low the mountains, those obstacles that hold us back. Obstacles like the materials things for which we lust after, the addictions that we let control us, the desires for earthly things that consume us. John encourages us to fill in our valleys, the valleys of despair, of self-isolation, and of rejection of God's truth. He tells us to clear the pebbles and boulders from our road so as not to let them become stumbling blocks. Our path to receive Our Lord should be smooth, flat, and clean.

Why should we do all this hard work? John, the herald of Our Lord says it is because when we do "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Perhaps John's words need to be seen in the light that we should prepare ourselves so as to rid ourselves of all that is not focused on the real meaning of Jesus' incarnation—our salvation. Advent is the season set aside for us to renew our attention that "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126)

Deacon Tim Crooker

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND DEC. 5

4:00 pm	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 12

4:00pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

NEXT WEEK—DEC 12—Marian Art Talk & Display

St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a collection of Marian art by the local artist Holly Schapker, with an opening on Dec. 12 at noon in the Parish Center. The event will include a talk by the artist on Marian devotion and its intersection with devotional art. Light food and refreshments will be served. The collection will be on display through February. The Parish Center is located directly beneath St. Francis Xavier Church at 611 Sycamore St. in downtown Cincinnati. Enter beneath the scaffolding through the side door.

ADVENT RETREAT! Praying Together This Advent

For Advent this year, Bellarmine and St. Xavier parishes have invited Susan Stabile, spiritual director and specialist in Ignatian spirituality from Minneapolis, to lead us in prayer. (Check out Susan's website http://susanstabile.com). On the four Saturdays preceding the Sundays of Advent, beginning at 9am, Susan will offer (using Zoom) a presentation on the prayer theme for the week. Participants will have a booklet including daily prayer themes and prompts for reflection, and will meet weekly with a small group in person or on Zoom. Registration will be handled through Bellarmine Chapel, who has graciously agreed to host this event over Zoom and organize groups for meeting. We look forward to meeting members of our sister parish in each of our groups, though group participation is not required. Please contact Jane Myers myers@bellarminechapel.org if you are willing to facilitate a group. Please complete this form to register for an Advent Prayer Group: https://form.jotform.com/213075473903051

Advent Wreath Prayer—Week 2

As we make straight the path for the Lord, we light two candles and pray for those people who live in doubt, anxiety, and fear, who are comforted by the face of Christ in pregnancy shelters, counselling centers, and pastoral services throughout our nation.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

On Dec 23 we will decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to buy some poinsettias for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or clip this notice and return it with payment in the collection or mail it to the parish office.

Suggested donation $10. Thank you!

1._____

2. _____

3. _____

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Robert MacDougall, Jennifer Scanlon, Mary Ann, Diane Roden, Jim Harter, Peggy McWilliams, Fred Giglia, Shawn Ives, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Gloria Ionna, Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Debbie Palmisano, Shirley Himmelmann, Chet Stewart, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Don Maushart, Sherri Powell, Gerard Seissiger, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Sawyer, Ray Teepen, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, Philip Gigliotti, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Larry Reinersman, Jim Krohmer, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, Danny Dell, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Adelie Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, TJ Ducklo, Lynda Pierce, Joseph Brehm, Gina Martin, Robert Miller, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Debbie Garnett, Jeanne Miller, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, Iland, and Gregg.

Congratulations

...to **George and Kate** (Gorman) **Phillips** who were married last weekend!

Congratulations

...to Lila Ruth Hartings, daughter of Jed and Andrea Hartings who was baptized last week!

Baptism Prep Classes—December 21

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, December 21 @ 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

Ignatian Examen

Bellarmine Parish has invited parishioners at St. Xavier to join them in praying the Ignatian Examen on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to pray this "simple life changing prayer" and spend 30 minutes reflecting and reviewing the day with God. Please complete the form which is in our News Flash this weekend. Select if you would like to receive notifications of the weekly Examen prayer time/Zoom link. Login details will be sent to your email a few hours prior to the meeting.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

St. Xavier Church offers Adoration and Confession on Tuesday evenings from 6—7 PM. Please come and pray with us!

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