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JANUARY 9, 2022

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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



Music

January 9, 2022

Opening: When John Baptized by Jordan's River #467

St. Henry Gloria—inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: 1014

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Eucharistic Acclamation

Mass of the Angels and Saints
#375,376,377, 388

Communion: Behold the Lamb #939

Closing: Song of Thankfulness and Praise #459

MASS INTENTIONS January 10—15

MON 10	6:00 + 11:30 +	Jerry Kreger (Birth.) Jane Sansalone + The Schutte Family
TUES 11	6:00 + 11:30 +	Parish Book of Remembrance Roy Ashcroft
WED 12	6:00 + 11:30 +	Elmer Link Charles S. Ginocchio
THU 13	6:00 + 11:30 +	Bob Cetrulo (Birth.) Marsha Bergs
FRI 14	6:00 + 11:30 +	Ed and Jackie Roden Carolyn Voss (Annv.)
SAT 15	7:00 + SI	Alice DeMange (1st Annv.) Ted Teismann (Birth.)

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday, January 2 \$ 6,302

Online 5,163

Sunday, January 2 Total \$11,465

Opportunities for Supporting St. Xavier Church

- You can donate from your IRA or 401k directly to St. Xavier at any time and potentially gain a tax benefit
- For those 72 or older, you can donate some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD.) This donation is excluded from your taxable income and provides an associated financial benefit
- Remembering St. Xavier in your will and estate planning may also reduce your income or estate taxes

For more information please contact Mary Stutler at mstutler@stxchurch.org

The above is intended to be general information. Before initiating any tax planning, always contact your personal financial and tax planner.

**YOUNG ADULTS— January 9**

The Young Adult Group meets every other week. The next meeting is **January 9** after the 5 PM Mass. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us in the Parish Center at 6pm.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **January 19 at 7 PM**. ZOOM Rosary is on Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays in November at **7 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

Winter Retreat with Susan Stabile

Plan to join us for a winter retreat on **January 28- 29, 2022** with Susan Stabile, retreat leader in the Ignatian tradition. Susan is currently leading the Advent at-home retreat remotely for us and for St. Francis Xavier parish, and will be with us in-person in January. **On Friday evening we will gather at Bellarmine Chapel from 7 to 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, we will gather at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The theme and registration information will be announced soon. Please save the date and plan to come!

TENDER MERCIES—JANUARY 30

If you can donate a food item for this month's trip to Tender Mercies, please call the office.

**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!

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Today we celebrate an event that might seem somewhat strange: the Baptism of the Lord. In Acts 19:4 Paul states that “*John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.*” If that is true, why would Jesus Himself be baptized? Peter writes in his first letter “*...baptism, which saves you now...is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...*” (1 Peter 3:21). How could Jesus have need of a clear conscience, being free of sin?

Hence the oddness of our feast!

But Jesus is not here to receive the benefits of John's baptism: He has come to make baptism beneficial in the first place. For it is part of God's plan that all humanity be bathed and reborn, cleansed from sin, by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His Son: at the very beginning of His public life Jesus foreshadows this by submitting to the baptism of John. He identifies Himself with sinners—Emmanuel!—and suffers humiliation by it just as He would, in the end, be innocently condemned. Even John sees this, such that in Matthew's Gospel John protests, saying, “*I need to be baptized by you!*” (Matthew 3:14): in essence “*I'm the sinner, not you!*” Then He is buried in the water, and rises up again, and a voice from Heaven confirms Jesus' identity as the beloved Son of God as if to declare the Father's love for the whole world by the sacrifice of His Son (John 3:16) but also a foreshadowing of what would be spoken at His death, when the earth—not heaven—would be torn open a soldier would declare “*Truly, this was the Son of God!*” (Matthew 27:54). It's all here.

There is more: as Christians, as followers of Jesus, we might do well to consider that as a sign of His love for us, Jesus has never asked anything of us that He Himself has not done first. Just as at the beginning of His ministry He submitted to baptism just as we do at the beginning of our Christian life. Yet in our baptism something happens that did not happen at His: He was already innocent when washed; clean, when cleaned. We are washed, the blood and water that poured from His pierced Heart carrying away the dirt of our sins. We are made like Him—“*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ,*” (Galatians 3:27)—and being thus like Him the voice of God, now our Father as well, may say of us, “*YOU are my beloved...with YOU I am well pleased.*”

Rev. Jacob Boddicker, SJ



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JAN. 9

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 16

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

Marian Art Display

St. Francis Xavier Church is hosting a collection of Marian art by the local artist Holly Schapker. The collection will be on display through February. The Parish Center is located directly beneath St. Francis Xavier Church, 611 Sycamore St., downtown Cincinnati. Enter beneath the scaffolding through the side door.



St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, February 15, at 3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book, *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld. A modern-day version of the Bennett family, the novel both honors and updates Jane Austen's beloved family tale. Please join us!

December MASS ATTENDANCE (average)

Sat. 4 PM	131		
Sun. 7 AM	113	Sun. 9 AM	168
Sun. 10:30 AM	227	Sun. 5 PM	142



**THURSDAY SOCIAL
January 20—RUSTY BUCKET**

2692 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, The fun happens around 4—6 PM! All are welcome.

welcome

Let's welcome our new members of the parish since July, 2021:

Christopher and Susan Arlinghaus, Melissa Ayril, Emily Baechtold, Joseph and Kathleen Brossart, John and Anne Busse, Jacob Clark, Leslie Clark, Rory and Susan Clear, Nathaniel and Lauren Colvin, Christopher and Angela Durepo, Alexa Fleming, Chris and DeAnn Fleming, Mike and Amy Foley, Jene and Bonnie Galvin, John Koz, Eileen Lee, John Lewnard, Laura Magguilli, Austin and Lauren Moman, Aaron Monk, Katie O'Loughlin, Marybeth Reinhold, Steve and Pat Robertson, Ross-Asmah, Samantha, James Solimine, Michael and Katelin Sondles, Tim and Christine Steigerwald, David and Allison Tonnis, Kensie Verratti, Jennifer Wilt and Robert Zeis, Sr.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
 Kevin England, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylon, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Jennifer Scanlon, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Peggy McWilliams, 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, Adelle 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, Debbie Garnett, Jeanne Miller, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

Congratulations

...to **Oliver Jan Porvaznik**, son of Jan and Alyssa Porvaznik;
 ...to **William Mason Weber**, son of Travis and Molly Weber who were baptized in December

Congratulations

...to **Nick and Courtney (Hubbard) Browning** who were married in December.

Please pray for the souls of the following parishioners who passed away during December:

**Julianne Baechtold
Nancy Keating
John Studer**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

**The Cathedral/St Xavier Conference of
St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati**

SVDP Conference members will be speaking about their mission and asking for your help the weekend of January 8 and 9, 2022. They provide the resources required for volunteers to visit residents of our downtown neighborhoods who need short term emergency help such as rent, utility bills, beds, furniture, etc. This help often avoids eviction or loss of utilities. The Conference relies entirely upon local donations to do this important work. Contributions can be made by mail to SVDP Cathedral Conference, 325 W. 8th St, 45202, on-line through the donation portal of the St. Xavier web site, www.stxchurch.org or through our regular collections. Envelopes will be provided in the pews and at the back of the church. If you are interested in knowing more about how you might help, please call our Conference President, Julie Stengle at 859-380-5495. Thank you and may God bless you for your help.

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