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JANUARY 23, 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

MASS INTENTIONS January 24—29

MON 24	6:00 + 11:30 +	Al and Helen Bunker Maureen Merten (Birth.) + Karen Brown (Birth.)
TUES 25	6:00 + 11:30 +	O'Connor and Whalen Families Baby McGuire
WED 26	6:00 + 11:30 + SI	Elmer Schlueter (Annv.) Lois Berwanger Peggy McWilliams
THU 27	6:00 + 11:30 +	Carmelita Schlueter Jim James (Annv.)
FRI 28	6:00 + 11:30 SI	Ray and Kate England Cathie Luckett (Birth.)
SAT 29	7:00 +	Dick Quehl (1st Annv.)



Music

January 23, 2022

Opening: Where Charity and Love Prevail #706

St. Henry Gloria—inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: 1100

Scripture Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Jubilation #324

Eucharistic Acclamations:

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

Communion: We Are Many Parts #834

Closing: Sing a New Church #741

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship for January 16 will be reported in the January 30th bulletin.

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.

**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— January 23**

The Young Adult Group meets every other week. The next meeting is **January 23** 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.

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!

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Lk 4:21

One of the basic concepts of Ignatian Spirituality is to use our imagination to consider various scripture passages and to "put yourself in the scene" of the reading. I think today's Gospel makes this use of imagination a good spiritual exercise.

Here is this man from Nazareth, coming back home after preaching and healing throughout Galilee. He is known to these people since he was a young boy, helping his father Joseph with his carpentry work. He had been away from home for some years, but surely word trickled back to his hometown. Rumors of miracles and preaching, of vast crowds following him. And now he is in the local temple. It is a place He was probably seen many times over the years.

But this time it is different. This time Jesus is speaking with authority. He reads the words of Isaiah. And then he calmly announces, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

What are his neighbors thinking? What if a local religious celebrity, someone well known to you, walked up to the ambo, read these Old Testament words, and then calmly told the congregation that this scripture passage announcing a Messiah was fulfilled? How would the people react? How would you react?

My first thought was that Jesus had such courage and conviction that He did not care what anyone thought of His actions. Then I remembered the rest of Luke's scripture passage that follows. *"When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were filled with fury. They rose up and drove Him out of town"* Jesus was not accepted in His hometown of Nazareth. The people did not accept His revelation to them, and He went away.

Within that scene, I am afraid I may have been part of the disbelieving crowd. I want to think that my faith would have been great enough to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. But I also tend to be a cynic, so I very well might have been part of the crowd pushing Him out of the city.

Today's Gospel is really a recognition of our degree of faith in Jesus. Do we truly believe that He is the way, the truth, and the life? Do we believe in Him as our personal Savior? It is a good reflection to really think about the strength of our belief. Where do we stand as a follower of this Christ? Do we invite Him to stay, or push Him away?

Mrs. Kathleen England, Pastoral Associate

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JAN. 23**

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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Marian Art Display

Join artist Holly Schapker, art historian Dr. Ceil Dorger, and Pastor Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ on January 23rd for a visual discussion exploring historical sacred art and contemporary works honoring Mary. The event will be from 11:30-1pm and the presentation will be approximately 11:45-12:45pm. 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. **Please wear your masks as we are sensitive to this momentary high rise of the pandemic.* The art collection will be on display through February.

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!

Support St. X through Kroger! 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). With all the food and gift cards that are bought throughout the year, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier! **Thanks for all your support!**

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2022 Collection Envelopes and Church Calendars are available at the back of church.

The Pope Wants To Hear From You!

The Holy Father has called for a Synod on Synodality in Rome in 2023 to discuss ways the Church can better achieve its mission through the collaborative input of the global community. There will be a townhall meeting to gather your ideas on **Saturday, January 29th** from 9-11 AM at St Francis Xavier Parish in downtown Cincinnati. You can sign up to participate using the Archdiocesan website at www.catholicaoc.org.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Kevin England, Kailey Gahan, Mary Preston, Colleen Rodenberg, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylor, 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 Freudenber, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, 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.

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Baptism Prep Classes—January 25

Baptizing your first child? The next Prep Session for the Sacrament is Tuesday, January 25 at 6 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the office to register.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **February 16 at 7 PM**. **ZOOM** Rosary is on Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays at **7 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

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