

## PASTOR'S PACE

I am not a big fan of themed events; frankly, I think when people get together we ought to be comfortable enough being ourselves and able to socialize with one another without the additives of costume, décor, and music to shape how we interact. However, when it comes to the topic of God, it helps now and again to have references to help us deepen our faith and understanding of who God is and who we are.

Beginning last weekend and for the next two, the Church has “theme” Sundays that help to orient our attention and animate our imaginations to deepen our faith and understanding of who God is and what our response to that is and can be. These feast days follow the season of Easter because in the post-resurrection time we are meant to grow as disciples of Jesus who showed us who God is. We do not have the benefit of seeing God in the person of Jesus as his disciples and friends did when he walked the earth; the mode of God's manifestation among us has been forever altered but no less diminished.

This Sunday we speak of God as Trinity because it is a doctrine central to the Christian faith and also our very lives. You will not find a theology of the Trinity in the Bible because how we speak of God and grow in relationship with God is implicit in all that we do and are because of the Trinity. The human experience of God throughout time reveals God's self-manifestation as being one God, three persons.

Perhaps the simplest way to talk about God involves relationship; it also carries the most challenging ramifications. The Trinity is God in perfect relationship of persons. The power that emanates from God is directly associated with how we come to know and worship the Divine. It is this perfect relationship that has the ability to overcome all hatred and division and bring all things into harmony, usually resulting in renewal and hope. Realizing that this relationship encompasses all creation is both humbling and inviting for us because it sustains us in our brokenness and lack of self-knowledge.

The Church becomes what it is meant to be not when it mirrors the relationship that defines our understanding of God, but becomes what is possible when it takes to heart how we understand what we profess in God as Trinity. Each time we begin our prayer in God's name we literally mark ourselves with the name or person of God as a relational being. We thereby incarnate the persons of God on our bodies, serving not only a sign, but a designation of who we are, to whom we belong, and what we desire and need to be.

Let us remember each other in prayer this week!  
+Eric J. Knapp, S.J.

## MASS INTENTIONS: May 31–June 5

MON	9:00	+Richard Bruns
TUES	6:00	Favret and Dell Families
	11:30	+Johanna Sievers
	12:05	+Dr. Richard Boiman
WED	6:00	+Leo Schulenberg
	11:30	+Richard and Martha Jennings
	12:05	+Dorothy McHugh Coler (Annv.)
THURS	6:00	+Rita M. Jones
	11:30	Sp. Int. Joan Klare
	12:05	+Ruth and Helen Niederlehner
FRI	6:00	Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+Sheila Milleck (Annv.)
	12:05	+Catherine Lawlor (Annv.)
SAT	7:00	+John Tillar (Annv.)
	11:00	+Helen Hesch (Wedd. Annv.)

**CONFESSIONS: MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11 AM-12:30**  
**SATURDAY: 11AM-1PM; Sundays**  
**when priests are available**

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS** will be a 9 AM on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. No confessions on Memorial Day.

## FAITH FORMATION

### JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER AT MILFORD

**A Family Getaway** – June 6 - a retreat for the whole family. Parts of the day will include presentations for children, led by the St. James Youth Peer Leaders; presentations for parents, led by Al Cucchetti, JSC pastoral life coordinator, and Joy Gemperline, St. James the Greater director of faith formation; and parts of the day will be for the enjoyment of the whole family. Music will be provided by JSC's own J-Company band.

**Contemplative Retreat** – Father Hans Koenen, SJ, will lead this summer's contemplative retreat June 4-10. Father Koenen's retreats are in the tradition of Willigis Jager's mindfulness practice. It is a practice that leads one to St. Ignatius' Examen of consciousness and finding God in all things. Daily celebration of the Eucharist will be offered.

**Ignatian Weekend Retreats:** This spring, nine 3-day Ignatian Weekend Retreats based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius will be offered. The retreats are silent, available for both men and women, and directed by Jesuits including Fr. Fran Daly, SJ; Fr. Ted Ross, SJ; Fr. Richard Bollman, SJ and Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ.

On Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, six Jesuits of the Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin Provinces will be ordained to the priesthood. **Jim Ackerman, S.J. will have a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Xavier Church on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.** Please remember these Jesuits in your prayers.

## CHURCH NOTES

The **Sunday collection** for May 23 was **\$9,420.73** and weekday was **\$270.35**.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:** Mary Vollmer, Ron Porges, Bob Carey, Patty Everett, Adam Stropko, Rhua Kepferle, Betsey Wilson, Elizabeth Brown, Marge Willis, Lola Davis, Diane Gottmer, and Alice Schutte.

## X-CETERA



**Congratulations to Albert and Christine (Santos) Chen and Joel and Sarah (Schrand) Kubala** who were married here May 22<sup>nd</sup>!

**Congratulations to Nora Parker**, daughter of Joseph and Jennifer (Jessup) Sebranek; **Xavier Joseph**, son of Joseph and Jessica (Montrie) Frank; **Sofia Marie**, daughter of Brian and Erika (Hall) Augustine; **Nicholas Anthony**, son of Anthony and Jessica (Lanham) Minneci; and **Emily Ann**, daughter of Aaron and Jennifer (Wagner) Burkhardt who were baptized last weekend.



**Let's Go Antiquing!** Join St. Xavier Xplorers **Thursday, June 24** to the Heart of Ohio Antique Center, Springfield, Ohio, the largest antique mall in America! (over 650 dealers) We will leave St. Xavier Church at 10 AM, have lunch at Ramona's Café and return to St. Xavier by 5:15 PM. Cost is \$38 pp and includes transportation, lunch and gratuities. Make your reservations by calling the office by Mon., June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**The offices will close at 1 PM on Mondays and Fridays until Labor Day.**



## PICTURE DIRECTORY

We are compiling a Picture Directory of all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Usher/Collectors and Sacristans. If you are involved in one of these ministries, you are asked to stop in the sacristy after mass to have your photograph taken. This will help the sacristans match names with faces and to find last minute substitutes from the congregation when a vacancy occurs in one of the ministry positions.

A friend of mine used to teach Sunday school, and her favorite hymn to sing in class was, "Oh, the Consecrated Cross I Bear." One Sunday, a concerned mother questioned my friend about a song her child said she'd learned in class. Her daughter had been singing, "Oh, the constipated, cross-eyed bear!"

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Come enjoy the outdoors and walk with the **Saint Xavier Walking Club**. We will meet **Saturday June 5 at 8:00 am** on the front steps of the church. All ages are welcome. Exercise can be fun when we are all together!



**Our Lady's Outreach** is intended to serve members of our parish to hear and live the **messages of Our Lady**. Please join us for our next meeting to be held **June 12 at 9:30 AM** in the undercroft. Sponsored by Our Lady of Light Ministries of the Holy Spirit Center.

**Remember the date:** St Xavier Health Ministry will sponsor a **Blood Drive**, Hoxworth Blood Mobile will be here on **Sunday June 27, 2010**. We are inviting all parishioners to support this worthy cause.

St. Xavier will offer a DivorceCare workshop for those suffering the pain of divorce or separation beginning **Monday, June 21, 2010 from 7:00-8:30 PM** in the undercroft. This workshop/support group will continue on Monday evenings for 13 weeks. The workshop is progressive, so please be prepared to make the commitment to attend all or most of the sessions. Call the office to register so that we have adequate materials. Cost is \$12 for workbook.

## SOCIAL ACTION

Next meeting of the St. Xavier Social Action Ministry will be Monday, **June 14** at 7:00PM in the undercroft. All are welcome!

*"Catholic teaching calls us to serve those in need and to change the structures that deny people the dignity and rights as children of God. Service and action, charity and justice are complementary components of parish social ministry. Neither alone is sufficient; both are essential signs of the gospel at work."* (U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light*.) St. Xavier Social Action Ministry invites everyone to an evening presentation on "Catholic Social Teaching: Living the Message of Jesus." Following the presentation will be an opportunity for reflection and discussion. Join the growing number of parishioners who are participating in this "essential sign of the gospel at work." Monday, **June 21** at 7:00 PM in the undercroft. Please call the office to register.

**Next weekend, Fr. Tom Bouterie from Food for the Poor will be with us and will speak at all the Masses campaigning for this important mission of feeding the hungry throughout the world.**