

PASTOR'S PACE

Along with the glory of longer, warmer, and sunnier days, summer signals transitions for all of us: children prepare to advance their schooling, companies begin a new fiscal year, and people take vacations to regenerate and rest and gain new perspectives through travel and time in contemplation. The Church also experiences changes to its staff and programs at the local level during the summer months; St. Xavier Church is not immune to this.

This summer we will bid farewell to two Jesuits who have been on staff for one and two years, respectively. Earlier this summer Frs. Chun and Whitaker were missioned to other ministries beginning in the months to come: Fr. Chun will do vocation promotion for the Chicago and Detroit Provinces on a full-time basis. Fr. Whitaker will begin teaching Philosophy at Xavier University this academic year. I think it is right and just to say that both have been valued and cherished ministers to all of us in their time at St. Xavier Church.

We will welcome Fr. Matthew Gamber to our parish at the beginning of August; Matt will serve as a full-time Associate Pastor for an indefinite length of time. Matt was ordained a priest in 1995. He is no stranger to Cincinnati: following ordination he worked in the Communications Department at Xavier University and later at a parish in Chicago until most recently where he has been at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL (north of Chicago). More about Matt in a future column as his arrival date quickens.

Frs. Murphy, Casey and I will be staying on for no established length of time.

I am grateful to Glen and Cy for the time they have spent with us; I am grateful to the Province for sending newly-ordained men to our parish, a sign to this parish that the Province is committed to sustaining the ministry at St. Xavier Church. Moreover, I am grateful to you, the parishioners of this parish, who have graciously welcomed and assisted these men in their formation as new priests and Jesuit vocations. Most likely we will see both of them on occasion as we may need assistance here and there; I ask you to hold Glen and Cy in your prayers.

I thank you as well for your patience and tolerance as we replace the HVAC system; the project should be completed in another month. The units will be covered with mill work that is similar to the confessionals and side entrance. The pews will be returned and we should be set for the long-haul with regards to our climate needs.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: July 19 - 24

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| MON | 6:00 | Sp. Int. Ted Teisman (Birth.) |
| | 11:30 | +Peter Marino |
| | 12:05 | +Richard F. Williams |
| TUES | 6:00 | +Sue E. Rieth |
| | 11:30 | +Debra Day Schulenberg |
| | 12:05 | Sp. Int. Joey Niehaus |
| WED | 6:00 | +Irene C. Matz |
| | 11:30 | Sp. Int. V. & B. Giglio |
| | 12:05 | Sp. Int. Kathy and Steve Olding |
| THURS | 6:00 | +Edward Thompson (Birth.) |
| | 11:30 | +Joseph Elfers |
| | 12:05 | +Carl and Elaine Scherer |
| FRI | 6:00 | +Katharine Gormley & Eleanor Maly Family |
| | 11:30 | +Leo Schulenberg |
| | 12:05 | +Mel Brendon Kelley |
| SAT | 7:00 | Parish Book of Remembrance |
| | 11:00 | +Helen Hesch (1 st Annv.) |

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

FAITH FORMATION

Xpressions Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 24 at 4:00 PM in the undercroft. Discussion on "*I'm Not Being Fed*" by Jeff Cavins.

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER AT MILFORD

A Prayer Time for Everything –September 17-19
The retreat, led by Fr. John Ferone, SJ, will be open to both men and women, and will seek to develop within participants a healthy and balanced life including God, self and others.

A Thirty-Day Retreat –October 10 through November 12 This Thirty-Day *Spiritual Exercises* of Ignatius Loyola Retreat will take place in the new Elias Thomas Retreat House. The Center will offer the retreat in a way that is faithful to the uniqueness of each retreatant, and will follow Ignatius' directive "to allow the Creator and Lord to deal directly with the retreatant and the retreatant to deal directly with the Creator and Lord." Spiritual directors will include Fr. Lou Lipps, SJ, Sr. Janice Bachman, OP, and Dan Roche, former JSC executive director.

For more information on these retreats call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

The teacher asked her Sunday school class, "Can anyone tell me why what we sit on in church is called a pew?" Billy raised his hand. "Because sitting there next to your sister for a whole hour stinks!"

CHURCH NOTES

The **Sunday collection** for July 11 was **\$9,833.64** and weekday was **\$391.25**. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Lisa Fetick, Dave Smith, Mary Niemczyk, Albert Bagsit, Peggy Drohan, William Thelen, Mary Vollmer, Ron Porges, Patty Everett, Adam Stropko, Rhua Kepferle, Betsey Wilson, Elizabeth Brown, Marge Willis, Lola Davis, Diane Gottmer, and Alice Schutte.

X-CETERA

Congratulations to **Jason and Lindsey** (Kellerman) **Louis and Edward** and **Beth** (Gillming) **Kamen** who were married here July 11th!

Congratulations to **Callum Christopher**, son of Keith and Eva (Lizer) O'Brien who was baptized here July 3rd!

Jesu-hits, Saint Xavier's Softball Team
Come out to support the team Tuesday at 9:00 PM at Schmidt #2 as they take on Punching Judy's!

Thirsty Thursday

July 22, 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Nada, 600 Walnut Avenue. Drink and food specials along with quality time with St. Xavier folk.

DOWNTOWN DASH AND BLOCK PARTY Run, Volunteer, Eat! This year's Downtown Dash & Block Party is on Friday, August 6th and there is something for everyone! Today members of the committee will be in the back of church to sign-up volunteers and take rib dinner orders (\$15 adults; \$8 kids; includes ribs, mac'n'cheese, beans and a drink from 5:30-8:00 PM). Visit www.downtowndash.org for more information or email us at questions@downtowndash.org with questions.



ST. XAVIER CHURCH GOLF OUTING

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the **FOURTH annual St. Xavier Church Golf Outing** on September 18th at Avon Fields. The day includes scramble golf and a picnic supper along with prizes. Contact the office for information or to register.



CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, **July 26** the church and parish offices will be closed due to the need for Duke Energy to do upgrades to our electrical system. **There will be no Masses or confessions on Monday, July 26.** The Masses that were scheduled for July 26 will be arranged for another day.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH



NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC FOR THE HOMELESS: July 24, 11:30 AM – 1:30 in the church parking lot. If you'd like to donate cookies please have them here before 11:30 AM on Saturday. Thank you!

St Xavier Health Ministry is planning a **Medical Mission Trip** to the mountainous area on the South Coast of Jamaica. The mission trip will take place March 13-20, 2011. **We are actively seeking the expertise of 3- Physicians, 2- Dentist, 1- Pharmacist, and 4- Nurses.** If you are interested in sharing your time, and talents please consider joining us and contact Barbara Westendorf in the church office. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Come enjoy the outdoors and walk with the **Saint Xavier Walking Club**. They meet every **Saturday at 8:00 am** on the front steps of the church. Any questions please contact Mary at cramary@fuse.net.



SOCIAL ACTION

OF NEIGHBORS, ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT

As we ponder this week last week's Gospel parable about the Good Samaritan and "who is my neighbor?" we can see that this fundamental message of Jesus has been constantly addressed. Most recently, *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict's third encyclical, is a call to see the relationship between human and environmental ecologies and to link charity and truth in the pursuit of justice, the common good, and authentic human development. In doing so, the pope points out the responsibilities and limitations of government and the private market, challenges traditional ideologies of right and left, and calls all men and women to think and act anew.

Our nation is currently in the midst of an economic crisis. As Catholics, we have a valuable resource in Catholic Social Teaching that gives us principles and themes to use as we analyze economic life in the light of our faith and respond in ways that promote the dignity of all. "Economic life should be shaped by moral principles. Economic choices and institutions must be judged by how they protect or undermine the life and dignity of the human person, support the family, and serve the common good. (*A Catholic Framework for Economic Life United States Catholic Conference, 1996.*) Please consider participating in the St. Xavier Social Action ministry which strives to promote awareness to the many issues that challenge us in the world today. Our next gathering is Monday, **July 19 at 7:00PM** in the undercroft. All are welcome. Bring a neighbor!