

PASTOR'S PACE

Once again, Cincinnati has made national news. As you know, Monday night's storm set ablaze the statue of Jesus that was in front of the Solid Rock church on I-75, incinerating it to ashes. Pundits, atheists, and believers alike have had a field day ascribing meaning to what happened, each seeing some sign in the statue's demise. The events of that evening got me thinking of the Gospel story we hear today.

Jesus asks his disciples and each of us to articulate our understanding of him—collectively and individually. The disciples answer Jesus with what they have heard and what they want him to be: has-been prophet, rehashed messenger, revived good guy, all of whom accomplished good things in their day but had died leaving only a legacy. None of the disciples' answers, we intuit, satisfy Jesus and make clear their understanding of who he is to them because they could only perceive Jesus to be what they wanted him to be or what they could intuit a messiah would be. Their set understanding was quickly extinguished.

Jesus tells his disciples that the role of the Christ included being rejected, put to death, and raised to new life. His description of the messiah does not include his being about might and power, but meekness and helplessness—a completely foreign and incomprehensible concept for them (and us).

Our ideas and understanding of Jesus go up in smoke unless what we say about Jesus includes the real and unavoidable suffering he endured on our behalf. Likewise, being his followers means that we too will undergo suffering and hardship not for the sake of saving anyone but because of the transforming power that comes with being stretched, challenged, and changed in that process time and again. We can all relate to the pain that this entails as well as the new and fresh outlook we have once we have undergone such a process.

Being a Christian means that we are on a journey that provides for an opportunity to grow in our understanding and participate in the life of Jesus. We need only to look at our own lives and see how the glory of God is most present in transforming our old selves into something new.

Spokespersons from Solid Rock have said that the statue will be replaced with one that is bigger and flame resistant. Far be it for me to weigh in on their plans, but it seems we do not need a bigger statue to show our faith, but the courage to set our hearts on fire to be what we believe so that others will grow in the knowledge of the Christ and his ever-presence among us.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: June 21 - 26

MON	6:00	+Virgil Phelps
	11:30	+Herman Sievers
	12:05	+Louis J. Simon
TUES	6:00	+Favret and Dell Families
	11:30	O'Connor and Whalen Families
	12:05	+George Schulenberg
WED	6:00	+William J. Williams
	11:30	+Cornelius & Joseph DeCourcy
	12:05	Sp.Int. Chris, Cyndi and Joseph Niehaus
THURS	6:00	+Debra Day Schulenberg
	11:30	+Peter Marino
	12:05	+John Tillar (Birth.)
FRI	6:00	+Ria M. Jones
	11:30	+Ray Guethlein
	12:05	+Brendon Kelley
SAT	7:00	+Edward Crane
	11:00	+Francis X. Gastright

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Please fill out your availability for July and August on line at www.stxchurch.org or pick up a sheet in the sacristy. Your dates need to be in by **June 20th**. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION

Xpressions Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 29 from 4 – 6 PM. Book discussion will be on *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis.



EXCUSES NOT TO GO TO THE YOUNG ADULT RETREAT SPONSORED BY X-ACTS. "I am too busy to waste my precious time on retreat." "Give up a whole Saturday, a Saturday night, and a Sunday morning?" "Retreats are not for me, they are for those holier than thou types. I don't need to listen to long boring talks.... I'll deal with God later when I'm old and sick." **Stop all the hair brained excuses and make a radical choice to be what you say you are, a beloved child of God.** Maybe you are wondering what happened to my excitement about my faith? Where is that burning love for God that first called me to live a gospel lifestyle? Maybe you feel it has been lost in the hectic demands of your busy life? **The Young Adult Seeker's Retreat for single and married men and women in their 20s and 30s, July 17-18, 2010 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford.** Come and be encouraged by the stories of other young adults who are also seeking a relationship with God. This retreat is sponsored by X-Acts it is a great opportunity to connect with old friends or meet new ones. The cost is \$150 a person. Scholarships are available. There is also a "special" price for two. Call Al Cucchetti at 513-248-3500 ex. 13 or you can visit the website at jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

CHURCH NOTES

The **Sunday collection** for June 13 was **\$12,178.45** and weekday was **\$284.97**.
Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Mary Niemczyk, 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 Scott and Alexis (Morell) Henderson who were married here June 12th!

Congratulations to Riley Catherine, daughter of Chris and Megan (Veith) Stagnaro and **Aiden O'Brien**, son of Mike and Colleen (O'Brien) Dehring who were baptized here June 13th!

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! Visit www.downtowndash.org to sign up for this year's NEW rib dinner, the 5k race, or to volunteer! Questions, email us at questions@downtowndash.org



Jesu-hits, Saint Xavier's Softball Team, won Tuesday night 8 – 1. The game was called in the 6th inning due to storms! The next game is **Tuesday, June 22 at 9 PM** at Schmidt Field, 250 St. Peters Street off Eastern Avenue. Please come out and support our team!

My three-year-old son, Grant, told me he learned a new song in children's church about goats on the mountain when Jesus was born. I hadn't heard that one before, so I asked him to sing it. He began, "Goats tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Goats tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born."

Ed Clark representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Our **GOAL** for the **Blood Drive, June 27**, is to have **30-35 donors**. This can easily be accomplished by our caring and giving parish community. Please call the office to set up your appointment. This act allows you to share the gift of life with a special person who would not survive without it...an individual who needs your help.

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.

TENDER MERCIES – June 27

Please call the office if you can help with this month's meal at Tender Mercies.



PICNIC NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

July 24 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM in the church parking lot. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

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

SOCIAL ACTION

Putting Our Faith into Action is not only a major theme of Ignatian Spirituality; it is the call and command of Jesus. We who are Christians are required to live out our faith by loving God and our neighbor. These two commandments of Jesus are intertwined. We can explore the reasons and methods of putting our faith into action by understanding **how and why our Catholic Church promotes what it does**. This **Monday, June 21 at 7:00**, Deacon Tim Crooker will give a presentation on "Catholic Social Teaching: Our Best Kept Secret." Following this one-hour presentation, members of the St. Xavier Social Action committee will be available to share thoughts and resources with interested parishioners. Please join us in the undercroft.



HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

Pick up your holy card for Father's Day at the entrances. Use it this week.