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JANUARY 5, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am

10:30 am (choir) and 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

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Today's readings are found at # 1011

MUSIC

Opening: We Three Kings # 463

Gloria: Mass of Redemption
p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

Responsorial Psalm 72:
Lord, Every Nation on Earth # 1011

Presentation:
Where the Promise Shines # 450

Eucharistic Acclamations:
Mass of Redemption
p. 18 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

Communion: The First Noel # 460

Closing: What Star is This # 461

MASS INTENTIONS Jan 6—11

MON 6	6:00 11:30	+ For the end of infanticide + O'Connor and Whalen Families
TUES 7	6:00 11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Rosalia O'Brien + Evelyn Zembrodt
WED 8	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Tenkotte + George and Marilyn Schulenberg + Margaret Hochleutner
THUR 9	6:00 11:30	+ Judith Hamilton + Thomas Lickteig
FRI 10	6:00 11:30	+ John Sansalone + Mary Johnson
SAT 11	7:00	+ Mary Tenkotte



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We Three Kings

Before you toss out your Christmas cards, look over them again and pause for meditation on a few of them. Maybe you have one showing the three wise men (like on the front of this bulletin). The card might show the three kings guided by that star way at the top. One of the problems with the Nativity scene is that we never go any higher than that. We don't reflect on the meaning of the star, for example.

If I were to ask you the purpose of the star, why is it there? You might say that it is designed to guide the wise men. It shines on them and for them. You might also say it shines on the Baby, acting as sort of a GPS to guide these men to Bethlehem. But go a bit higher. Whom else does the star shine upon? YOU! If you can see the star, then its light is meant for you too. The star of Bethlehem connects you to God and to others who journey to a lighter place, a higher life. As Isaiah tells us in the first reading, "Your light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you!"

Like the magi, we too are on a journey. And as Christians, we pray more and more to follow the true star who is Christ. Once you follow that star and recognize its light shining upon your life, you start to see yourself more honestly: the way God sees you, not only the bad parts, but the good as well. The light helps you recognize the faults and sins, and to **drop them** by the wayside on your journey. The light also accentuates your gifts and helps you find who you really are and the mission God has for you.

So, what about 2020? Does this Light offer you a clear 2020 vision of where you ought to go this year? Using the Gospel meditation, perhaps you might find a new year's resolution. *These three kings* can help us examine *these three things* to strengthen your desire for a more intimate relationship with Christ.

- 1. Do homage to Christ.** Keep faithful to prayer and sacraments. Use candles if necessary. Paying homage is a small way you can keep your GPS fixed on God.
- 2. Open your treasures.** In the same way you opened gifts with joy last week, look at what valuable assets and instruments you already have. Consider what gifts you bring to the stable, present them to Christ and use them. Share them. Pope Francis, in his exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* says "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort." Leave your "comfort zone" as the magi did and bestow your best gifts onto others. Treasure is everywhere.
- 3. Keep away from Herod!** Having encountered Christ in prayer and charity, return to your home country, your Baptismal graces, your roots, by another way. Don't be deceived by the sweet-talk of a distracting voice. Don't let Herod's ways divert your attention. No diversion, but CONversion. Let His Star illuminate your choices and change your steps into new territory this year. While you journey, you are no stranger, you are not alone. You walk with us to a higher light ... seeking God in all things.

— Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Pastor

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Angie Fennell, Joe Albers, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Marguerite Kron, Gerry Walsh, Phyllis Weber, Bob Dwyer, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Barbara Stewart, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelle Eaton, Steve and Sallie Smith, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joe Eley, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tommie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jojo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Gregg, and Rick.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for December 22	\$ 7,625
Sunday online offerings	3,046
Week of December 22	\$10,671

Financial Note: If you are over age 70.5 and are required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. X by giving to St X directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. Consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation

Congratulations to Cecilia Marie Westrich, daughter of Timothy and Janet (Pettit) Westrich who was baptized on the 22nd of December.

Congratulations to Douglas Bryan and Lauren (Gersbach) Nelson III who were married here on December 20th. May God bless your journey.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The sisters are here this weekend seeking your help in their ministry. For 148 years, the Sisters have offered the elderly a home where they are welcomed as Christ, cared for as a family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to Himself. They are grateful for our support. Visit their website: www.littlesistersofthepoorincincinnati.org Write checks to "LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR". Thank you.

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 5**

4:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
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5:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 12

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ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**Sunday, January 5 at 6 PM—Epiphany Party**

Celebrate the conclusion of Christmas with us! Come to the Parish Center after the 5 PM Mass for food, fellowship and the traditional Three King Cake. Bring a friend and a side or dessert to share. Ages 21-35.

PRAYER MINISTRY

On the previous page, you can see the many names of those who ask our prayers for health, healing, and happiness. We print their names so that you can pray for them too. Our staff reads their names aloud at our regular meetings. Take a minute or two each month and remember the sick, asking God for His care and consolation upon these our companions. You might clip the list and carry it with you. FrF

WELCOME to our new parishioners

Many are attracted to our faith community here at St. Xavier. These people have joined St X since January: Evelyn Adre, Sarah Barrial, Jonathan and Elizabeth Bennie, Patrick Berryman, Jacklyn Bryson, John and Anne Busse, Jack Grosser, Rory and Susan Clear, Beau and Maggie Craig, Margaret Dalton, Dung and Phung Dao, Kevin Murphy, Terry Dean, Laura DeVita Lauren DiFiore, Dan and Jenny Driscoll, Cheryl Dsouza, Jene and Bonnie Galvin, John Gradoville, Jack Grosser, Dennis Guastaferrro, Timothy Hankins, Scott and Maryanne Harsh, Tim and Barb Heist, Jan Hirlinger, Timothy Hue, Owen Huff, John Janisse Nick Johnson, Frances Jones, Kevin and Kerry Kelley, Emma Kelly, Thomas Krzywanski, William and Shari Lecky, Cassidy Lekan, Sean Lewis, David Little, Steve Mayer, Christian McCormick, Nicholas McGilvray, Kevin Murphy, Alexi Murray, Megan Nicollerat, Nicholas and Alanna Ornella, Chris Owens, Tony Paduano, Mark Palazzo, Nicholas McGilvray, Michael and Caitlin Planalp, Robert and Clare Rabe, Keith Ruehlmann, Jack and Julie Scott, Natalie Shoemaker, Ryan St. Pierre, Sean Lewis, Christian McCormick, Brian and Lauren Westgerdes, and Gregory Wuennenberg.

A heartfelt welcome to all of you. Please always know you can consider the St Xavier community your spiritual home. A M D G

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Michael Cooper, S.J. will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **May 10-20, 2020**. Includes Bethlehem, Jericho, Tabor, Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, a kibbutz, Jerusalem, Qumran, Masada, the Dead Sea, and more. Register today. Contact: Fr. Michael Cooper SJ (62 X high grad and Xavier grad) call 727-644-5544 or email Father Michael at michael.cooperinfl@gmail.com

Get together to pray the Rosary

Join our prayer group dedicated to praying the Rosary here at St. Xavier Church. Our next gathering is on Wednesday evening **January 15** at 7:00 pm.

Baptism Prep Classes

Sessions are 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center. Next **Jan 21** Call the office to register.

St. Xavier Book Club

Tues, Jan 7, at 3pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss "Ginny Moon" by Benjamin Ludwig. She's an unpredictable autistic teenager who is in the foster care system. Come join us! If you need a copy, see Diane.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Vocations Office is hosting a discernment retreat for men college age and older on January 10-12 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. No cost for this time of prayer and discernment. To register, see the website for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or call Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer at 513.263.3390.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To all who donated Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. Here are more honored names of those for whom we continue to pray: Robert Fennell, Angela Hermes, Judith Luers, Amy Murrell, Dan Edwards, Fred and Louise Murrell, Louise S. Murrell, Joseph W. Murrell, Rona and Nancy Dutton, Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ, Mrs. Mary Jo Schwartz, Patricia A. Scott, Julieanne Scahill, Margaret Juliani, Iris Hamrick, Philip and Danielle Duncan, Bob and Sally Steiner, Fr. Bill Steiner, CSSR, Bill and Rosario Jansen, Justin and Rita Weber, Erath and Keevins Families, Robert P. Schildmeyer, Leo and Agnes O'Shea, Jim Badinghaus, Ruprecht Family, Gladys and Vincent Lupinacci, Ed and Nancy Moran and Walt and Ginny Federle, Dot Kennedy, Bernie Kennedy, Dorothy Greenwell, and James E. Greenwell.

Requiescant in pace.

Status Animarum for 2019

56 Baptisms	7 First Communion
19 Confirmations	3 RCIA members joined
55 Marriages	10 Funerals

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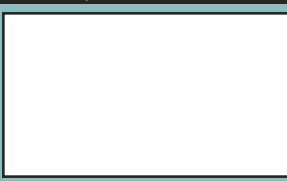
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