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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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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

**Baptism · Marriage · Anointing · RCIA**  
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### MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 17—22

PRESIDENT'S DAY		
MON 17	6:00	+ St. Xavier Parishioners
	11:30	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
TUES 18	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Mary Brigger SI Terry Lockett (Birth.) + Bob Auberger
WED 19	6:00	+ Herman Weinewuth
	11:30	+ Evelyn Zembrod
THUR 20	6:00	+ Walter Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Joan Morton
		+ June Bessette
FRI 21	6:00	SI Erwin and Norma Erhardt (Wedd.)
	11:30	+ Rosalia O'Brien
		+ Ethel Mary Homan
SAT 22	7:00	+ Vocations to DesPlaines Carmelites

Today's readings are found at # 1107

## MUSIC

**Opening:** Glory and Praise to Our God # 606

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption

p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Responsorial Psalm 119:**

Blessed Are They # 1107

**Presentation:** All Glory Is Yours # 605

**Bless the Lord, My Soul** (10:30 AM Choir only)

*Bless the Lord, my soul;*

*My innermost heart, bless his holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, my soul;*

*And forget none of his benefits.*

*He pardons all my guilt and heals all my suffering.*

*He reduces me from the pit of death*

*And surround me with constant love, with tender affection.*

*He has not treated us as our sins deserve*

*Or requited us for our misdeeds.*

*For as the heaven stands high above the earth,*

*So his strong love stands high over all who fear him.*

*Far as east is from west,*

*So far has he put our offenses away from us.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen*

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Community Mass # 370, 373, 389

**Communion:** Eye Has Not Seen # 728

**Closing:** The Kingdom of God # 736

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*Before man are life and death, good and evil,  
whichever he chooses shall be given him.*

*Sirach 5:15-20*

Many people's brains are "wired" to see life in very concrete terms. For those individuals, every question can be responded with black or white answers. I have always envied people blessed with that level of certainty. Sadly, I see life in various shades of grey. Very few things are ALL bad or ALL good. Because of my own failure with this, I try very hard not to make judgments about other people's decisions or actions.

Today's readings are all concerned with following God's law, and the need to clearly distinguish good from evil. The first reading from Sirach states the need to choose good; the Responsorial Psalm 119 reminds us to follow the law of the Lord; and the Gospel demands we follow even the least of God's commands. These readings should rightly strike fear in our hearts, because we are all human and we all fail to keep the commandments in some fashion. So, what are we to do?

We are invited to accept this real challenge to a deep **conversion** in our lives. We are told over and over that to follow God is not only about outward actions; we also need a conversion of the **heart**. Our way of living should point to our own deep, personal relationship with God. The challenge to follow Christ calls for a commitment to a living relationship with God. From that relationship comes our external behavior and our choices for good.

We choose good or evil within daily life. We know that we can talk a lot about God and not do His will. We can observe rules without giving our hearts to the Lord. Our relationship with our God should set our **hearts on fire**. We yearn to give ourselves completely to Him. We cannot pretend with God by acting one way, while our hearts are cold.

Matthew's Gospel teaches us the same lesson: it is not enough to do actions that look good in the eyes of the world and yet do not mirror our complete commitment to God. "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" We cannot just try to look good with God. God wants us to give ourselves completely to Him.

At the end of the day we can only account for our own actions. We gain nothing in judging the actions of others. We must try our very best to follow God's greatest commandments to love Him with all our hearts and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This is our personal commitment to God we are to live every day. It is a challenge we confront anew each morning. Our success in accepting this challenge will ultimately lead us back to our heavenly home.

— *Kathy England*, Pastoral Associate

## ✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Lora Lee, Joe Waters, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Joan Ludwig, Diane Dryer, Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, Joe Albers, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Marguerite Kron, Gerry Walsh, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Barbara Stewart, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelle Eaton, 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, 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 Himmelman, Karen Shaw, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, TJ Ducklo, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, 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, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, and Gregg.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for February 9	\$ 7,647
Online Giving	3,152
Week of February 9	\$10,799

**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

... **Cooper Charles Hoffer**, son of Chris and Elise Hoffer who was baptized last weekend.



### ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26

Masses: **6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM** and **5 PM**. Ashes will be distributed at all.

### SAINTS OF LENT—Sunday, March 1

Fr. Matthew Gamber S.J. will give a talk with a slide show called, "Saints of the Lenten Season" at 6 PM on Sunday, March 1st after the 5 PM Mass, in the Parish Center. Begin your Lenten program at this parish event. Refreshments provided.

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 16**

4:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 23**

4:00pm	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
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9:00am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. John Kroeger

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday, February 16 at 6 PM**

Join us at the Little Sisters of the Poor for pizza and a talk, followed by bingo and ice cream with the residents.

Carpool with a friend or meet us at St. Paul's Home after the 5:00 PM mass. Open to ages 21-35.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our book group will meet on Tuesday, **February 18**, at 3pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest novel "A Kiss for the Leper" by Francois Mauriac. The author has woven us a tale about love and belief. Come join us for a discussion of this book! If you need a copy, see Diane in the office.

**ST X MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Our gathering meets every two weeks on Thursdays from 12:00 - 12:50 (bring your lunch!). Please call 513-884-4916 to attend.

**ST X NEWSFLASH**

Our weekly Newsflash comes by email each Friday to those who subscribe. If you would like to receive our **weekly Newsflash**...or join our **Facebook group**, go visit our parish website at [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org), scroll down and see where you can and sign up on our home page!

**2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed as we stand ***Together for the Faith of the Gospel*** for thousands of people served throughout our archdiocese. To donate online, please visit [www.CatholicAppeal.info](http://www.CatholicAppeal.info). Envelopes in the pews.

**Catholic Ladies Morning of Reflection**

This is a Lenten morning for women on Saturday February 29 from 8 - 11:30 AM at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, downtown Cincinnati. Join us for this very powerful way to begin the Lenten journey.

**ADULT AND NOT CONFIRMED?**

Are you a baptized Catholic who attends St. Xavier Church but have not received the Sacrament of **Confirmation**? You may have the opportunity to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on April 11th. Call the office for Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ at 513-721-4045 or [mgamber@stxchurch.org](mailto:mgamber@stxchurch.org)

**Get together to pray the Rosary**

Join our Rosary prayer group here at St. Xavier Church. Our next gathering is on Wed evening, **February 19** at 7:00 pm upstairs in church. Ave Maria!

**Baptism Prep Classes** Sessions are 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center. Next **Feb. 18** Call the office to register.

**TENDER MERCIES—February 23**

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office. We appreciate all your support!

**ST. XAVIER ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

We are looking for generous volunteers every other Tuesday morning to assist with laundering and ironing of altar supplies. Bonus feature—lots of laughter and good friends! Call the office today!

**THIRSTY THURSDAY—February 20**

Pee Wee's Place, 2325 Anderson Road, Crescent Springs, KY. \$2 domestic beers until 5 PM. This will be our last gathering before Lent. Hope to see you!

**ST VINCENT de PAUL needs your arms!**

The St. Xavier/Cathedral Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meets every Saturday at 9am in the basement of the Cathedral. We are in great need of **a few strong arms** to help. An hour or so of your time would be great! Leave your number at the church office if you can help. We will contact you.

**FOOD FOR ALL**

Have you been looking for a special project to reach out to those in need? Nutritious and affordable food is not readily available to every person in Cincinnati. So Catholic Charities travels to where hunger is located. Contact April Hoak at 513.672.3720 or [ahoak@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahoak@ccswoh.org) or at the Cath Char website: [www.ccswoh.org](http://www.ccswoh.org)

**NOVENA of GRACE - March 4 to 12**

Beginning March 4 and extending to March 12 (*the anniversary of the canonization of Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier*) we will pray this traditional novena following our daily Masses. Pamphlets will be in the back of church.

To close the novena we will offer Benediction after the 11:30 AM Mass on Thursday, March 12.



*jan kirlinger*  
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