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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 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

MASS INTENTIONS March 2—7

MON 2	6:00'	+ Mary Jo Schwartz + John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Ray Fetick (Wedd. Annv.)
TUES 3	6:00	+ Mary Jo Schwartz and Jason Scott
	11:30	+ Barbara Van Den Broeck (Annv.) + Rosemary Lennertz
WED 4	6:00	+ Joseph Harr (1st Annv.)
	11:30	SI Trent Obermeyer (Birth.)
THUR 5	6:00	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+ Jo Ann Weber (Annv.) + Ralph Luebbe (Annv.)
FRI 6	6:00	+ Bob Dwyer
	11:30	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
SAT 7	7:00	+ Norma Thompson (Birth.)

Today's readings are found at # 1016

MUSIC

Opening: Forty Days and Forty Nights # 483

Responsorial Psalm 51:

Be Merciful, O Lord # 1016

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to You, O Word of God # 340

Presentation: The Cross of Jesus # 482

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Light # 361, 362, 363

Communion: Turn to the Living God # 485

Closing: Lord, Who Throughout

These Forty Days # 479



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THE RCIA AT ST. XAVIER “WE CHOOSE CHRIST”

In the dark and chilly evening of late winter, a group of “almost parishioners” of St. Francis Xavier will make their way to St. Peter in Chains Cathedral down the street and undergo the “Rite of Election.”

The Rite of Election is a gathering of men and women from around the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who have been enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) throughout the past 12 months at various parishes. The RCIA is the normal way in which adults prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church. With hundreds of other “catechumens,” they will be greeted by our archbishop and welcomed into the final stage of preparation to receive the sacraments here at St. Xavier at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11.

At the cathedral these catechumens will experience the “election” of the Holy Spirit to bring them closer to life of the Church through their “yes” and the affirmation they receive from Cincinnati’s successor to the apostles, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. It is usually a very solemn and yet inspiring and joyful ceremony that is surrounded by Sacred Scripture, beautiful choir singing and fellowship among old and new believers.

Since October a wonderful group of nine people have been meeting on Tuesday nights in our parish center to learn about the Catholic Faith and to make it their own. They will be more visible in the church throughout the Lenten Season as on 3 Sundays they undergo the various ritual “scrutinies” that make sure they are ready for what is to come as Catholics. We will also have in the back of church their pictures and mini-biographies on cards that you can take and accompany them with your prayers. The best thing you could do for them is to be present at the Easter Vigil on April 11 and welcome them into our faith and our parish community.

We are all looking for a greater sense of belonging, community, fellowship and connection with the Lord and His Church. Please be part of that quest for holiness among your families, friends and fellow parishioners both veterans and newly initiated. We are the Body of Christ present in the world as an extension of Jesus Christ Incarnate in our time and place.

Pentecost – Jesus sends the Holy Spirit

Ordinary Time – The Spirit carries on the work of Jesus through His Church.

— Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ, Associate Pastor

✠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, Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, 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, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Mary Ann Himmelmann, 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 Mellon, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, and Gregg.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for February 23	\$ 7,424
Online Giving	5,376
Week of February 23	\$12,800

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.

Congratulations to

... **Elizabeth Rose Wells**, daughter of Ben and Carly Wells, who was baptized last weekend.

SAINTS OF LENT—Sunday, March 1

To start the Lenten season, Fr. Matthew Gamber S.J. will present 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. Join with others to begin your Lenten program this evening! Refreshments served.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 1**

4:00pm	Fr. John LaRocca, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Terry Baum, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 8

4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
10:30am	Fr. John Kroeger
5:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

Join us as we pray the **Stations of the Cross** after the 11:30 AM Mass on Fridays. This Lenten journey will be led by the St. Xavier Men's Prayer Group.

TENDER MERCIES—March 29

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office. Please have your food items in the back of church by **11:30 AM**. We appreciate all your support!

ST X MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

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 office.

**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, scroll down and see where you can and sign up on our home page!

RETREAT for MARRIED COUPLES

Bring your spouse this spring to the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford for "**Bless the Space Between Us**" This is a Married Couples Retreat held from Friday, April 17 to Sunday, April 19. Directed by Fr. Paul Macke, SJ and Neal and Kathy Heskin, this is a great way to renew your love and commitment to one another and to God. By taking the time for this retreat together, you are making your primary vocation, your marriage, a priority in your life and a choice that will enrich you, your family and friends with much joy. The fee is \$460 per couple for the 2-night stay in a private room and meals. For more information or to register please call 513-248-3500, ext. 10 or visit our website at www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com

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

Get together to pray the Rosary

Join our Rosary prayer group here at St. Xavier Church. Our next gathering is on Wed evening, **March 18** 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 **March 17**. Call the office to register.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our book group will meet on Tuesday, March 31, at 3pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest novel "At the Water's Edge" by Sara Gruen. This historical novel is about friendship, about moving on past tragedy, and about how we don't have to let the past own us. Join us for lively discussion! If you need a copy to read, see Diane in the parish office.

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. For more, contact April Hoak at 513.672.3720 or ahoak@ccswoh.org or at www.ccswoh.org

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are for Catholics age 14 onwards.

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.



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