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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 8, 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
Baptism · Marriage · Anointing · RCIA

MASS INTENTIONS March 9—14

MON 9	6:00'	SI	Laurette Erhardt (Birth.)
		+	Father Joe Casey, SJ (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+	Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
TUES 10	6:00	+	Debra Schulenberg Day
	11:30	SI	Barb Castro (Birth.)
WED 11	6:00	+	Mary Tenkotte
	11:30	+	Patricia Schmidt
		+	Glenn Kattlenan
THUR 12	6:00	SI	Erwin Erhardt III (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Gerry Merkes (Annv.)
		+	Evelyn Zembrodt
FRI 13	6:00	+	Mary Jo Schwartz
	11:30	+	Judy Dyer
		+	Father Bob Thul, SJ
SAT 14	7:00	+	Joe Feiertag

Today's readings are found at # 1019

MUSIC

Opening:
How Good, Lord, To Be Here! # 877

Responsorial Psalm 33:
Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us #1019

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory to You, O Word of God #340

Presentation:
Open My Eyes, Lord # 651

Eucharistic Acclamations:
Mass of Light # 361, 362, 363

Communion: Change Our Hearts #493

Closing:
The Glory of These Forty Days #481

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Notes from the Pastor

As you may recall, in the parish bulletin dated October 27, 2019, I announced a "discernment" process for mission, initiated by the Jesuit Provincial in Chicago. Since then, the Provincial has assigned me to another mission in Chicago beginning this summer. I will serve as the Jesuit superior of a multi-apostolic community of about 20 Jesuits, not unlike the one we have at Xavier University. A superior manages all aspects of the Jesuit community, its spiritual life, house finances, daily order, and community service. This house is located in downtown Chicago, just south of the Loop. Some have asked me, "Father, what parish will you be assigned to next?" Chicago does not have any Jesuit parishes, and so the Provincial has asked that I return to serve the spiritual needs of at least 4 high/middle schools that we have in that area, the primary one being St. Ignatius College Prep. Am I happy to take this new assignment? Of course! I am happy to be a vowed Jesuit, and happy to respond where the need is greatest. I will certainly miss St Xavier!

Last October, I also mentioned that discerning one assignment usually influences other assignments. So, Fr. Paulson has called upon **Fr. Paul Lickteig, S.J.** to succeed me and serve as the 22nd pastor of St. Xavier Church. Since leaving St X as parochial vicar in 2016, Fr. Paul has been leading the Jesuit retreat house north of Minneapolis, his hometown. The Archbishop of Cincinnati has approved the Provincial's request, and we welcome Fr. Paul at the first of September. In the meantime, the Archbishop has approved Fr. Bob Thesing S.J. (the 19th pastor of St X) to serve as interim pastor until Fr. Paul arrives. Thank you Fr. Bob!

Fr. Matthew Gamber S.J. continues to discern his next assignment, as the Provincial has requested. He will depart St. Xavier near the third week of July, and we are very grateful for his service to the parish, having led the RCIA and shepherded the Young Adult ministry these many years. Fr. Gamber's successor has been approved by the Archbishop, and will arrive July 1st. I will wait to announce him by name, out of respect for his own transition plans elsewhere.

Finally, Fr. Jerome Veigas, S.J. will conclude his temporary service at St X this spring, as he returns to India following the conclusion of his summer workshop in Omaha. Fr. Jerome will depart Cincinnati around May 27, and we are grateful for his care for the young children in our religious education program. We are also grateful for the pastoral help of Fr. Cy Whitaker S.J. who will be with us through the summer. As we look forward to our "third century," we thank Christ who has called so many fine men into the Society of Jesus to care for souls through preaching and the Sacraments. Thanks also to the many women and men who support the Jesuit mission here and serve the Lord in their own particular ways as volunteers, staff, and committee members. Our sincere appreciation for all you do: AMDG.

— Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Pastor

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Fr. Bob Ross, SJ, David Schwartz, Edward Merkes, 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, Adelie 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, Carmeltia 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 Elizabeh 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 March 1	$ 8,060,
Online Giving	3,670,
Week of March 1	$11,730
Ash Wednesday	$2,516

On the front of the bulletin is a representation of the Transfiguration, in the form of a Orthodox icon. **The Transfiguration** was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles (Peter, James, and John) to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. The mountain represents the future journey to Calvary. But this amazing spectacle was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent.

In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful special experiences of His grace that strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease.

Experiences of God's extraordinary grace may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will ultimately bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 15

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

ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, March 15
St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Party
Celebrate the fests with food, drinks and fellowship. Join in the Parish Center after the 5 PM Mass. Please bring a friend and a side or drink to share. Open to ages 21-35.

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!

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.

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. 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. 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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