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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 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 23—28

MON 23	6:00	+ Paul G. Maus (1st Annv.)
	11:30	+ Madeline Higgins (30th Annv.) + Patricia T. Gardner (1st Annv.)
TUES 24	6:00	+ Rita Bleil
	11:30	+ Thomas Edward Fairbanks (1st Annv.) + Mary Lunsford
WED 25	6:00	+ John Sansalone
	11:30	+ Dorothy Bannkamper + Stephen Lumpkin
THUR 26	6:00	+ Larry Schrand
	11:30	+ Fr. Joe Casey, SJ + Al Cook
FRI 27	6:00	+ Anita Moran
	11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Albert S. McGrover (1st Annv.)
SAT 28	7:00	+ Msgn. Allen Meier

Today's readings are found at # 1025

MUSIC

Opening: Christ, Be Our Light #590

Responsorial Psalm 23:
The Lord Is My Shepherd # 1025

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

Presentation:
The Thirsty Cry for Water Lord #815

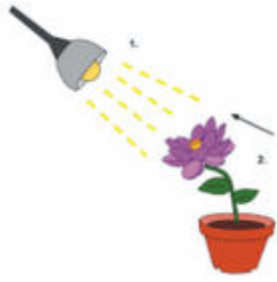
Eucharistic Acclamations:
Mass of Light # 361, 362, 363

Communion:
O God, You Search Me # 581

Closing: Amazing Grace # 645



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Being Phototropic

It's kind of funny the things one remembers from high school. People usually have stories about one subject or another that made an impression upon them. A lot of times it's biology

class. Dissecting frogs, insects, and pig hearts comes to mind. One word from biology class has always stood out in my mind—**phototropic**. It refers to the innate characteristic of being drawn to light; like moths, beetles, and other nocturnal critters. Whenever November comes around and the days are markedly shorter, I feel the effects of the lack of light and consider myself like those little bugs longing for the warmth and brightness of the light.

In this Fourth Sunday of Lent we find ourselves immersed in a Gospel story about light and darkness. The narrative of the man born blind is always presented on this Lenten Sunday when a parish celebrates the Scrutiny Rites with the Elect who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. It is a time for all of us to reflect on our own blindness and **whether we are drawn to the light**—the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As we emerge from the darkness of winter our hearts are lifted by the return of the sun and the effects it has on our whole being.

The word Lent means “lengthen,” as in the light of day at this time of year. Lent is then the best time for us to emerge from the darkness of our lives, to shed the things that hold us back from seeking the light, to shed the actions of our life that we do not want revealed in the light. The holy season of Lent is a time to let the light dispel the darkness of whatever holds us back, cloaks us, and hides the true beautiful person God created us to be. In these times of pandemic fever, we are quite susceptible to fear and dark thoughts. Let us use the graces and lights of this Lent to turn towards and flock to the light. Let us be phototropic (or Christo-tropic) and bask in the rays of the “Son” and admit that we all want to be forever phototropic, grateful for the light that guides us.

— *Deacon Tim Crooker*

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thu Apr 9: 7 PM
 The Lord's Passion: Fri Apr 10: 12 Noon
 Easter Vigil: Sat Apr 11: 8:45 PM
 Easter Sunday: Sun April 21:
 7, 9, 10:30 AM

Note: No 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
 Marty Yee, Special Intention, 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, Gerry Walsh, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, 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, Bill and 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

Online Giving	3,202
Week of March 15	\$ 7,373

Congratulations to

... **Grace Rose Knopf and Brady Steven Knopf**, children of Kevin and Rachel Knopf, who were baptized last weekend.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Please go online and fill out your April thru June availability at this website:

<http://scheduling.stxchurch.org> Hard copies are in the sacristy. **Deadline: March 23.** Thank you.

**We are still in need of ministers for Triduum. Please sign up in the Priest Sacristy.

CANCELLATIONS thus far:

March 24 The Light is On 7-9pm

March 29 Jesuit Morning of Reflection

SEE PHOTOS of Fr. Sossy's new church in Kenya, as well as pictures of his Jesuit community there.

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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

TENDER MERCIES—March 29

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office.

**Message from Fr. SOSSY!**

Dear Friends at St X,
I am thrilled be here to meet and pray with you again! My gratitude for your generosity and hospitality! Above all, I thank you for being in solidarity with our young mission in Malindi, Kenya. Through your support we procured transport for the parish, office machines, holy vessels among others. The support has also helped in the construction of the church and fabrication of pews! Thank you so much for all your help and support.

Kindly be united with us in prayers on June 7, 2020 when our new church will be blessed and opened for worship and prayers! (Jesuit residence to be blessed on August 1, 2020) Through you, the Lord has done great things for Malindi. I thank also the many who are willing to continue supporting us. At this time, our current greatest needs are: a borehole for water supply; solar water heater; pews for the new church and furniture for the new Jesuit residence. We are grateful for all contributions that continue to help us spread the good news in Malindi. May God continue to bless you for your generosity and kindness! Address any donation to: **Jesuits Midwest, 1010 N. Hooker Street, Chicago, IL. 60642** (Be sure to designate the donation as "for Fr. Sossy, Malindi, Kenya). *Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ, Pastor
St. Charles Lwanga Church, Malindi*

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, **April 15** at 7:00 pm upstairs in church. Ave Maria!

Baptism Prep Classes—April 28 at 7 PM.

Sessions held in the Parish Center. Call the office.

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 YOU!

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: If interested to purchase Easter flowers for someone special, or as a memorial of a loved one, please fill out this form and return it with donation to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. We will publish all names and intentions in the Easter bulletin. Suggested \$10 each.

Thank you! Amount enclosed: _____

Name(s) *(if needed use separate sheet)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

*** **EASTER FLOWER HELP**...if you have time during the weeks following Easter and would be available to help water the Easter Flowers, please call the office at 513-721-4045

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