

# SAINT XAVIER CHURCHJESUIT

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021

#### **WELCOME** TO St Xavier

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## Email: office@stxchurch.org MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 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** to register call parish office 513.721.4045

#### MASS INTENTIONS January 25-30

MON 25	6:00 11:30	<ul><li>+ Claudia Cooper</li><li>+ Karen Brown (Birth.)</li><li>+ Angela Fennell-Harris</li></ul>
TUES 26	6:00 11:30	<ul><li>+ Parish Book of Remembrance</li><li>+ Martin Arens</li></ul>
WED 27	6:00 11:30	+ Larry Dunworth + Sheila Sullivan
THUR 28	6:00 11:30	+ Jack and Suzette Casey + Tim Brennan + Cathy Luckett (Birth.)
FRI 29	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Helen Dyer + Leo Grosser + Angela Fennell-Harris
SAT 30	7:00	+ Jack Hoar + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger



#### **★ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY**

#### Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

William Waters, Sawyer, Ray Teepen, Ralph Kitts, Jeff Yelton, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, Paula Weber, Philip Gigliotti, Patrick Connor, Frank Fieler, Marguerite Kron, Marie Koenig Siddle, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Larry Reinersman, Jim Krohmer, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, Mike Moore, Danny Dell, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Joe Waters, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Arnold Tepe, Adelie Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, TJ Ducklo, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Joseph Brehm, Gina Martin, Bob Scheid, Robert Miller, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Debbie Garnett, Jeanne Miller, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jojo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.



#### Mass at St. Xavier

#### Wear a face mask to church and during Mass.

Keep a six-foot distance from others at all times Sit in pews that are not blocked off by white ribbon Receive Holy Communion in the hand Do not touch others at the Our Father/Peace Greeting

#### PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

As more people are returning to celebrate mass at St. Xavier, we want to seat everyone who comes to attend. Please "scoot" over to the center seat position so that someone else can occupy the pew without climbing over you. Ushers can assist with seating people. So please come a little early and move to the center! Our church has room for all.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for January 17 and 24 will be published in the January 31st bulletin.

**THANK YOU** to all those who remembered to support St Xavier Church during these hard times. If you are interested in electronic giving see our website for information.

Sympathy Please remember Roger Arling who was buried last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.



#### **WE are LIVE STREAMING!**

Two ways to Watch: From the Parish website: www.stxchurch.org (click on "Live Stream" button) or Youtube - search for St. Xavier Church Cincinnati



#### St. Xavier Book Club

Our book group will meet on **Tuesday, January 26, at 3 pm** in the **Parish Center**. We will discuss our newest book "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann. A gripping, detailed account

of the fate of English explorer Percy Fawcett who disappeared into the jungles of Brazil in 1925. Come and join us!

#### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Due to COVID, the Little Sisters were not physically able to be here on Sunday, January 10, but have asked us to put envelopes in the back of church. If you would like to donate, you can pick up an envelope or you can send your donation to: Little Sisters of the Poor, 476 Riddle Road, Cincinnati, OH 45220.



# They abandoned their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:18

Abandoned is such a powerful word. It brings with it a lot of emotion. No one wants to feel abandoned. We all want to feel we belong. But sometimes belonging to something has a price. For the early disciples, it was the price of abandoning their former lives to follow Jesus. No questions asked. Nothing about what it's going to cost, or where are they going to live. They trusted in this Jesus with their lives.

I often have wondered how difficult it was for them to leave their families and friends and way of life behind to follow this Messiah. I remember going through the *Christ Renews His Parish* program at a former parish many years ago. For me, it was a very intense and powerful spiritual journey. I had never had such fervor about our faith or love of Jesus as I did for those few months. I was quite literally in love with Christ. But as they tell you, those mountaintop experiences do not usually last. They are times that bolster our faith and then our lives return to the sameness of days we all experience.

But for that brief, live-altering time period, I understood wanting to leave everything behind and just follow Jesus. I am certain that is the powerful experience that the apostles had. They never thought twice that they were abandoning anything. They were placing their trust in Jesus. Today, Jesus calls us to abandon our nets and follow him and to trust.

I think we tend to look at this gospel in terms of what things do we have to abandon in order to truly be a follower of Christ. But perhaps the question needs to be who does God want me to become? Let's let God, who created us with our individual characteristics and joys and hopes, show us what we need to do in order to follow Him. He wants us to enthusiastically abandon our nets and be his disciple – and be joyful doing it.

We are called to abandon those things that keep us from being joy-filled, Christ-filled people. What are the things that drag us down like a heavy net and keep us from being dedicated followers of Christ? Do we hold tight to these earthly concerns or do we trust?

God has a dream for you and me. Perhaps we can listen to our God in the scriptures and in the silence. Maybe we'll slowly realize *abandoning* our nets can be a good thing.

Kathy England, Pastoral Associate



#### PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 24

4:00pm Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ 7:00am Fr. Bob Ross, SI 9:00am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ 10:30am Fr. James Ackerman, SI 5:00pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

#### PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 31

4:00pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ 7:00am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ Fr. James Ackerman, SJ 9:00am 10:30am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ 5:00pm Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ



#### YOUNG ADULTS

**Time change.** We are starting a Young Adults group for those interested in creatively connecting with others during the time of COVID. Our first meeting has changed to February 14 after the 5 pm Mass (6PM) in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, please email:

pastor@stxchurch.org

Please join us on February 10 here at the church at 7 PM to pray the rosary! All are welcome.



#### **TENDER MERCIES—January 31**

If you can donate a food item this month, please call the office. All donations are greatly appreciated!

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**St. Xavier 2021 Envelopes** are available at the back of church. Please pick up your box for 2021. If you don't have envelopes and would like a box, If you

would like to discontinue your box of envelopes, or if you have moved, please call the office.

#### **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Re-wards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). With all the food and gift cards that are bought throughout the year, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier!

#### MINISTERS NEEDED



If you would like to minister as a lector, Eucharistic Minister and Server at any of our Sunday Masses, please email Mary Beth Fennell at mfen-

nell@stxchurch.org or call the parish office at 513-721-4045. We will have a training session coming soon.

#### **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed, and heal. All 200+ parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati join together to invite participation in this vital appeal. Envelopes are in the back of church.

#### The Lord Loves a Generous Heart

No one can predict a world mired in a pandemic. Every plan, program and liturgy are all put forth with speculation. The Giving Tree program this past Christmas was no exception. Everyone from the agencies themselves to the parishioner contacts, to the parish staff were uncertain if the program could succeed. Most of agencies asked for gift cards which are not exciting gifts. But it was the only way they could continue their ministry which they did one-to-one. With less people attending Mass, the opportunities for tags to be taken from the tree seemed limited. But once again the immense generosity of the St. Xavier parishioners stepped up to the challenge. This year there were around 300 tags on the tree and all but a few were taken. Those few didn't matter as the cash contribution and larger gift card amount more than made up for them.

The recipients of this year's Giving Tree: Peaslee Center, Cincinnati Area Senior Services and Our Daily Bread received over \$3,000 in gift cards collectively. In addition, gifts to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly and First Step Home were the largest St. Xavier has ever collected for these agencies. From Little Brothers comes this note of gratitude:

"Particularly this year, with all of the chaos going on, we deeply appreciate your generosity and time to think of the elderly and help us with our Wish List Program. Without selfless people like the St. Xavier parishioners, we could not do this.

You are an essential link in this program, and we thank you. This year we provided gifts to four area nursing homes and approximately 150 elderly living independently. This has been an especially difficult year for them and knowing that someone cares about them is a life saver... and that life safer is you!"

Deacon Tim Crooker





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