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JANUARY 31, 2021

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS February 1—6

MON 1	6:00 11:30	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday + Angela Fennell Harris
TUES 2	6:00 11:30	+ Rose Schwarberg + Flavian Becker
WED 3	6:00 11:30	+ Ward Maxson + Joe Merten (Birth.)
THUR 4	6:00 11:30	+ Mark Teismann (Birth) + Rose Jacquelyn Goetz
FRI 5	6:00 11:30	+ Carl Voss (Birth.) + Bob Auberger (Annv.) + Jack Casey (Birth.)
SAT 6	7:00	+ Timothy Brennan (1st Annv.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

William Waters, Sawyer, Ray Teeppen, Ralph Kitts, Jeff Yelton, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, Paula Weber, Philip Gigliotti, 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, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Arnold Tepe, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia 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, 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.

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**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 \$6,531

Sunday offerings for January 24 \$4,951

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

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.

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Due to COVID, the Little Sisters were not physically able to be here, 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.

A Remedy for Anxiety

Our wonderful St. Paul has been making a splash in our current reading cycle as we just celebrated the feast of his conversion this past Monday. We heard about his turnaround from "bad boy persecutor of Christians" to "good guy missionary" and the author of much of the New Testament. It is amazing how God can work through sinners and redeem them for greatness - like St. Paul, St. Peter, and so many - like you and me, too?

"I have one more thing to tell you," St. Paul says today in his letter to the Corinthians. Are you ready? He writes, "What I tell you is not meant to impose a restraint upon you. But it is for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction." Here is his advice: Don't be anxious! And Paul addresses this to everyone here - unmarried men, and married men; Unmarried women and married women. Basically to all of us: Don't be anxious!

You might respond with an astonished, "Get Real." Not be anxious? During a pandemic? During economic uncertainty? Having to home-school youngsters? Having to be a teen when yet another fun event is cancelled? This is not easy... to not be anxious. This ambitious request reminds me of what we read in Wisdom: the first step to getting wise is toseek wisdom! Is this easier said than done?

Cue today's gospel of a man with an "unclean spirit" - who assumes Jesus is going to destroy him! This person assumes the worst! He catastrophizes things that happen in life! He uses lots of exclamation marks! I don't know about you, but this is me sometimes. Maybe all of us in our anxieties could use a little bit of Jesus telling us: "Quiet! Come out of him!" (notice Jesus' exclamation remark!) - as we entreat Him to decrease anxiety and exclamation marks(!).

Specifically, in the gospel, Jesus approaches a man possessed by a demon. The man asks Jesus if he has come to destroy us? Hardly. Jesus has come to reconstruct; to rebuild, but let's get rid of that bad demon first. How? How do we get rid of the "bad demon" called anxiety? And avoid possession of an unclean spirit?

Answer: With authority - with strength. By believing that the impossible is possible and that what you propose to do will be realized - which is to conquer our demons and quiet our anxious hearts. Jesus looks at evil in the face and then calls it for what it is. And tells it where to go: Go away! Anxiety is not welcome here as he tells the bad demon to pack up and leave. Can we do the same? Can we possess authority to combat the anxiety and demons that lurk.

This reminds me of an African Jesuit friend of mine who accidentally cut off someone in traffic. The woman was screaming at him as she pulled up beside him and yelled at him. Then he rolled down his window and said simply, "I'm sorry." The woman was at a loss for words and was silent; completely stopped in her tracks.

Lesson learned: when a good spirit meets a bad one, who wins? If one speaks with authority and has a good intention, the demons will implode. Thank you, St. Paul, for encouraging us to have faith that Jesus can help us make this happen when we command his authority... and enforce it.

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 31

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7

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

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

TENDER MERCIES—February 28

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



St. Xavier Book Club

Our book group will meet on **Tuesday, March 9, at 3 pm in the Parish Center.** We will discuss our newest book "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. This is a richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, please see Diane in the parish office. Come and join us!

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.

Baptism Prep Classes

Baptizing your first child? Prep Sessions for the Sacrament are the third Tuesday of each month at **6pm** in the Parish Center. Next session:



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



ROSARY

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

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Kroger Community Rewards Program

Support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards 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

St. Blaise—February 3

Bishop Blaise was martyred in Armenia in 316. According to legend he was also a physician and wonderful cures were ascribed to him; for this reason the faithful sought his help and Intercession when ill. Numberless churches and altars were dedicated to him, and many localities claim to possess some of his relics. He was also one of the Fourteen Holy Martyrs. **Throats will be blessed after the 6 AM and 11:30 AM Masses on Wednesday, February 3.**



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 17, are at 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 5 PM. No confessions on Ash Wednesday.

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