



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

WELCOME TO St Xavier

A Jesuit Ministry "in the heart of the marketplace"
Registered Historic site founded in 1819
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845
Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam

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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

Baptism · Marriage · Anointing · RCIA
to register call parish office 513.721.4045



✠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.

MASS INTENTIONS February 8-13

MON 8	6:00 11:30	+ Kinny McQuaide + Angela Fennell-Harris
TUES 9	6:00 11:30	+ Joyce Reinersman + Tim Brennan
WED 10	6:00 11:30	+ Jack Davis + Maureen Merten (Annv.)
THUR 11	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Helen Dyer + O'Connor and Whalen Families + Leo Grosser
FRI 12	6:00 11:30	SI Phyllis Link + Lorri Crum (Birth.) + Angela Fennell-Harris
SAT 13	7:00	+ Angela Fennell-Harris

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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 31	\$ 3,507
Online offerings	5,619
Sunday, January 31	\$ 9,126

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!

Sundays at 10:30 AM Mass and

Weekdays at 11:30 AM

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 in the office. Please call the office to pick up your box. 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 changed your address, please call the office at 513-721-4045.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

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.

Community Building

In the coming months, you will notice some changes taking place that are all about our ministry here at St. X, and our continuing presence downtown. By the beginning of March, scaffolding will go up outside our front doors and work will begin on a long-needed restoration of the bell-tower. This iconic entrance to our church, created over 160 years ago, will continue to beacon people to our doors, and to symbolize the consecration of our days as it tones away each hour.

While beginning a restoration in the current climate is far from ideal, as many homeowners know, necessary repairs seldom come at a convenient time. As a historic building, we have much to be proud of, but we also have much to care for. Over the past couple of decades our belltower has deteriorated to the point of being a hazard. Maintenance was deferred in recent years because, in a building of this size and age, there were other things that needed attending to. It is now necessary to attend to our belltower, a process that will take around 6-7 months to complete.

When Job asks, "is not man's life on earth drudgery?" our response can be, "only when the purpose of that work is about self-promotion, rather than our awareness of Christ." When we come to know the Spirit of God as revealed by Jesus, we begin to see that our efforts might always serve something greater than ourselves alone. In this way, a parent's life of difficult labor becomes the seed of hope for a child. An act of generosity and hard work by a previous generation creates a space to cultivate seeds of faith planted in the hearts of their children's children.

Part of our work is to preserve St. Xavier for coming generations. As Paul says, we are not congratulated for simply doing the good we ought to do when following Christ. Rather, it is in recognizing that our work is about sharing in the kingdom, that we see how our actions reveal a good whose effects stretch much farther than we can possibly see. We do not live only for ourselves, but instead to spread the gospel to others, if not "to the whole region of Galilee", then at least to the whole region of Cincinnati.

St. Xavier Church has stood, for decades as a place where believers could come and reflect on God's revelation in their lives. The nature of the gospel is not to celebrate the ordinary, but to elevate it. As a Church, we live by faith, to promote the faith, for the sake of elevating all aspects of our lives. We believe that no moment is too small, and no kind of work is too mundane, that it cannot somehow reveal the grace of Christ at work in our lives. May we at St. X continue to pray over the coming months for a deeper commitment to sharing our faith with others, mindful of our commitment to pass on "to a generation yet unborn" the saving power of our God.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14

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

Congratulations

to **Emerson Rose Lawrence**, daughter of Weston and Katherine (Stutler) Lawrence who was baptized last weekend.



Please remember

Zinowij Lew Melnyk

who was buried from St. Xavier last week.

With Deepest Sympathy

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon him.*



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!



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Reflection during Lent-The Rosary group is going to do Way of the Cross every Wednesday evening starting February 17th at 7:00 PM by ZOOM during Lent. It is possible that Fr. Veigas will be joining us from India. All are welcome to join us. More details will be available next week.

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!

January MASS ATTENDANCE (average)

Sat. 4 PM 84 Sun. 9 AM 76 Sun. 10:30 AM 123
 Sun. 7 AM 58 Sun. 5 PM 99

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: February 16



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Masses on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, are scheduled for 6am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, and 5pm. Please note: the Vatican has issued a pastoral note that, due to COVID, ashes will be sprinkled on the head, rather than placing the traditional sign of the cross. As in previous years, due to the solemnity of the day, there will be no confessions on Ash Wednesday.