



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 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

MASS INTENTIONS February 15—21

MON 6:00 + Parish Book of Remembrance
15 11:30 + Parish Book of Remembrance

TUES 6:00 + Dick Quehl
16 11:30 + Paul Brown
+ Dennis Freudenberger (Birth.)

WED 17
ASH WEDNESDAY
Masses: 6 AM, 11:30 AM
12:30 PM and 5 PM

THUR 6:00 SI Bonnie Sartin (Birth.)
18 11:30 + Mary Brigger
+ Greg Gethers
+ Terry Luckett (Birth.)

FRI 6:00 + Les McGraw (Birth.)
19 11:30 SI Maggie Womacks (Birth.)
+ Erwin and Norma Erhardt
+ William McKenna

SAT 7:00 + Timothy Brennan (Birth.)
20 + Walter Thompson (Birth.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Ron Pierce, Patti Bengal, Robert Gorey, William Waters,
Sawyer, Ray Teeppen, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan
Louder, Paula Weber, Philip Gigliotti, Frank Fieler,
Marguerite Kron, Marie Koenig Siddle, Marilyn Freuden-
berg, 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, 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, Cynthia
Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joseph and Shiela
MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arling-
haus, 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, 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 February 7	\$ 3,865
Online offerings	7,191
Sunday, February 7	\$11,056

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.

What's love got to do with it?

It is said that "No good deed goes unpunished," and, indeed, we have Jesus in the gospel doing a good deed to one of society's outcasts. He heals a man of leprosy, and then urges the man to tell no one. The cured man promptly does the opposite.... and tells everyone.

Tell no one about being cured? This is quite a request! It appears that the request is issued to protect the personal safety for the man. Jesus doesn't want to be known as a magician or shaman for Jesus is not yet "fully known" as the Messiah. Yet Jesus "fully knows" that the man could be in peril for recognizing Him as such. Personal risk is in play here for all parties involved - for the "cured one" and the "curer." Interestingly "curé" is French for "priest" as in the Curé of Ars, the nickname of John Vianney, a saint noted for his ability to radically transform the spiritual health of a community. Similarly, Jesus radically transforms our leper today, and the community.

Yet... Jesus fully knows that people will talk and reveal truth via a look, smile, facial expression, or via a sudden recovery from complications from leprosy! Predictably, the former leper publicized the whole matter. And Jesus is becoming so famous he can't go out in public without being mobbed. Yet notice the risk-taking in play in the gospel. Jesus risks curing the man knowing his fame will spread, and the leper risks being "outed" as a Christian due to his publicizing the whole matter.

All for what? For LOVE. Jesus loves the man. And the man loves that he has been cured. And we take risks for love like our St. Valentine did today. St. Valentine is famous for performing clandestine weddings when Christianity was outlawed. As a priest he risked imprisonment by secretly marrying soldiers, hence St. Valentine earned the reputation of match maker/ love purveyor. Alas, St. Valentine was caught and imprisoned. Legend has it that a prison guard asked him to pray for his sick daughter. Valentine went further and wrote the girl an encouraging card and signed it: "From your Valentine."

Indeed and in deed, Jesus sends our leper a Valentine today: Health restored! But it is risky, yet "having risked in love is better to have never loved at all," or so a Valentine's Day card might read today. Jesus tells our leper to keep quiet. He wants faith not a fatality, since, if found out, the former leper could be in trouble - like St Valentine. Yet what motivates all concerned here is LOVE. What's love got to do with it? Everything. May we take the risk to touch and thus to "curé" one another.

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 21

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

Congratulations

to **Graeme Michael Rutter** son of Michael and Amanda (Dean) Rutter who was baptized last weekend.



Please remember

Richard Quehl, and **Michael Long** who were buried from St. Xavier last week. Also please pray for **Robert Scheid** who passed away last week.

With Deepest Sympathy

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



YOUNG ADULTS

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

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 3rd. Call the office for Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at 513-721-4045.



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. If you are interested, please email Mary Beth at mfennell@stxchurch.org Mary Beth will send you the zoom link.

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.

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.