



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 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 22—27

MON 22	6:00	+	Erwin and Norma Erhardt (Annv.)
	11:30	+	Carmen Kling
		+	Danny O'Sullivan (Birth.)
TUES 23	6:00	SI	Lois Kuta
	11:30	+	Bob Auberger (Birth.)
		+	Leo Grosser
WED 24	6:00	+	Dennis J. Barron
	11:30	+	Ann Fetick
		+	Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
THUR 25	6:00	+	Sr. Margene Koester, SND
		+	Jackqueline Jariol Monsanto
	11:30	+	Faustino Respicio
FRI 26	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+	John R. Grosser
		+	Jill Eippert
SAT 20	7:00	SI	Declan and Rosemarie O'Sullivan (50th Wedding Annv.)



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
The Buckmans, Ed Merkes, Mary Sue Loftus, 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, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Larry Reinersman, Jim Krohmer, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lawwig, 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, Adelie 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 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, 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

Due to President’s Day, the February 14 collection will be published in the February 28 bulletin.

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 5PM

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.

The Elect

Another Lent has begun. For many of us we know this is a season focused on preparation. So, we are indeed prepared to hear about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the three pillars of Lent. We are prepared for programs—although not in person this year. The Little Black books help us foster our daily prayer life and give us something to contemplate. But is that enough to call ourselves prepared?

Lent is a season that highlights baptism. Since the beginning of the Church, this season leading up to the commemoration of the passion and resurrection of Our Lord was seen as a time to prepare and receive into the fold those who have been educated in the faith. The Easter Vigil celebrates the culmination of their efforts and, with the reception of the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and eucharist, for those seeking entry into the Church.

At the beginning of Lent all dioceses normally celebrate the Rite of Election for those in the RCIA process. It is a beautiful ritual held in the cathedral church. Like everything else in the world, COVID has necessitated changes. That Rite is now celebrated in the parish. The ritual signifies that those who have worked long and hard at their faith are now embraced by the Church and will be called “the Elect.” We can equate this to a political election as the one who achieves the support of the community is no longer called a “candidate” but is now called president-elect, or governor-elect, and so on.

But Lent is not just about those seeking entry into the Church as Elect. It is also about those of us who are already baptized and spend each day struggling to live a moral life, doing what is right, growing in our love and understanding of God, and caring for one another. Lent reminds us that we too are “the Elect.” Our journey in faith is not complete. We are not complacent in our faith, resigned to be simply being okay to be a “candidate.” Our goal is to be with our God in the community of heaven. Being a candidate for such a goal is certainly a step in the right direction. Being “an Elect” is better still. This Lent let us join in prayer for those across the world who have bravely taken the steps to be a part of our Church, a part of our faith community. This Lent, let us join with them as we continue our own journey of being the “Elect” to share eternity with God.

Deacon Tim Crooker



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 28

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



St. Xavier will offer the **Way of the Cross** on Fridays during Lent after the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

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

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 support St. Xavier!

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: March 16. Call 513-721-4045 to register.



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"Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life dramatically."



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!



TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thu., Apr 1: 7 PM
The Lord's Passion: Fri., Apr 2: 12 Noon
Easter Vigil: Sat., Apr 3: 8:45 PM
**Easter Sunday: Sun., April 4:
 7, 9, 10:30 AM**
Note: No 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

EASTER FLOWERS: If interested in donating 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