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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

## WELCOME to St Xavier

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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 March 8—13

MON 8	6:00	+ Norma Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + Leo Grosser
TUES 9	6:00	SI Laurette Erhardt (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Roy Reis + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
WED 10	6:00	+ Elizabeth Buckman
	11:30	+ Joyce Reinersman + O'Connor and Whalen Families + Barb Castro (Birth.)
THUR 11	6:00	+ Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+ Tammy Greis + Celeste Myslewicz
FRI 12	6:00	SI Erwin Erhardt III (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Gerry Merkes (Annv.)
SAT 13	7:00	+ Mary Helen Dyer



### ✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:  
Shirley Alley, The Buckmans, Ed Merkes, Mary Sue Loftus, 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, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, 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, 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 28	\$5,254
Online giving	\$2,192
Week of February 28	\$7,446

**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.

*Financial Note: If you are over age 72.5 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*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Long suffering. Perseverance. Zeal.**

Zeal is a gift of God, a virtue that allows us to respond to God's call with passion, and without thought of self or of our own suffering. By the third week of Lent, the excitement we felt upon entering the season has usually started to wane. It is at this time that the practices of long-suffering and perseverance begin. As a reminder of what we are called to, perhaps it is also the ideal time to focus on the meaning of the elements arranged on our altar.

Sondra Clark, the creative force behind our church's décor, writes: "We wanted to provide a visual representation that Lent is a time for preparation, reflection, growth, and change. Lent often begins with a reflection on the temptations of Jesus and that is why a desert scene was chosen.

There are many symbols in the display to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made.

- Purple: the liturgical color for Lent, a solemn color, a color of repentance. Purple is also the color of royalty.
- Bush: Dryness, Brokenness, and death
- Empty pots: No water.
- Empty basket: Fasting and no food.
- Branch with vine: Serpent (Satan) and temptation.
- Stones: Temptation (stones into bread).
- Crown of Thorns: Symbolize Jesus' suffering, and yet the hope of what is to come.
- Red Flower: Blood he shed for us."

Now, when things begin to get hard in our Lenten observances, is when these symbolic elements begin to make sense. We dedicate ourselves to growing in prayer, and it is hard. We might feel dry, empty, and broken. We might experience stronger temptation and lack of trust that God's grace is there at all. We turn to Christ and ask for his passion and his zeal! In sacrificing our selfishness for the sake of growth, may we trust that God will accomplish a good in us that we cannot yet see.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ, Pastor



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 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 MARCH 14**

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

**Congratulations to**

... **Frances Marie Weber**, daughter of Michael and Katlyn (Fahey) Weber and to ...**Theodore Joseph Hartmann**, son of Jeremy and Anne (Dressler) Hartmann who were baptized last week!



St. Xavier will offer the **Way of the Cross** on Fridays during Lent after the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome. You can also go to the front page of our website and listen to the Stations at your convenience.

**Reflection during Lent**-The Rosary group is going to do Way of the Cross every Wednesday evening. The next session is March 10th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested, please email Mary Beth: [mfennell@stxchurch.org](mailto:mfennell@stxchurch.org) Mary Beth will send you the zoom link.

**Young Adult Ignatian Retreat**

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this weekend retreat, for men and women in their 20s and 30s, offers an exploration of the life, ministry, suffering, & death of Jesus Christ.

**Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ** will provide a series of presentations designed to assist you with your prayer, reflection and spiritual journey. The retreat will also include Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, Silence, Small Group Discussions, and Fellowship.

When: April 23 - 25, 2021

Where: Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Cost: \$275 includes private room and meals

Registration: [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults)

Call: Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500 ext. 10

**TENDER MERCIES—March 28**

If you can help support our efforts at Tender Mercies, please call the office if you can donate a food item for March 28.



**YOUNG ADULTS—March**

If you are in your 20's come join us on Sunday, March 14th at 6 PM (after the 5 PM Mass) Food, faith, and fellowship will begin at 6 PM. For information, contact:

[pastor@stxchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stxchurch.org)

**WE are LIVE STREAMING!**

Sundays at 10:30 AM Mass

Weekdays at 11:30 AM

Two ways to Watch: From the Parish website: [www.stxchurch.org](http://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, 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*  
*No Confessions after 1 pm on Wednesday, March 31 until Monday, April 5 at 12 Noon*

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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