



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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 March 15—20

MON 15	6:00	+ Skip Prosser
	11:30	SI Laura Strietmann (Birth.) SI Barbara Hehman
TUES 16	6:00	+ Helen Rankin
	11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Jack Luckett
WED 17	6:00	+ Helen Sievers
	11:30	+ Ann Fetick + Carolyn Hayward (Birth.)
THUR 18	6:00	+ Leonard and Mary Brigger
	11:30	+ Angela Fennell-Harris + The Schutte Family
FRI 19	6:00	+ Les McGraw (3rd Annv.)
	11:30	+ Patricia Burns (Birth.) + Toni Lynn Bush
SAT 20	7:00	+ Ray and Ann Fetick



✠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	\$5,363
Online giving	7,571
Week of February 28	\$12,934

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.



Daylight "Saving" Events

A response I give to people who have asked me how my year has been is this: "There's been a lot of light and darkness." Indeed, the interplay of light and darkness is evident today as Jesus moves through his ministry acknowledging the darkness but urging us to move towards the light.

Today, we immediately meet Nicodemus – an intelligent Jewish leader whose occasional appearances in John's gospel signify the battle that Jesus faces, that we all face, between light and darkness. When Nicodemus is present it is dark as he serves as a foil to the brightness of Christ.

When Jesus states that we need to be "reborn" – Nicodemus retorts "How can this physically occur?" Setting us up for today's gospel. "Nick" initially doesn't grasp that Jesus is speaking spiritually. Often Nicodemus is "in the dark" metaphorically, morally, and physically. Perhaps we can relate to this present darkness. For in secret, under the guise of darkness, Nicodemus repeatedly meets Jesus perhaps to hide his identity as a member of the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin, who are in opposition to Jesus. Yet there is an earnest desire – an openness to the fresh air of Christ - that propels Nicodemus out of the darkness.

Later, Nicodemus will defend Jesus amidst the Pharisees as he urges that Jesus get a fair trial. He reveals the hypocrisy of the Pharisees asking "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" In the end Nicodemus will support our Lord and assist Joseph of Arimathea in tending to Jesus' body after His death.

Perhaps this is what we all must do: tend to the Body of Christ after Jesus' life, death and resurrection culminate in Holy Week. To do so, we must recognize the dark but go into the light. And to not lose heart. Jesus reminds us today that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" - John 3:16. God does not condemn the world. Nor should we.

We can easily fall into a cynical mindset that Nicodemus represents. There is a little Nicodemus in all of us. We can relate to "Nick at night" often. Today's scripture passage includes John 3:16 which is often advertised as a sound bite theme to the whole Passion play. People have held up signs in stadiums (Rainbow Man), put John 3:16 on their face (Tim Tebow), on cups (In and Out Burger), shopping bags (Forever 21), etc. Can we move towards the light this Lent accompanied by our Lord and allow the example of Mr. Nicodemus to "redeem us"? Especially as we are enriched by "savings" that occur in the daylight.

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 21

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

Congratulations to
 ... **Kenneth and Stephanie (Lutz) Okoroski**
 who were married here last weekend!



Please remember **Ron Pierce**,
 husband of Linda, a choir member
 here at St. X, and **Janice Skurow**, who passed
 away last week.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

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 follow 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 17th at 7:00 PM.
 All are welcome to join us. If you are interested,
 please email Mary Beth: mfennell@stxchurch.org
 Mary Beth will send you the zoom link.

February MASS ATTENDANCE (average)
 Sat. 4 PM 93 Sun. 9 AM 86 Sun. 10:30 AM 142
 Sun. 7 AM 59 Sun. 5 PM 126

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

Call: Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500 ext. 10



YOUNG ADULTS—March

If you are in your 20's come join us TODAY,
 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



CATCH US ON LIVE STREAM!

Sundays at 10:30 AM Mass & 5 PM
 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 Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 20, at 3
 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our new-
 est book "Virgin, Mother, Queen: Encountering
 Mary in Time and Tradition" by Robert Fastiggi
 and Michael O'Neill. This book uncovers
 little-known details about Mary's
 appearances around the world since
 the time of Christ. 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. _____

*** **EASTER FLOWER HELP**...if you have time dur-
 ing the weeks following Easter and would be availa-
 ble to help water the Easter Flowers, please call the
 office at 513-721-4045