



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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 March 22—27

MON 22	6:00	+ Ron Pierce
	11:30	+ Gerry Merkes (Birth.) + Denis Cronin (1st Annv.)
TUES 23	6:00	SI Chandler and Mary Durant
	11:30	+ Margaret Biegger + Elise Early
WED 24	6:00	+ Helen Sievers
	11:30	+ Don Bushman + Marcia Whalen
THUR 25	6:00	+ Sr. Margene Koester, SND + Charles B. Ginocchio
	11:30	+ Leo Grosser
FRI 26	6:00	+ Joe Danemeyer
	11:30	+ Joseph Crabb + Tim Brennan
SAT 27	7:00	+ Frank Guarasci (1st Annv.)



✠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 March 14	\$4,125
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Online giving	1,982
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Week of March 14	\$ 6,107
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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.

RECONCILIATION**“SPY” Wednesday****MARCH 31 from 5—7 PM**

Fr. Paul Lickteig and Fr. James Ackerman will be available for confessions the evening of Wednesday, March 31, from 5—7 PM.

**We Would Like to See Jesus**

In the opening line of the Gospel for the Cycle “B” readings, we hear of some Greeks who came to worship at the Passover ask Philip, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” What a monumental request. Taken in context it is simply a group of people who probably heard so many wonderful things about Jesus that they wanted to meet him. But if we take that line and apply it to ourselves, well, how many of us do not ask the same thing? We all want to see Jesus. The question we need to ask is: what’s keeping us from seeing him?

All too often we simply pay no attention to Jesus. If questioned about our faith and our practice of it, we are quick to respond that “Jesus is everywhere.” This is a convenient theological understanding as the golf course beckons on a Sunday morning. As true as that statement is, we tend to overlook Jesus in the ordinary people around us: the elderly person who, whatever the weather, attends Mass every day, the person for whom menial work is a sacred trust, the bedridden person whose acceptance reveals an incredible faith. These are but a few of the many manifestations of Jesus. We spend our lives searching for Jesus, attempting to do what is right and just, all in hopes of one day—the final day—seeing him. For a God who is always with us, ever-present, always loving and nurturing us, does it seem to stand that he would be hidden from view.

Let us not forget the most perfect vision of Jesus we have this side of eternity, the Eucharist. With the pandemic keeping so many away from Mass, there is an increased longing to not only see Jesus but to receive him in Holy Communion. When we approach the altar, we experience Jesus and participate in his divine life. The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist we receive forms us to become the face of Jesus to others. As we journey with Jesus to Calvary in these last few weeks of Lent let us pray for the grace to recognize Jesus in others and to mirror him in our lives.

Deacon Tim Crooker



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 28

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



Congratulations to Leo James Franke, son of Zachary and Krystal Franke who was baptized last weekend.

Congratulations to Philip and Brittany (Bishop) Weber who were married last weekend!



St. Xavier offers **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 24th 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 28

If you are in your 20's come join us TODAY, March 28, 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 newest 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 during the weeks following Easter and would be available to help water the Easter Flowers, please call the office at 513-721-4045