



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 28—March 5

MON 6:00 + Jack Davis
28 11:30 SI Jill Eippert
+ Amy Goodman (Birth.)

TUES 6:00 + Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
1 11:30 + Patricia Stapleton

ASH WEDNESDAY

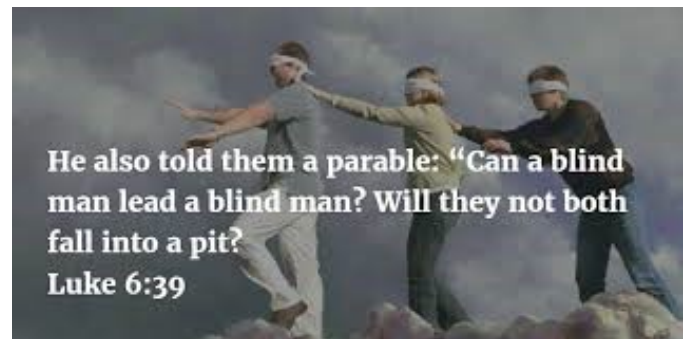
WED Masses: 6 AM, 11:30 AM,
2 12:30 PM, and 5 PM

(Lenten Prayer Experience 5:30 PM Parish Center)

Thur 6:00 + Barbara vondenBroeck (Annv.)
3 11:30 SI Tent Obermeyer (Birth.)
+ Ray and Ann Fetick (Wedd. Annv.)

FRI 6:00 + Charlene Barney
4 11:30 + William C. Wester II

SAT 7:00 + JoAnn Weber (Annv.)
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Music

February 27, 2022

Opening: As A Fire Is Meant for Burning #744

St. Henry Gloria—inside back cover of hymnal

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: 1115

Scripture Readings: Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of the Angels and Saints
#375,376,377, 388

Communion: We Shall Rise Again #871

Closing: Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises #626

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Sunday Offering for February 13	\$ 8,190
Online Giving	4,642
Total For February 13	\$ 12,832

Opportunities for Supporting St. Xavier Church

- You can donate from your IRA or 401k directly to St. Xavier at any time and potentially gain a tax benefit
- For those 72 or older, you can donate some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD.) This donation is excluded from your taxable income and provides an associated financial benefit
- Remembering St. Xavier in your will and estate planning may also reduce your income or estate taxes

For more information please contact Mary Stutler at mstutler@stxchurch.org

The above is intended to be general information. Before initiating any tax planning, always contact your personal financial and tax planner.

QR CODE



This QR code allows for electronic giving by connecting you via cellphone to “We Share,” our online giving app. You can aim your phone camera at the code shown or from the front pages of the hymnal and follow the on-screen prompts to make a donation.

2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal envelopes are in the back of church. Please join Catholics in every parish in the archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card in. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

TENDER MERCIES—February 27

Thank you to all who donate to help feed the residents of Tender Mercies once a month. A little help from us goes a long way. Thank you!

The Bethlehem Christian Families -March 5 and 6

Look for the beautiful hand carved olive wood items after the masses on the weekend of March 5 and 6. Items will be available in the Parish Center. They accept cash, credit cards and checks. www.theholylanshop.com



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION
St. Xavier Church offers Adoration and Confession on **Wednesday** evenings

from **6—7 PM.**

Please come and pray with us!



The Pen, The Sword, and the Tongue

The phrase, “The pen is mightier than the sword,” was written by novelist and playwright Edward Bulwer-Lytton in 1839, in his historical play “Cardinal Richelieu.” Richelieu, chief minister to King Louis XIII, uncovers a plot to kill him, but as a priest he is unable to take up arms against his enemies. Many of us are familiar with this phrase which has come to mean using the written word to spread ideas is a more effective method than protests and violence. Today, one would argue that social media platforms are more powerful than the written word, though they employ elements of the former.

On this Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the stage is being set for the season of Lent. Though we groan at the thought of having to be self-disciplined not to eat meat on Friday (maybe the increase in plant based “meat” will provide more options), we tend to have an attraction to this season of heightened opportunities for prayer and devotions. Lent is like going to the optometrist for the annual eyesight checkup. As the lenses are rotated before us, the view becomes sharper, more in focus. Seeing ourselves and the world more defined allows us to make some changes—and change is what Lent is all about.

Change can be exciting or frightening. Change for the good, especially the common good, is always exciting because it advances the human condition and brings it more in line with God’s will. To bring about change we often utilize tools. The pen is a good way to advocate for change. Written articles, editorials, documents of the Church, even the words contained in blogs, podcasts, and the like are valuable ways to raise awareness of injustices and work to correct them. No one would encourage a return to use of the “sword,” but that term can become a metaphor to become a defender of the faith, of the revealed truth through Jesus, and of championing those pushed to the margins of society.

The wisdom literature of Sirach and the evangelist Luke both caution us to be careful of another mighty weapon, the human tongue. Words, once spoken, cannot be taken back. Many of the mighty have fallen because they spoke aloud that which was harbored in their heart. Perhaps as we stand on the threshold of a new Lenten season, we could focus on the words we speak, the words that have their genesis in our hearts, and that form our minds and attitudes. Our words can have painful and devastating results. Spoken words do not require the ability to read, they require no electronic device or internet subscription, they are powerful all on their own. Words can produce good fruit or rotten. Jesus reminds us, “For from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” This Lent *may be all our hearts be changed and filled with the love that is Our Lord’s desire.*

Deacon Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND FEB. 27**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 6

4:00 pm Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 7:00am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 9:00am Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 10:30am Fr. James Ackerman, SJ / Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 5:00pm Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, March 29**, at **3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book "The Stranger in the Mirror" by Liv Constantine, a suspenseful novel about a woman who survives an accident but with no recollection of her past. Please join us!

**YOUNG ADULTS— February 27**

The Young Adult Group meets every other week. Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, February 27! If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us in the Parish Center at 6pm.

**MONTHLY ROSARY**

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **March 16 at 7 PM**. **ZOOM** Rosary is on Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays at 7 PM. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

Encountering Mystery: Contemporary Art Inspired by Ignatian Spirituality

Encounter the mystery of Ignatian spirituality through an artist's eye. On Saturday, March 12th, St. Xavier Church will feature an immersive exhibition of sacred art in the parish gallery. Using vibrant colors and rich textures, renowned local artist Holly Schapker offers a wide variety of paintings and unexpected installations inspired by her journey through St. Ignatius Loyola's Spiritual Exercises.

The Jesuits are celebrating their Cannon Ball Year, 500 years since St. Ignatius' conversion. March 12th is significant because on that date in 1622, St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier were both canonized. There will be a special opening reception at 5:00 pm on March 12th with a short presentation beginning at 5:15pm. The show will remain open through July 31st, Ignatius Loyola's feast day. The sacred art gallery is in the parish center directly beneath St. Francis Xavier Church at 611 Sycamore St. in downtown Cincinnati. The collection will be on display Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 3:00 PM, and Sunday 9:00AM - noon. Closed on Saturday. Enter Parish Center beneath the scaffolding through the side door. For more information call (513) 721-4045. Hope to see you at this beautiful, spiritual, and inspirational presentation!

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
 Annie Quehl, Katie Clabough, Kevin England, Peggy McWilliams, Sam Ionna, Mary Hudson, Kailey Gahan, Colleen Rodenberg, Cheri Klink, Angie Naylon, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Shawn Ives, Madison Hengehold, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Gloria Ionna, Debby Kentrup, Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Debbie Palmisano, Shirley Himmelmann, Chet Stewart, Bob Staun, Bob Ambach, Don Mau-shart, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Don Dryer, Gina Spradling, Dan Louder, Philip Gigliotti, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Alisha Meridieth Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lavwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Austin Jacob Duesing and family, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, 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, TJ Ducklo, Lynda Pierce, Joseph Brehm, Gina Martin, Robert Miller, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perrone, Debbie Garnett, Jeanne Miller, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jojo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2

Masses are at 6 & 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 5 PM.
 No Confessions are heard on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN PRAYER EXPERIENCE

During Lent, beginning **ASH WEDNESDAY**, we will have a "Lenten Prayer Experience" on Wednesday evenings with soup and bread served at 5:30 and Reflection at 6 PM

**LENTEN REMINDERS – FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday, March 2, and Good Friday, April 15, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

St. Xavier Lenten Retreat Series

St. Xavier Church will offer a Lenten Retreat opportunity for busy adults starting the first week of Lent (the week of Feb. 27). The retreat will be comprised of six sessions - once a week during Lent at various time offerings. The retreat will be led by St. Xavier parishioners and will utilize the book, *Luke - The Good News of God's Mercy* from the *Six Weeks with the Bible* series as an inviting starting point. No prior knowledge of Scripture or study aids are required. Why not consider making the retreat a part of your Lenten reflection prayer this year? Sign-up sheets for the retreat will be available this weekend or call the parish office at 513-721-4045.

LENTEN LITTLE BLACK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SIDE DOOR AND AT THE BACK OF CHURCH