



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 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 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon



Music

March 20, 2022

Opening: What Wondrous Love #642

Responsorial Psalm 103:

The Lord is Kind and Merciful #1024

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Eucharistic Acclamations:

#198, 200, 202, 204

Communion: Mercy, O God #480

Closing: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#644

MASS INTENTIONS March 21—26

MON 6:00 + Gerry Merkes (Birth.)
21 11:30 + Mike Martin

TUES 6:00 SI Tom Huelsman
22 + Scott Miles
11:30 + Mary Helen Dyer

WED 6:00 + Ray Schmidtgoessling
23 11:30 SI Mary Lou McWhorter

Thur 6:00 + O'Connor and Whalen Families
24 11:30 + Ed Holman

FRI 6:00 + Helen Ruehl
25 11:30 + Charles B. Ginocchio
+ Helen D. Williams

SAT 7:00 + William Brosterman
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Sunday Offering for March 13	\$ 6,218
Online Giving	3,177
Total For March 13	\$ 9,395

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 at least 70 and ½, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. You can also use the QCD to comply with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- For those 72 or older, you can donate some or all of your (RMD) from your IRA or 401K. 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

Please consult with your tax advisor before making any contributions. For more information, please contact Mary Stutler mstutler@stxchurch.org



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)

Please join Catholics in every parish in the archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. 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—March 27

Thanks to all who donated this week for our parish trip to Tender Mercies!

Daring Disciples Camp for Grades PK-6th

Bellarmino Chapel is excited to offer an opportunity for children in grades preschool through 6th grade to come back together in person June 13-17 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Xavier University. We have updated our VBS curriculum and will include more active experiences that focus on building social interaction and community in our youngest disciples. The registration link is available here [Register for Daring Disciples](#). Contact Pam Fellerhoff fellerhoff@bellarminochapel.org with questions or to join the team of volunteers needed to make this program a reality. All are welcome!



The Proof is in the Figgy Pudding

Lent is a good time to reassess and question our commitment to our faith in God and our faith in other people. How durable is this faith? Are we patient with others? With ourselves? Can we take the long view when judging others? “The proof is in the pudding” is an old saying that calls us to look at the overall character of a person before assigning judgment; we must try something sufficiently to know its true quality. Likewise, any cook will tell you that one must be patient with the creation process. The same with people.

Today Jesus uses figs to make his “pudding point” that we should avoid rash judgment and assumptions. Often we want to blame people for their suffering. We seek a justification for hardship when often times there is none. How can we be careful to not fall into a suspicious mindset of “it must have been something you did to merit your fate”? The Book of Job features an innocent Job on the receiving end of judgment due to all of the tragic events that befell him. It then becomes our “job” not to fall into the same blame game.

Today, the fig tree appears in the gospel as Jesus urges us to “give a fig”.... give a chance to the fruit – to not prematurely dismiss the whole tree as rotten. Wait and taste the Figgy Pudding from the fig tree before denouncing it as irredeemable.

I remember when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. Some charlatan religious leaders claimed the victims deserved their destruction for something they must have done. Amazingly a whole city was judged rashly! Meanwhile, there were many acts of heroism and kindness amidst the destruction. Books like “*When Bad things Happen to Good People*” can help us put things in perspective as its thesis presents the argument that God is benevolent but not all-powerful to prevent evil. Today, The Gospel of Luke helps us to pull it all together.

What can we do to avoid scapegoating? To eschew the rash judgment of others? To quote today’s gospel: “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it so that it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.” That “figure” before us is a person with possibility. May the act of cultivation and fertilization be our metaphoric Lenten task with patience and perseverance our mantra.

“Oh, bring us some Figgy Pudding; Oh, bring us some Figgy Pudding” we can cry today because God won’t “go until we get some”of his wisdom. So bring it right here!

Rev. James Ackerman, SJ

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 20**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 20

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

Congratulations to

...**Elizabeth Anne Spotts**, daughter of Benjamin and Eileen Spotts; and

...**Louie Samuel White**, son of Phillip and Molly White who were baptized last weekend.

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 come join us!

YOUNG ADULTS— March 18 -Fish Fry Field Trip

The Young Adult Group will go on a pilgrimage to one of the great local fish fries here in Cincinnati. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, come join us! For more information, please call the office.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **April 20 at 7 PM. ZOOM** Rosary is on Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays at **8 PM**. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com She will send you the link.

Encountering Mystery: Contemporary Art Inspired by Ignatian Spirituality

St. Xavier Church is featuring 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 marked a significant milestone because on that date in 1622, St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier were both canonized. The show will be open through July 31, St. 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 art collection will be on display Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM - noon. Closed on Saturday. For more information call (513) 721-4045. Hope to see you at this beautiful, spiritual, and inspirational exhibition.

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish: Donald Greis, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, 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 Maushart, 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 Perone, Debbie Garnett, Jeanne Miller, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jojo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Darryl, and Gregg.

LENTEN PRAYER EXPERIENCE

During Lent, we will have a "Lenten Prayer Experience" on Wednesday evenings. Beginning with a "simple soup supper" at 5:30 PM, we continue with reflections by Fr.s Lickteig and Boddicker on the last Seven words of Christ at 6 PM.

**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!

ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP DAY

Sign Up Now-Active Discipleship Day—March 26 St. Xavier Parish, Bellarmine Parish, and Church of the Resurrection parish are happy to collaborate with the Xavier University Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice on **Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for our largest day of service yet. We will gather for a kickoff prayer service on the North Yard, outside Bellarmine Chapel on Xavier's campus, go out to our service sites for two-plus hours, reflect on that experience of service, then return to campus for a pizza celebration. If you would like to be a part of this family-friendly day, please sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/Bellarmino/SpringRSVP>