



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 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

April 3, 2022

Opening: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #724

Responsorial Psalm 126:

The Lord Has Done Great Things #1030

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Lenten Gospel Acclamation: #195

Eucharistic Acclamations:

#198, 200, 202, 204

Communion: Draw Near #935

Closing: Take Up Your Cross #801

MASS INTENTIONS April 4–9

MON 4	6:00 + Paul Guenther 11:30 + Russell John "Rachet" Lack (Birth.) + Julia Schmidt (Birth.)
TUES 5	6:00 + Carole Basye 11:30 + Peter Ginocchio
WED 6	6:00 + Mary Helen Dyer 11:30 + Helen D. Williams + David E. Kuntz
Thur 7	6:00 + Unice Freeman 11:30 + William C. Wester II + Lorna Schutte and Kathy Berger
FRI 8	6:00 + Vickie Paulus 11:30 + Mary Lou McWhorter
SAT 9	7:00 SI Tom Huelsman + Scott Miles

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Sunday Offering for March 27	\$ 7,369
Online Giving	3,717
Total For March 27	\$ 11,086

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.



Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

There is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for anyone who would like to participate in the Holy Week Liturgies. Please mark the Mass and Ministry you would like to help with.

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. Contact Pam Fellerhoff, fellerhoff@bellarminechapel.org



Let the One Among You Without Sin...

One can only imagine the humiliation of the young woman caught in an act of indiscretion and being dragged through the street and ultimately thrown at the feet of Our Lord. It is another vivid scene painted for us in John's gospel. We can get caught up in the sin this woman is accused of committing and we can join our morality with the crowd who seeks judgment and justice. Is this just another story of the religious leadership of the time trying to trap Jesus? Is the sin worthy of such public display? What about her partner? Isn't there some culpability for him? Is it a demonstration of Jesus' compassion or is it much more?

We may be hard pressed to place ourselves in the culture and social and religious mores of the time, but the act this woman is alleged to have committed strikes to the very core of our humanity. Her transgression is not unique. The religious governing body already had laws about what to do to such women—they were to be stoned, and further publicly humiliated. Jesus of course upholds the virtue and dignity of the human body and condemns the action. But Jesus does not condemn the person! His words, "Let the one among you without sin cast the first stone," WAS the judgement for which they were asking. Only it was levied against her accusers. Some maintain that they all had time to do an examination of conscience and as they realized there was something than transgressed the Law, they turned away. Perhaps, they were hypocrites who had all engaged in the same activity this woman was accused of doing and Jesus words were not just a lofty reminder to be righteous, but an outright sentence levied on those who presumed themselves innocent. What lay on the ground before them was not just an unfortunate woman, but the sin they all knew, and knew too well.

We have all sinned. Maybe not as depicted in this gospel story, but we have sinned. Jesus knows that. He does not condemn the sinner to pain, humiliation, or even death by stoning. He does call us to own up to it, to recognize our sins, and not try to pawn them off on someone else.

If nothing else, most of us are guilty of making rash judgements and of piling on when a crowd forms. We can quickly become convinced that someone is at fault simply because we were told they were, or because they are different from us, or because the circumstantial evidence has convinced us they are guilty. Fortunately, Jesus is an advocate who does not buy into that sort of judgement. When have we acted or spoken words that caused harm to another without any real cause? When have we been judged incorrectly with no one to defend us? Perhaps an examination of conscience is in order, and maybe we could do it before Jesus does it for us.

Deacon Tim Crooker

EASTER FLOWERS: If interested to purchase 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. _____
4. _____



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND APRIL 3**

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

PRESIDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 10

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

Congratulations to

... **Nora Joseph Zawalich** and **Owen Anthony**

Zawalich, children of Jason and Christina Zawalich who were baptized last weekend!

+ Please pray for the soul of **Donald Greis** who passed away last week.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, May 10**, at **3 pm** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Sacred Time* by Christine Valters Painter. There is never enough time for all we want to do. The author introduces eight cycles of sacred time that help us move beyond the pressures of each day and into an intentional life. Please come join us!

YOUNG ADULTS—APRIL 10—Entering Passion Week

Join us in the Parish Center after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, April 10, for a discussion on how we can walk with Jesus through Passion Week and receive His gift for us on the cross. If you are in your 20's or early 30's, please join us.

MONTHLY ROSARY

We will meet at ST. XAVIER CHURCH on **April 6** at **7 PM**. ZOOM Rosary is every evening at 8 PM except on Wednesdays at church which is at 7 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.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. PAUL'S HOME

Little Sisters of the Poor
Envelopes are in the pews
for our annual collection

for the Little Sisters. The Sisters could not be here in person this year, but they still need our help. Thank you for your generosity.

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Maureen O'Sullivan, Doug Lange, Curtis Lindsey, Sharon Dearwester, 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, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, 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 Fathers 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!



HOLY WEEK

Triduum and Easter Schedule

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thu Apr 14 7:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
Fri Apr 15 12:00pm
Easter Vigil: Sat Apr 16 8:45pm
Easter Sunday: Apr 17 at 7, 9, and 10:30a m

Please Note: Additional Confessions will be heard Wednesday, April 13 from 6—7 pm.

Confessions will not be heard after 12 noon on Holy Thursday until the Tuesday after Easter.