



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

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 Majorem 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

Baptism - Marriage - Anointing

or to register call parish office at 513.721.4045



St. Blaise - Feast Day: February 3

Music

Opening: Lord, Whose Love In Humble
Service #764

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Responsorial Psalm 112: The Just Man Is a
Light #1104

Communion: Song of St. Patrick # 793

Closing: We Are Marching # 594

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 6 - 11

MON 6	6:00 11:30	+ Bob Diehl + Carl Voss (Birth.) SI For Brittany to know God's love
TUES 7	6:00 11:30	+ Edwin Maurer + Albert Scheid (Annv.)
WED 8	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Helen Dyer SI Jane Klare (2nd Annv.)
THUR 9	6:00 11:30	+ John Kohrman Family + Helen Sievers + Baby L
FRI 10	6:00 11:30	+ Helen D. Williams + Maureen Merten (Annv.)
SAT 11	7:00	+ Robert Permann

NURSERY AREA in Parish Center

Available during the 9 am and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses.
Mass will be on the televisions and families are invited to
come **upstairs** for communion when the time comes.

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DONATE





Sunday Collection for January 29	\$ 9,139
Online Contributions	7,609
Total For January 29	\$ 16,748

You can give any portion of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA to St. Xavier Church and exclude that amount from your taxable income, in effect creating a financial benefit that otherwise might not be available if you use the standard deduction. Please contact your financial or tax advisor for more information.

ADSUM

A Campaign for Renewal

We are excited to announce that St. Xavier Church's multi-month campaign, which will involve renovation and restoration of the church interior, is called **Adsum: A Campaign for Renewal**. *Adsum* is Latin for "I am present," as in a roll call. We are present in the heart of downtown, carrying on the legacy of Catholics in Cincinnati, and prepared to answer God's call. Scan the QR to learn more!



ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on Tuesday, **February 28**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley. Jess may have come to Paris to escape her past, but it's starting to look like it's her brother's future that's in question. He is missing and everyone in the building is a suspect with something to hide. Join us to discuss this mystery!

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Women's Spirituality Group

We have launched a prayer/ discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 14** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. We will begin 2023 with a focus on a Bible study book, *Women in the Bible*, by Kimberlee Herman, and the memoir, *Educated*, by Tara Westover.

Men's Spirituality Group

We have re-launched a prayer/ discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our next meeting is Friday, **February 17** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

LENTEEN RETREAT

We will use James Martin S.J.'s book *Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus* as a guide for our six week Lenten Retreat. Parish members of Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church are invited to sign up for small groups that will be offered at various times of the week, in person or on Zoom. Fr. Martin will present an introductory session (via Zoom) on Tuesday, **February 21**, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Please plan to order your own copy of the book. Used copies are available on Amazon. Scan the QR to register for the February 21 event and for the Lenten retreat itself.



Adsum! I Am Present!

"This little light O Mine - I'm gonna let it shine!" Did you ever sing this song as a child? As an adult? Today, we are urged to sing, if not live, this song. The song's lyrics urge us to remember that "Jesus came for me . . . I'm gonna make Him shine, and I'm gonna make it shine, this little light of mine." I am present!

Today, and, in fact, throughout this past week in scripture, we have had several illuminating examples of light. February 2nd was the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple followed by February 3rd - the Memorial of St. Blaise. Today we get a gospel that urges us to personify light and salt - to make a difference - and to ask ourselves, "What will our 'lit presentation' look like as we present ourselves to God and to one another?"

At the Presentation of the Child Jesus, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth. This occasion is also known as "Candlemas" in Old English. In French it is called "La Fete de la Chandeleur." Sounds like the Feast of the Chandelier, doesn't it?! So our little Jesus is like a chandelier that lights up a room! Do you? Can you light up a room? ... the world?

The next day this past week we had the Memorial of St. Blaise - patron saint of throat ailments. Blaise was a bishop and a physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians. While in prison he performed a cure of a boy choking on a fish bone. En route to prison he helped a woman save her prized pig by ordering a wolf who seized the pig to relax its grip. Out of gratitude, the woman visited Blaise in prison with two large candles to reduce the gloom in the cell. Today we have the candle ritual of the blessing of the throats (come get lit!).

And today, we have scripture that urges us to be light and salt for others. Indeed, the First Reading sheds light on how to do this: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn." In the Second Reading, Paul admits that "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling," but his bold message is "a demonstration of Spirit and power" - despite his fears!

So today the challenge is issued. Can we personify light and salt, make a difference, and notice how the presentation of Jesus lights up the world.

Speaking of presentations, once when I got a new haircut, the cook at the Jesuit residence said to me: "Me gusta su nueva presentation!" - meaning "I like your new look!" Ask yourself this: What will your "new presentation" be as you are inspired to light the world up and shake your salt shaker?!

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 5**

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 12

4:00 pm	Fr. Walter Deye, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ offers Adoration and Confession on **Wednesday** evenings from **6-7 PM**.
Please come and pray with us!

**Congratulations to...**

...**Collins Chelsea Manning**, daughter of Jacob and Mackenzie who was baptized last weekend.

...**Sean and Laura (Grimsley) Weisgerber** who were married here last weekend!

A LIFE IN PERU:**One Jesuit's Call to Service**

Please join the Midwest Jesuits for a reception with Fr. Kevin Flaherty, SJ in the Parish Center on Friday, **February 10** from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Scan the QR code to RSVP and learn more about Fr. Kevin's work in Peru.

**HELP WANTED:****Small Group Leaders for Lent**

We have **TWO** retreat opportunities for you to consider:

- 1) **Seven Last Words** - This retreat begins with an introductory Zoom presentation by James Martin, SJ. on Feb. 21 (see other announcement in this bulletin). Small group leaders are needed to facilitate subsequent weekly small group sessions that meet during Lent using the book *Seven Last Words*.
- 2) **Six Weeks with the Bible** - Back by popular demand is our LENTEN retreat series featuring bible study using the book/study guide, *On the Road with Jesus - Matthew 10-20*. We are looking for small group leaders to facilitate this retreat that meets once a week during Lent. You can choose an in person or online format to facilitate a group.

For both retreat opportunities, no experience is necessary and instruction will be provided to you. Please call the church office if you are interested in leading a group.



Scan the QR code to support St. X Church and our missions in Kenya (Fr. Sossy), India (Fr. Veigas), and Peru (Fr. Arrieta). Thank you!

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Sheilds, Frank and Sandy Fieler, Phyllis Link, Molly Miller, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Megan and Vincent Koester, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Cathy Eaglin, Andy Bailey, Mary Consuella, Emily Gear, Ryan Alleman, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Mary Hudson, Colleen Rodenberg, Angie Naylon, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Shirley Himmelmann, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Ray Teeppen, Don Dryer, 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 Lawwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, TJ Ducklo, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jojo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, and Ginny Wiltse.

BLESSING OF THROATS

On Friday, **February 3**, the Memorial of St. Blaise, and at masses during the weekend (Feb. 4 and 5) a blessing of throats will be conferred after all the Masses. The custom began in the 16th century, although Blaise lived in the fourth century. He was the bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who, according to legend, saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He is now the patron saint of all who have diseases of the throat. Please join us and receive a blessing of your throat as a sign of God's care for his people.

ROSARY

Come join the rosary group on Wednesday, **February 15** at 7 PM at St. Xavier Church. Email Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Masses are at 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM and 5 PM.

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 PM and Reflection at 6 PM.

Parking - Free parking in the lot north of church (SW 7th and Sycamore) is available for **Saturday 4pm and Sunday Masses ONLY**. This **DOES NOT** include the parking lot on Sixth Street nor does it include the parking spaces beyond the alley. You will be ticketed if you are not parked in the designated lot.



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