



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 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

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 13—18

MON 13	6:00	+ Gerry Merkes (Annv.) SI Phyllis Link (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Lorri Crum (Birth.) + Dennis Freudenberger (Birth.) + John Ornella (1st Annv.)
TUES 14	6:00	+ John R. Grosser
	11:30	SI Maggie Womacks (Birth.) + Anita Moran (Birth.)
WED 15	6:00	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+ Mary Jo Whitaker (1st Annv.)
THUR 16	6:00	+ William and Anna Doud + Catherine Ann Kearns
	11:30	SI Bonnie Sartin (Birth.)
FRI 17	6:00	+ Harold and Mar Weber
	11:30	+ Sheila Hughes + Thomas F. Rehme
		7:00



St. Jerome Emiliani - Feast Day: February 8

Music

Opening: Lead Me, Guide Me #656

Scripture Readings: Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Responsorial Psalm 119: Blessed Are They #1107

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #728

Closing: How Can I keep from Singing? #685

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	\$ 7,597
Online Contributions	10,095
Total For January 29	\$ 17,692

You can name St. Xavier Church as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy.

Remembering St. Xavier Church in your will and estate planning may also reduce your income or estate taxes.

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.

THURSDAY SOCIAL - February 16

Wooden Cask Brewing Company,
629 York Street, Newport, KY.
The fun happens around 4-6 PM!
All are welcome.



January Mass Attendance (average)

Sat. 4 PM	173		
Sun. 7 AM	97	Sun. 10:30 AM	194
Sun 9 AM	142	Sun. 5 PM	135



Stop in the Name of Love

The Law was incredibly difficult to keep and fulfill. As with any strict regimen or system of rules we naturally try to find shortcuts or, when those rules are relaxed, to relax them as much as we can get away with. When a rule is suspended all together? Good luck reinstating it later.

We can imagine, then, that when Jesus comes on to the scene people are excited not only because of His miracles, but also His preaching. It was something new and simple; He approached religion with a fresh perspective and it is easy to see how some might be tempted to think that the days of the old Law were over. But today Jesus reigns such notions in, not only saying explicitly that He comes "...not to abolish but to fulfill," and even connects salvation to the keeping of the commandments to the full.

To surpass the Scribes and Pharisees in righteousness is to see the Law less as a set of rules and more as a school for the heart, teaching the heart what it has forgotten due to sin. In the Fall humanity lost its original holiness and original justice; the Law seeks to teach us that, but it cannot make us so. One need not murder to have the heart of a murderer; one need not cheat on his spouse to have the heart of an adulterer, for as Jesus says, "For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery..." (Matthew 15:19) and "a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil," (Luke 6:45).

Rather, as St. Paul writes, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law...love does not evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law," (Romans 13:8, 10).

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

REMINDERS - FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 22, and Good Friday, April 7, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, 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.

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

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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...**

...Leo James Niernberger, son of Jordan and Shannon who was baptized last weekend.

ST. XAVIER LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

This Lent, we are happy to offer **TWO (2)** retreat opportunities:

1) SIX WEEKS WITH THE BIBLE

This retreat is comprised of six small group sessions meeting once a week using the study/ retreat book, *On the Road with Jesus - Matthew 10-20* similar to last year's retreat featuring Luke. Various time offerings and locations (including an online Zoom version) are listed on sign-up sheets that you can find in the back of church. Or you can call the parish office for information at 513-721-4045.

2) THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

This retreat begins with a Zoom session with Fr. James Martin, SJ, on Feb. 21 at 7:30 PM. Small group sessions discussing Fr. Martin's book, *Seven Last Words*, will meet throughout Lent. Scan to register.



Why not consider making a retreat a part of your Lenten reflection prayer this year?!

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

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.

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 Fielser, 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 Teepen, 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, Adelie 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.

TENDER MERCIES - February 26

If you can donate a food item for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office at 513-721-4045.

**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 little black books will be available next weekend at the side door and at the back of the church*

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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