



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 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

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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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. 20—25

PRESIDENTS DAY

MON 20	6:00	SI Walter Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Les McGraw (Birth.)
TUES 21	6:00	+ Norma & Erwin Erhardt, Jr. (Wedd. Annv.)
	11:30	+ Ruth Katherine Wendling + Jamie Marie Lindeman (1st Annv.)
WED 22	Masses: 6AM, 11:30AM, 12:30 PM & 5 PM	
	6:00	+ John Schwartz
THUR 23	11:30	+ John Ornella (Birth.)
		+ Daniel O'Sullivan (Birth.)
FRI 24	6:00	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
	11:30	+ Mr. and Mrs. Otto Buzek
SAT 25	7:00	+ Jean Scheid (Birth.)



Music

Opening: Where Charity and Love Prevail #706

Scripture Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Responsorial Psalm 103:

The Lord is Kind and Merciful #1110

Communion: All Who Hunger #925

Closing: They'll Know We Are Christians #835

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 February 12	\$ 6,831
Online Contributions	8,154
Total For February 12	\$ 14,985

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. Stay tuned for details about next month's meeting.

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, **March 3** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

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.

HELP WANTED: ALTAR LINENS

We are seeking a volunteer to help with altar linens. Your time is needed twice a month: 1 hour on a Monday, or 2-4 hours on a Tuesday. Please call the office at 513-721-4045 if you are interested. Thank you!



What does it Mean to be Perfect?

Most of us are very familiar with the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew. If questioned, we would probably answer with; "oh, yes, Blessed are they..." We might be able to get through most of the Beatitudes that Jesus taught in that sermon. We may also remember that the sermon contains what we call the "Our Father." Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. But for the last few weeks we have been hearing more from that same sermon. There are no parables to figure out and apply, no analogies of which we can relate like "salt and light." We simply have direct teachings of Jesus challenging us to go beyond the mere letter of the law. Jesus's teaching demands that minimalism is not enough to enter the kingdom of heaven. We have to be perfect!

Being perfect is something that scares us. Many either find it unattainable, and therefore, don't try or claim perfection and wonder why others aren't as good. Both attitudes are in error. Our concept of being perfect comes from a strong work and discipline ethic. We try to be the perfect musician or the perfect athlete, the perfect partner in marriage. Each of these—and many more—carry some standard of perfection. And, when we reach that level the goal posts get moved. Any athlete, especially an Olympic athlete, will tell you that perfection is short lived. Someone will come along to better the time, the distance, or the score.

But perfection in our spiritual life is an attainable goal. Jesus sets the standard, and it has been in place over 2000 years. The goal is to "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." We shouldn't take this as Jesus telling us to be the same as God (a certain couple named Adam and Eve tried that and look where it landed us all). To be perfect, even from our own English dictionary, is to be without fault. In that understanding lies the true meaning of spiritual perfection. God, of course is without fault. In our relationship to God and to one another we too are to be without fault. Jesus points out the faults that have crept into human behavior. He reminds us that these habits of ours are to be recognized, addressed, and corrected. As the season of Lent begins this week, let us take a good look at our actions and attitudes so that we can be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.

- Deacon Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 19**

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 26

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

**YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday, February 26 – Meeting**

Join us in the parish center (below the church) after the 5 PM Mass for a guided meditation led by Fr. Paul. See you there!

St. Xavier Young Adults

**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. Or, flyers are at the back of church.



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

✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Sandy Keiser, Karley, 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 Naylor, 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 Martinez, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, 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 Lavwig, 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.

TENDER MERCIES - February 26

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

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University. For more information please visit: nationalmensconference.com

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

* *Lenten little black books are available 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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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!

