



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

1st Sunday of Lent

February 26, 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. 27—March 4

MON 27	6:00	+ Monica Moore Bazard + Catherine Ann Kearns
	11:30	+ Jill Eippert
TUES 28	6:00	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
	11:30	+ Kevin England SI Empress A and her parents
WED 1	6:00	+ Brian McConville
	11:30	+ Harold and Mar Weber + Mary Ann Himmelmann
THUR 2	6:00	+ Arthur Powell
	11:30	SI Trent Obermeyer (Birth.) SI Bill Stakelin (Birth.)
FRI 3	6:00	+ Barbara VanDenBroeck (Annv.)
	11:30	+ Dr. Charles M. Barrett and Mary Belle F. Barrett
SAT 4	7:00	+ Saranya Bach + Rosa Farah



Music

Opening: Forty Days and Forty Nights #483

Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord #1016

Mass parts begin at #195

Communion: Turn to the Living God #485

Closing: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
#479

We are grateful once again to have The Majestic Brass as our musical guests at the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. This is the 16th year that they have shared their beautiful music with us.

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 19	\$6,994
Online Contributions	5,905
Total For February 19	\$12,899

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 meeting is Tuesday, **March 14** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church.

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.

RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS

We are always looking for Mass servers. No experience necessary except a faithful heart! For more information email Fr. James Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you!

ALTAR LINEN CARE

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!



The Corruption of Sin

One of the ways that Jesus shares in our humanity is that he was tempted. Immediately after his baptism, Jesus went out to the desert where he was confronted by evil. One can almost hear the voice of the accuser trying to question Jesus and his use of power, his purpose on Earth, and his relationship with God.

"Yes...turn the stones to bread. You deserve a break today! You are sooo hungry. What harm could one rock being turned to bread do anyone? Give in."

"Yes...cast yourself from here and show everyone how powerful you are; prove it to yourself! You can make up any rule you like! You can defy the laws of creation. In fact, there is only you to decide."

"Yessss, you could be "king of the world". You can do what you want instead of following the will of 'the Father.' Who even is the 'Father'? Where is he now? What good have his rules done anyone? You make your own rules."

Our cultural view of temptation is a strange thing. Often included in the world of advertising and commerce to generate "playful" imagery, temptation has become a term we associate with letting go, giving in, and allowing ourselves to have a "little fun". However, temptation is never about being enticed to perform an act of good.

Temptation is always an urge towards something harmful that will erode our relationships with God, corrupt our understanding of self, and fragment our sense of care for one another. When we start to see temptation for what it is, a misrepresentation of good, we start to hear the voice of God calling us to something more. In understanding how temptation works on us, we can begin to allow mercy and grace to work more clearly in our lives.

Jesus believed in sin and knew it to be a powerful and corrupting tendency. However, Jesus was also the embodiment of God's mercy, and he knew that for whatever sin brought into the world, it could not overcome God's power. For us to acknowledge evil is also for us to realize that there is an alternative God is offering to us, that we might learn to live and love in a different way.

This Lent, let us be mindful of the voices that might tempt us towards something unworthy of who we are called to be. While we might look to our own sin and the ways that temptation slowly corrupts our intentions, let us see more how we are called to be aware of God's mercy and hope for us. For every sin that we perceive, may we become more aware of God's power, grace and love, healing us.

Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
Pastor

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 5

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

This Lent, we are happy to offer a retreat opportunity!

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.

LENTEN PRAYER EXPERIENCE

We will have a "Lenten Prayer Experience" on Wednesday evenings with soup and bread served at 5:30 PM and Reflection at 6 PM.

**ROSARY**

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

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

You will notice in the bulletins, you can see the names of those souls for whom each daily Mass is offered. We also list the names of those who are sick in the parish. We encourage you to keep these names in your own personal prayer intentions.



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:
Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Sandy Keiser, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Shields, 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

JESUIT RETREATS

The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers retreats modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An experienced retreat director will provide a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and offer methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. The retreat includes opportunities to participate in Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, Healing Service, Spiritual Direction and time for silence and private reflection. Embrace the silence and come to know the abundance of God's love and mercy. To register or for more information visit: www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

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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