



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 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

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, 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 March 6 - 11

MON 6	6:00	+ Ervin Mueller SI Empress and her parents
	11:30	+ JoAnn Weber (Annv.)
TUES 7	6:00	+ John Kohrman Family + Norma Erhardt (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Bill Capasso SI Special Intention
WED 8	6:00	+ Catherine Ann Kearns
	11:30	+ Kevin England + Mary Jo Donovan
THUR 9	6:00	+ Mary Helen Dyer SI Laurette Erhardt (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Jerry Wernke
FRI 10	6:00	+ Paul Feist
	11:30	+ Barb Castro (Birth.) + Dick Quehl (Birth.)
SAT 11	7:00	SI Erwin F. Erhardt (Birth.)



Music

Opening: How Good, Lord, To Be Here! #877

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Responsorial Psalm 33:
Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us #1019

Mass parts begin at #195

Communion: Change Our Hearts #493

Closing: The Glory of These Forty Days #481

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 26	\$ 10,423
Online Contributions	3,566
Total For February 26	\$13,989

- You can name St. Xavier Church as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy.
- You can make St. Xavier Church a beneficiary on your IRA or 401k account, which may reduce estate taxes.
- 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), which begins at age 73.

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!



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. Our next meeting will feature prayer and a discussion on Chapter Two of *Women of the Bible* - Rebekah. We will also discuss themes from the book, *Educated*, by Tara Westover. New members are always welcome! Come as you are!

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 17** 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, just a faithful heart! For more information email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office. Thank you!

ALTAR LINEN CARE: HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to help with altar linens. Your time is needed twice a month. Two hours on Monday and/or two to four hours the next Tuesday. Please call the office at 513-721-4045 if you are interested. Thank you!



Transform with Love

My husband and I started coming to Saint Xavier 25 years ago. We had raised our children and were looking for a parish to call home. We had been to Saint Xavier over the years because they had mass times that fit our schedule with children playing different sports. There was always a time to attend mass at Saint Xavier. My husband loved the fact that it was an old Gothic church, much like the one he attended as a child. We had been very involved in our previous parish, so I was happy anywhere I could simply go and pray. We began with the 12-noon mass. We were not there many weeks when the couple who sat directly behind us introduced themselves to us - Ann and Ray Fetick. We then met Earl and Virginia Kramer, who sat across the aisle from us. We shared the sign of peace with them. We were our own little parish community at the 12-noon mass. Eventually, the allure of the choir and incense drew us to the 10:30 mass, which I have attended ever since.

I am sure most of the members of St. Xavier parish have similar stories. Each chose a particular mass time, one of the "parish within a parish" congregations, as their preferred place to worship. Most of us pass seven other parishes on our way to St. Xavier. Why do we come to this place?

There is a special feeling of hospitality and acceptance here. You almost feel the embrace of this church when you walk through the doors. It's like a warm hug, welcoming you back. It is a place where the spirit of God resides.

We come to mass each week to reflect on God's Word and the Good News of the Salvation story. Today we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus while He is with His friends. They witnessed Jesus as God's Son and the fulfillment of the law. His disciples were transformed as their faith was strengthened through this mountaintop experience.

Our faith, our sacred space, our priests, and our parish can inspire us to become the best version of who we are called to be. If we open our hearts and minds and come each week with the faith in Jesus that Peter, James, and John showed, then we can be transformed into the person our loving God created us to be. This church drew us together to become the people of God, called to transform the world with Christ's love. Let's be open to God's Holy Spirit this Lenten season. Together, let's transform our world.

Kathy England
Pastoral Associate

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 12

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

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, March 12 – Dinner & Pins**

After 5 PM mass we'll head to Pins Mechanical in OTR for dinner, drinks, duckpin bowling, and arcade games!

**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 22** 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.

ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:
Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Sandy Keiser, Carly Grant, 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 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, 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.

February Mass Attendance (average)

Sat. 4 PM	160	Sun. 10:30 AM	230
Sun. 7 AM	104	Sun. 5 PM	166
Sun 9 AM	170		

**TENDER MERCIES - March 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.



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!

