



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 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

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 March 13 - 18

MON 13	6:00	+ Thomas F. Rehme
	11:30	+ Wade Burton
TUES 14	6:00	+ Helen D. Williams + August Hoffmann (22nd Annv.)
	11:30	+ Helen Leisgang + Marie Spada
WED 15	6:00	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families
	11:30	+ Angeline Herbst + Rosa Farah (Annv.)
THUR 16	6:00	+ Mary T. Doud SI Anyighos and Osuagwus Families
	11:30	+ Jack Luckett (Birth.) + Aileen Portell
FRI 17	6:00	+ Richard Kreinest
	11:30	SI Carolyn Hayward (Birth.) + Doug Lange (Birth.)
SAT 18	7:00	+ Leonard and Mary Brigger (Birth.) + Patricia Burns (Birth.)



Music

Opening: How Firm a Foundation #694

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Responsorial Psalm 95:
If Today You Hear His Voice #1022

Mass parts begin at #195

Communion: Mercy, O God #480

Closing: Shepherd of Souls #910

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 March 5	\$ 8,261.76
Online Contributions	5,391
Total For March 5	\$13,652.76

- 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.



ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on Tuesday, **April 11**, at 3 pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. This memoir is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both. Please join us to discuss Dr. Kalanithi's autobiography!

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND SERVERS:

Please review and fill out the April, May, and June schedules for dates you are unable to help **BEFORE March 18**. This does not include Easter Triduum. The sign-up for Easter is available in the sacristy. Thank you!

Close Encounters of a Mystical Kind

The people you meet in public places! Today's gospel story describes a public yet very personal conversation that could be called a "close encounter of a mystical kind." It is mystical in its otherworldly connection to something extra-terrestrial, even divine. It is with Jesus. And the encounter presages the conversion of a people.

Have you had a close encounter with Jesus where your understanding of life, love, faith has been altered? Today we are privy to the longest private encounter that Jesus has with anyone in the New Testament- to "the woman at the well," and it is significant since it is with . "well... a woman!"

Not bashful at breaking provincial taboos, Jesus chats with a woman. This is strike one. That she is a Samaritan is strike two. And sharing a drinking bowl utensil to get water? Yikes! Strike three! Jews don't do this! You're out of this world! Jesus may have appeared to be an extra-terrestrial alien in his interaction with the woman... and for his ability to see her for whom she is. May He do the same with you and me! E.T. phone home!

Meanwhile the woman's understanding of whom she is talking to is brought down to earth. "You are going to ask ME for a drink?" says she. And then she is sent into the stratosphere by Jesus' ability to intimately read her and launch her into orbit. She is shocked that Jesus knows she is living with a sixth man. "You are correct you are not married. You've been married five times and now living with a sixth!" says Jesus.

I believe that this story is about mission - hers, yours, OUR mission. Our collective mission project is to live and preach the gospel, - we men, women, and children. It is "mission possible" - that starts with a shocking mystical encounter that exposes our familiar foibles. Yet we are all eligible missionaries.

This mystical collision of Jesus with a stunned Samaritan woman can ignite the latent evangelical fervor in all of us. She and we are primed to action in our ability to convert society, a whole town, a whole people, via our testimony and reformed lives. "He told me everything about me!" she exclaims - the good, bad and ugly!

At the well of life, Jesus is "next level" here. He takes drink and food to new understandings. I AM the living water. I AM the bread of life he reminds us. May we echo our Samaritan woman at the well who entertains an intimate conversation with Christ that changes her life. She no longer is some goofy serial wife going on her sixth boyfriend. She is an evangelizer who excitedly carries off the word of God. May we be so inclined to say, like she did - "Sir, give me this living water!" after a close encounter of a mystical kind.

Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 19

4:00 pm	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, 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, March 12 – Dinner & Pins**

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

**OHIOANS TO STOP EXECUTIONS**

On April 2 (Palm Sunday), St. Xavier Church will host Peter Kobak of Ohioans to Stop Executions. He will give a presentation on the effort to end the death penalty in Ohio. Join us after the 10:30 AM mass in the Parish Center. The presentation will begin at 11:45 AM. The event is open to the public. We hope to see you there!

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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.



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:
Shannon Boyle, 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 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 Himmelman, 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Cathedral/St Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is an all-volunteer organization serving the Downtown, OTR and Pendleton neighborhoods. The mission is to help solve short term emergency needs, such as rent, utility bills, furniture, beds, food, etc. for people living in those neighborhoods. On Saturday mornings, our volunteers pair up and visit the homes of neighbors in need. We then meet to decide what needs to be done to meet these needs. Often, this helps avoid an eviction or electric cut-off. We are guided by Jesus's words "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me". In the last quarter of 2022, we were able to help 82 families.

The conference relies entirely upon local donations to do this important work and we need your help. Please consider donating to this work either on-line through the donation portal of the St. Xavier web site, by mail to: Cathedral/St X SVDP Conference, 325 W. 8th St. 45202 or through our regular church collection in a marked envelope. Thank you and may God bless you for your help.