



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**March 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 March 20 - 25

MON 20	6:00 11:30	+ Attiliano and Carolina DiGiovane + Leo Guarasci (Birth.)
TUES 21	6:00 11:30	+ Gerry Merkes (Birth.) + Kevin England SI God's Favor on Kene A
WED 22	6:00 11:30	+ Membrs. Katharine Gormley & Eleanor Maley Families + Edward Maurer + Richard Dudenhoefter (Birth.)
THUR 23	6:00 11:30	+ John R. Grosser + Joan Daugherty
FRI 24	6:00 11:30	+ O'Connor and Whalen Families + Curtis Lindsey (1st Annv.)
SAT 25	7:00	+ Charles B. Ginocchio



## Music

**Opening:** Christ, Be Our Light #590

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**Responsorial Psalm 23:**  
The Lord is My Shepherd #1025

**Mass parts begin at #195**

**Communion:** O God, You Search Me #581

**Closing:** Amazing Grace #645

### 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	\$ 6,999
Online Contributions	5,089
Total For March 5	\$ 12,088

- 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, **April 18** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Our next meeting will feature prayer and a discussion on Chapter Three of *Women of the Bible* – Leah. 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 31** 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!

### 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!



## “Do You Believe in the Son of Man?”

Jesus does a remarkable thing today: He gives sight to a man born blind. We might not be surprised at this, given what else we've seen Jesus do. But to those Pharisees and scribes present, it was "...unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind." For to restore the sight of someone who once could see is one thing: you are merely returning them to the way they were before they lost their sight. But to give the gift of sight to someone who had never had it to begin with? That is entirely new, especially as it begins to point toward a truth that frightens those who think they already know everything about God: only God can grant sight where there was none before.

Rather than accept what they see before them, the Pharisees shut their eyes and dismiss the possibility, focusing instead on the fact that Jesus healed the man on the sabbath. They are the blind ones, blinded either by their own fear of what it would mean to believe in Jesus, or their pride by which they refused to believe they had anything to learn from this formerly-blind man about God. "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" they say.

We can easily fall into the same trap, the same comfortable reassurance of believing we are converted enough, catechized enough, familiar enough with God such that we can never be challenged, never see ourselves as having room to grow. I cannot count the number of times I tried to offer a different perspective on a matter of faith or Church teaching, or even tried to offer a correction, and someone says, "Oh Father, I went to a Catholic school," or I'll hear of priests not listening to what a parishioner has to say about their experience of God simply because they have no "theological training." Pride clouds the heart and blinds it: hence Jesus teaches us, "*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God,*" (Matthew 5:8).

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 26**

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. James Ackerman, 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, March 26 – Discussion**

Join us in the parish center after 5 PM mass for a reflective discussion led by Fr. Jacob as we near the end of Lent.

**OHIOANS TO STOP EXECUTIONS**

On **April 2** (Palm Sunday), St. Xavier Church will host Peter Kobak of Ohioans to Stop Executions and an exoneree, Derrick Jamison, for 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.

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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. We also pray the Rosary on Zoom every evening at 8 PM. Email Jan Meyer at [jmeyer0555@gmail.com](mailto:jmeyer0555@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

**SACRED GAZE - ART INSTALLATION**

A new installation in the Parish Center by artist, Holly Schapker, focuses our attention on how when we gaze intently at an image, we allow ourselves to be changed. Are images a mirror of the viewer, a reflection of the artist, or an entryway into contemplating the divine? Featuring some previously seen images, as well as new paintings on the life of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, the artist allows us to examine the nature of spiritual intimacy in religious art.

**✠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, 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 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.

**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](http://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.

**RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS & FUNERAL AIDS**

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](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org) or call the parish office. Thank you!

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