



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

5th Sunday of Lent

March 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 March 27 - April 1

MON 27	6:00 11:30	+ Harold and Mar Weber + Angeline Herbst
TUES 28	6:00 11:30	+ Catherine Ann Kearns + Carl Huelsman (Birth.) + Penelope Coyne
WED 29	6:00 11:30	+ Bob Diehl + Denise Lakingbeal
THUR 30	6:00 11:30	+ Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday + Eamon Guy
FRI 31	6:00 11:30	+ Robert Wheeler + Scott Sanders (Birth.)
SAT 1	7:00	+ Andrew Roeben Evans (1st Annv.)



Music

Opening: Lift High the Cross #881

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Responsorial Psalm: With The Lord There Is Mercy
#1028

Mass parts begin at #195

Communion: Take and Eat #950 (*not 10:30 AM Mass*)

10:30 AM only: O Divine Redeemer - Gounod
(David Skiff, vocalist)

Closing: There Is A Wideness In God's Mercy #644

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 19	\$ 6,487
Online Contributions	9,213
Total For March 19	\$ 15,700

- 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!



Resuscitation

It is a term that we hear usually in the context of a medical condition: resuscitation. In many Bibles, the Gospel passage from John about the raising of Lazarus is titled, "The Resuscitation of Lazarus." A casual hearing of the Gospel story gives us an image that Lazarus, the friend of Jesus, is resurrected from the dead. After all, the story reminds us, he had been dead for four days. But there is a difference here in Lazarus' return to life and the Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, which we celebrate on Easter. The resurrection, in Christian understanding, is a transformation. When Jesus, the first-born from the dead, is resurrected, he is something new, something that has not been before. The mystery of the Resurrection is not the focus of this article, but it is good to bear in mind that the hope of every Christian is that we will participate in the resurrection of Jesus.

This does not mean that the story of Lazarus has no hope for us; that it was merely a show of Jesus' ability to win over followers. The story of the raising or resuscitation of Lazarus is, for us, a demonstration of hope! Jesus restores his friend to life. Jesus restores us to life. Not in the dramatic physical sense—but in a way that allows us to continue our journey, our path to and with him. Lazarus becomes for us a symbol of all that we may feel when life pulls us away from God. We lose hope, we die inside; and in doing so we separate ourselves even further from God. But God will not let one of us persist in that separation. Jesus resuscitates us, gives us our life back, a life that is meant to be lived!

During Lent we are presented with many opportunities to examine and correct our lives. Most of us ignore those because we feel we are not in need. Then perhaps, one day we realize just how far away from God we have drifted. We feel no connection, no relationship, we are in a sense, dead. But Jesus comes to us in Word and Sacrament and restores us to life. Jesus's words at the end of the Gospel story are perhaps the most life affirming, "Untie him and let him go." How many of us long to hear those words from Our Lord? To be resuscitated and to have the bonds that restrict us from fully living removed is perhaps the greatest joy of love that we could experience. As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, may we take the time to embrace his love and mercy in our life today.

Deacon Tim Crooker

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - APRIL 2

4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, 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!

**Congratulations to...**

...**Maggie Louise Hunley**, daughter of Matthew and Johna who was baptized last weekend.

...**Tripp App Andrew Long**, son of Troy and Samantha who was baptized last weekend.

...**Nicholas and Katherine (Jennings) Dubell**, who were married here last weekend.

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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READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND SERVERS:

Please scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer at one of the Holy Week masses. Forms are also available in the sacristy.

**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.

**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.

**✠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 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.

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. 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 or call the parish office. Thank you!