



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

**Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 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 April 3 - 8

MON 3	6:00	+ Mary Helen Dyer + Les McGraw (Annv.)
	11:30	+ Kevin England (Birth.) + Lawrence Dale Mullaney (Annv.)
TUES 4	6:00	+ Arthur Powell + Julia Schmidt (Birth.)
	11:30	+ Peter Ginocchio
WED 5	6:00	+ Liv. & Dec'd Membrs. Kearn Family
	11:30	+ Loretta Kramer SI Empress Anyigbo (Birth.) SI Jessica A. (Birth.)
THUR 6	HOLY THURSDAY (Confessions 11 AM - 12 PM) 7 PM Mass	
FRI 7	GOOD FRIDAY 12 NOON (No Confessions)	
SAT 8	EASTER VIGIL 8:45 PM (No Confessions)	



## Music

**Opening:** All Glory, Laud, and Honor #498

**Scripture Readings:** Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Mass parts begin at #195**

**Communion:** We Remember #681

**Closing:** Tree of Life #475

### 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 26 will be reported in the  
April 9 bulletin.

THANK YOU for supporting St. Xavier Church!

- 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



St. Xavier Church's multi-month *Adsum* campaign, which will involve the renovation and restoration of the church interior is underway! Scan the QR code to learn more. An online donation link is coming soon.



#### 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.

#### 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. It 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, **April 14** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday.

#### EASTER FLOWERS

Interested in purchasing Easter flowers for someone special or as a memorial of a loved one? Please fill out this form and return it with your donation to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. We will publish all names and intentions in the Easter bulletin. Suggested \$10 each.

Thank you! Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) (if needed use separate sheet)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Jesus Christ is Lord!

Have you ever prayed for a miracle? Have you known in your heart that an outcome was inevitable but you still prayed fervently for that outcome to change?

As we begin this Holy Week, it is important to remember that Jesus was fully divine, but He was also fully human. He had to have felt the thrill of acceptance as He rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, the crowds cheering for this healer, prophet and teacher. How satisfying to feel that His message had been received and understood.

But as the days of that week went on, things changed dramatically. He had to have felt the animosity of the Pharisees and heard the whispers against Him. Was He looking over His shoulder, waiting for the beginning of His end?

He found time for a final lesson for His disciples. He showed them the way of service to others by washing His brothers' feet. He found time to bless and break bread with them and asked them to remember Him in this meal. Then He went to a garden to pray. And Jesus, the very human Jesus, prayed for a miracle. "*My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.*" As all of us do in our lives at some point, we prepare for the worst and hope for the best, always leaving the final decision to our good and merciful God.

We all know how the story played out. But do you ever stop and reflect on the many small miracles that accompanied Jesus on His final journey? He was given the strength to endure punishment that should have killed Him long before the crucifixion. He was able to see His mother one last time along the way to Calvary. At the end, His closest friend and His mother were with Him; Mary, who promises all of us a peaceful death.

The very human Jesus endured inhumane treatment from the very people He came to save. We all are in the crowd crying out to *crucify Him*. We all bear the burden of our own sinfulness, knowing He took all of our sin on His shoulders and laid down His life to free us and give us the gift of everlasting life.

We have a lot to think about this week. We should be sorrowful and repentant, but most of all we should be grateful. Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Kathy England, Pastoral Associate*

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - APRIL 9**

8:45 pm	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 am	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!*

**ROSARY**

Come join the rosary group on Wednesday, **April 19** 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.

**THE JONAH PLAN**

Formed by St. X parishioner, Paula Trimble, the Jonah Plan is an initiative whose aim is renewal of the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their goal is to increase awareness and reception of Confession by building parish prayer groups and gathering resources. Visit [www.thejonahplan.org](http://www.thejonahplan.org) today!

**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.

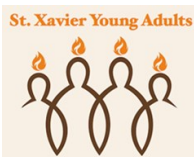
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**READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND SERVERS:**

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

**YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday, April 16 – Divine Mercy**

Come join us in the parish center after the 5pm Mass for a little springtime party to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! Learn more by visiting [www.stxya.com/events](http://www.stxya.com/events).

**✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Linda Hennel, 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 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 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.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVERS & FUNERAL AIDES**

We are always looking for mass servers and funeral helpers. No experience necessary, just a faithful heart! For more info, email Fr. James Ackerman, SJ at [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org) or call the parish office. Thank you!

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