



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023



Welcome to St. Xavier

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 Intentions

December 25 - 30

MON 25			Merry Christmas!
TUES 26	11:30	+	No 6 AM Mass Katie Eilerman (Birth.) + Kevin England
WED 27	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families + Miguel Chavez
	11:30	+	Carolyn Voss (Birth.) + Miguel Chavez
THU 28	6:00	+	Johanna Sievers (Annv.) + Jean-Robert deCavel
	11:30	+	Kenneth C. Haner (Annv.) + Donald Dryer
FRI 29	6:00	+	Catherine Ann Kearns + Don & Mary Jo Kiely (Wed. Annv.)
	11:30	+	Harold & Mar Weber + Carol Lipps McGinnis
SAT 30	7:00	+	Peggy Felkins + Steve Lehrter

MUSIC

Opening:

Praise We The Lord This Day #875

Responsorial Psalm 89:

Forever I Will Sing #1001

Mass Parts:

#194, 198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:

Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

Closing: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#395 (Verses 1 and 7)

CONNECT WITH ST. X!

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



Artwork: *The Adoration of the Kings*
Jan Gossaert (c. 1510-1515)

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday
4 PM

Sunday

7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
6 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday

7 AM

Confessions

Monday - Friday
Noon to 1 PM

Saturday

11 AM to Noon

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St. X's ministries



Sound in the Church

St. X Church understands there are problems with sound in the upper church. Our staff has been in contact with audio engineers and are working to resolve the issue. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Giving Tree Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Giving Tree this year! We gave out over 400 gifts to our neighbors through nine organizations, making the holidays a bit brighter for so many. May your Christmas season be blessed!

November - Average Mass Attendance

Saturday 4 PM – 185	Sunday 9 AM – 180
Sunday 5 PM – 130	Sunday 7 AM – 136
Sunday 10:30 AM – 242	

2024 Calendars + Collection Envelopes

2024 calendars and parish collection envelopes are available in the back of church. If you would like a box of parish envelopes or if you do not need the envelopes anymore, please call the office.

Rosary Group

The Rosary is prayed every evening at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com to join us! You can also join us in person on **Wednesday, January 17** in the upper church to pray the Rosary after Adoration.

Women's Spirituality Group

The group will next meet on **Tuesday, January 16** from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. We will start with a prayer and brief introductions. The meeting will feature a discussion of Chapters 8 and 9 in the book, *Women of the Bible*. It features Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene. Free copies of the book available if you would like one at the time of the meeting or in advance.

Men's Spirituality Group

Join us for 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, January 5** from noon to 1 PM in the parish center below the church. New members are always welcomed!

“May it be done to me...”

Here we are at the fourth Sunday of Advent. We await the arrival of the baby Jesus. In today's Gospel, Mary receives a visit from the Angel Gabriel. Can you imagine what that would have been like? What about the message that Gabriel has shared with her? Mary's answer is “Yes”.

It makes me wonder what ran through Mary's mind after this. She has gotten the assurance from Gabriel that “you have found favor with God” and that everything will work out. It makes one think that she would have doubts, especially in the circumstances in which Jesus was to be born. Whereas a poor family traveling the roads, a dirty manger for a crib, etc. It makes me think of a somewhat newer song for the Christmas season, “Mary, Did You Know?.” This song has been performed by numerous artists, most recently by my favorite, Pentatonix.

Here are some of the lyrics to the song:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, Did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?
When you kiss your little baby you kiss the face of God.
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I AM.

Mary's “yes” to God points to her obedience to faith, to which we are all called. When we say the Our Father, do we pause and think at the part “thy Will be done”? By doing God's will, what plan may God have for our lives?!

- Chris Dole
 Facilities Manager



Presiders for This Weekend - December 24

4 PM (4th Sunday of Advent)	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
7 AM (4th Sunday of Advent)	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9 AM (4th Sunday of Advent)	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
4 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:30 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

Presiders for Christmas Day

Midnight	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - December 31

4 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7 AM	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9 AM	Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

Tender Mercies

If you can donate a food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, December 31**. Any help is greatly appreciated!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, January 30**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Paradise Falls* by Keith O'Brien. This is the true story of a picturesque town near Niagra Falls, and the women who fought to rescue their community and their lives from the effects of corporate pollution. Please join us for a great discussion!

St. Xavier Prayer Ministry Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan, Carla Niehoff, Richard Baylis, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, Linda Hennel, Shannon Boyle, Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Shields, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Andy Bailey, Emily Gear, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Mary Hudson, Angie Naylor, 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, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Marguerite Kron, Bob & 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, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, 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, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Mary Preston, Steve, Ava Janzsen, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Carol Ladwig, Mary Zleit, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin and Betty Jung.

Job Opening - Social Mission

St. Xavier Church will be hiring a full-time Associate Director of Social Mission in the new year to help coordinate our growing social ministries as we continue to live into our mission of Inward Reflection, Outward Action. Check out the job description at www.stxchurch.org/job-openings. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to tseveryn@stxchurch.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ each Wednesday evening from 6 - 7 PM here in our beautifully renovated sanctuary for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Jesus is waiting for you!

Young Adults Group

Join us on **Sunday, January 7** downstairs after the 5 PM mass to celebrate our annual epiphany party! There will be food via a potluck (a sign-up genius will be provided), music, games, purple camel gift exchange (details will be provided), and maybe even some karaoke! It will be an evening you won't want to miss. See you there!

**Congratulations to...**

- Jacob Ryan Spencer, son of Eric and Sara, who was baptized at St. X on December 17.

Sunday Collection for December 10	\$ 8,667
Online Contributions	2,873
Total for December 10	\$11,540