



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Feast of the Holy Family

December 31, 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
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
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Mass Intentions

January 1 - 6

MON				
1				New Year's Day 9 AM Mass only
TUES	6:00	+	Erwin F. Erhardt, Jr.	
2			(Birth.)	
	11:30	+	Margo Ackerman	
		+	Nicole Bernadin	
WED	6:00	+	John Kohrman Family	
3			John Hourigan (Birth.)	
	11:30	+	Kevin England	
THU	6:00	+	David Gregory	
4			Kevin England	
FRI	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer	
5			Christine & Timothy	
	11:30	SI	Steigerwald	
		+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett,	
			Christine Finn Barrett,	
			& Angie Barrett Eynon	
SAT	7:00	+	Margo Ackerman	
6				

MUSIC

Opening:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #424

Gloria Refrain: #430

(Cantor will sing verses. Please join in singing for the refrain.)

Responsorial Psalm 128:

Blessed Are Those #1007

Communion:

Of the Father's Love Begotten #427

Closing: Sing of Mary #457

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Artwork: *Refugees: Holy Family*
Kelly Latimore (c. 2018)

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

Thank You, Dr. Mark Bailey!



We would like to thank Dr. Mark Bailey for his wonderful service to St. Xavier Church as our Music Director and organist for over 18 years. Mark retires after the New Year's Eve masses and weddings this weekend. His consummate artistry, creativity, and dedication to the vision of St. Francis Xavier and to the people of this parish have been so greatly appreciated. He leaves a remarkable legacy with his direction of the choir and wonderful musical memories that have defined liturgical excellence. We wish you many blessings in retirement, Mark!

Baptism Prep Class

The next baptism preparation class will be held in the Parish Center on **Tuesday, January 16** at 6 PM. Please call the parish office at 513-721-4045 to learn more.

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 are 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. New members are always welcomed!

The Holy Family

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Our Gospel relates to us the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, which would have occurred forty days after His birth. According to the Law, a woman who had given birth was ritually unclean for that period of time, after which she would bring a year-old lamb as a burnt offering to God in thanksgiving, and a turtledove or pigeon as a sin offering; a poor person could bring two pigeons or turtledoves, as the Holy Family does in our Gospel.

Not only do we see evidence of their poverty, but we also see a foreshadowing of Christ's purpose for being born of Mary in the first place: no lamb would be sacrificed for the Lamb of God. Though He was without sin, the sin offering would still be made, for though the Law did not apply to the Lawmaker, nevertheless, Jesus, in His humanity, was "...born of a woman, born under the Law, to ransom those under the Law, so that we might receive adoption," (Galatians 4:4-5).

Already, hardly a month after His birth, the shadow of the Cross looms over the tender beginnings of Jesus' life on earth; even Mary is told that a sword will one day pierce her heart. But no family is exempt from the trials and sufferings of this world; even the Holy Family is not spared the same hardships all families experience. Yet we can easily imagine that regardless of their trials, Jesus was the very heart and greatest joy of Mary and Joseph's lives, and the example of the Holy Family reminds us that the more Jesus is at the center of our lives, our families, the more we, too, will experience joy and blessing. He is Emmanuel—God With Us— and He is not merely the consolation of Israel, but our consolation as well.

- Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
Associate Pastor



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!

Presiders for This Weekend - December 31

4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - January 7

4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

Congratulations to...

- Kyle and Emma (Ciesick) Young, who were married at St. X on December 16.

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 Niagara Falls, and the women who fought to rescue their community and their lives from the effects of corporate pollution. Please join us!

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 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 Sheilds, 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, Mary Hudson, Angie Naylon, 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 Martinez, 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 Summer, 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

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, and maybe even some karaoke! It will be an evening you won't want to miss. Learn more at www.stxya.com.



Parish Family Winter Retreat

This year's Winter Retreat will include the members of Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier Church on **Friday, January 26**, 7 PM - 8:30 PM in Bellarmine Chapel, and **Saturday, January 27**, 8 AM - 3 PM at the Jesuit Spiritual Center. Our prayer together will take us deeper into understanding and recognizing the Holy Spirit in our lives as we explore the practice of Discernment. The retreat will prepare us for our Parish Family visioning process. Please scan the QR code to register.



Sunday Collection for December 17	\$ 9,755
Online Contributions	6,000
Total for December 17	\$15,755