



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



Welcome to St. Xavier

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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Mass Intentions

January 8 - 13

MON 8	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
	11:30	+	Jane Klare (Annv.) SI Renee Navales
TUES 9	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+	Jerry Kreger (Birth.) SI Maria Paz Navales
WED 10	6:00	+	Carol Imbus
	11:30	+	Dr. John A. Masla SI Jose Navales
THU 11	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	+	Dr. Richard Menke
		+	Molly Miller (Birth.)
FRI 12	6:00	+	Ron Roth
	11:30	+	Charles S. Ginocchio SI Jan
SAT 13	7:00	+	Bob Cetrulo (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

Epiphany Carol #462

Gloria: Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 72:

Lord, Every Nation on Earth Will
Adore You #1011

Mass Parts: Mass of Redemption

Communion:

The First Nowell #460

Closing: What Star is This #461

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Art: *Adoration of the Magi*

Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (c. 1660)

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



Christmas Flowers

A sincere thank you to all who donated Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. Here are honored names of those for whom we continue to pray: Lou and Joanne Bunning, Tom LaVilla, Annie Quehl, Raymond and Jerline Niemeyer, Ruth and Lovett Peters, Abigail and Daniel Peters, Wes, Rachel and Jeffrey Peters, Frank and Lea Guarasci, Shelia Sullivan, Bill and Gerry O'Brien, Herman and Mary Frisz, Walter and Trudy Burns, Robert and Margaret Staab, Weber and Bykowski Families, Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Alice Ten Barge, Ivan Ten Barge, Catherine Turner, Robert Turner, Charlie and Dorothy Johnson, Bill and Jean Stengle, Jeff Parobek, Linda Milewski, Don Dryer, Alvin Reinert, Margie Reinert, James Case, Birdie Sharp, Virginia Gerhardstein, Ted Motz, Martha Ross, Marcella Ross, Thomas Acheson, Bob and Sally Steiner, Bob Auberger, Myrtle Chaney, Laura Jane and John Hinkel, the Hinkel Family, the Webb Family, Father Matthew Gamber, SJ, Father Robert Thul, SJ, Lucille M. Vehr, John A. Vehr, DDS, Mel Weber, Eileen Weber, Alma Kroner, Louis Kroner, John H. Vehr, Lucille Vehr, Carol Conner Herzog, Debbie Eckert, Scout Vehr, Captain Stephen Grace, USAF, Robert Carl Sturm IV, Joe and Camill Beiting, Edward Carney, Joseph Hunt, Ann and Paul Siegel, Sr., Stewart A. Himes, Lucille M. Woebkenberg, Norbert H. Woebkenberg, Jay and June Stine, Daniel and Shirley Englehart, Joan Reed, St. Xavier Church Staff, Lawler and McLaughlin Families, Bob Auberger, Magdalena Gotzman, Robert Gotzman, Mary Lorfing, Anna Adelman, Rita Uhling, Harry Oliver Jr., Aileen Portell, Roesel Family, Byrnes Family, Elmer and Carmelita Schlueter, Donald and Mary Fischer, Eric and Emily Fischer, Diane Roden, Kevin England, Kathy England, Helen Bunker, Al Bunker, Erwin and Norma Erhardt, Jr., Edward and Margie Thompson, Walter and Virginia Federle, Ed and Nancy Moran, John P. Boylan, Christine Boylan Lytle, Timothy Meyer, Angie Herbst, Joseph and Helen Rechten, Dan Hirsch, Steve Richtin, Pat Rishforth, Sr. Mary Julianne, SND, Timothy Meyer, and the Stahley and Chastang Families.



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.

Star Power

Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight ... I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight ... and so we follow a star as the Magi did. Through the darkness and over an expansive desert we traverse with a dream and a hope, for a star is rising - illuminating the way to Jesus. Welcome to Epiphany. The word means "A moment of sudden revelation or insight." It is "a manifestation of the divine" – "a showing," and this showing gathers quite the audience with international implications.

They come from far and wide, poor and rich, local and foreign, insiders and outsiders, 2-legged and 4-legged, to ask, "Hey, (or hay) what's going on?" This audience includes Three Wise Men and Herod, who seek a peek at the source of the star – just like YOU came on a wing and a prayer to church today, hoping to be illuminated by the attraction of the star. What are your hopes? Dreams? What is "your wish tonight?" Likewise, what can we bring? What gifts can we offer to make that dream happen?

The star hovers over a manger scene, and we sure have a beauty of a manger scene in our church this year (thanks to our wonderful Joe and Sondra Clark). Gazing at our manger scene, we notice Mary, Joseph, the boy shepherd and girl shepherd – with an equal opportunity to worship the baby. Oh look, there's Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. Caspar is represented as dark-skinned, as the Magi were understood to represent the whole non-Jewish, Gentile world that came to Christ. And those sheep and even goats. They and we are all here to give royal homage to this tiny child.

Today's gospel tells us that "They were overjoyed at seeing the star and saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." What is "homage"? It comes from the French word *hommage*, with an artistic context meaning "a work that respectfully emulates that of another artist." In the Baby Jesus, we have an Hommage to God – and quite a doozy of one. He not only imitates but is God. The Epiphany is, indeed, an epic showing. May we share in the faith that the Magi and Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds possessed and appreciate the star power of Jesus – the ultimate homage ... and may this Epiphany be a star vehicle for our own rising faith.

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor



Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - January 14

4:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Eric Sundrup, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Thursday Social

This month's parish social is **January 18** at Fort Mitchell Public House (2053 Dixie Hwy., Ft. Mitchell, KY). The fun begins around 4 PM. All are welcome!

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, January 28**. 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, Shamon 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, 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 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, Carl 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. Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/job-openings.

Film Screening - The Last Prairie

The first spring semester presentation in the Embracing God's Creation series will be **Wednesday, January 17** at 6:30 PM in Kennedy Auditorium at Xavier University. We have organized a screening of John O'Keefe's documentary film, "The Last Prairie." The film explores the Sandhills in Nebraska and the people who call the region home. Embracing God's Creation is co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Jesuit Works.

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.

**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.