



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



Welcome to St. Xavier

Registered historic site founded in 1819
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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Mass Intentions

February 12 - February 17

(All mass times are AM)

MON	6:00	SI	Phyllis Link (Birth.)
12	11:30	+	Lorri Crum (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+	Gerry Merkes (Birth.)
13	11:30	+	Dennis Freudenberger (Birth.)
		SI	Matthew Kollar (Birth.)
WED			Ash Wednesday
14			Mass Times: 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 5 PM
THU	6:00	+	Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
15	11:30	+	Maggie Womacks (Birth.)
		+	Anita Moran (Birth.)
FRI	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
16	11:30	+	Dr. Richard Menke
		SI	Richard and Diogo
SAT	7:00	+	Leonard and Mary Brigger (Birth.)
17		+	Catherine Ann Kearns

MUSIC

Opening: Forgive Our Sins #965

Gloria: Mass of Redemption

Responsorial Psalm 32:
I Turn to You, O Lord #1108

Mass Parts: Mass of Redemption

Communion:
In the Arms of God #714

Closing:
God of Day and God of Darkness
#859

Art: *Healing of a Leper*
Niels Larsen Stevns (c. 1913)

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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VISIO = Vision for our Future

The purpose of Visio Day is to hear from Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier parishioners as we begin the process of crafting a shared vision statement for the future of our parish family. The first Visio Day is **Saturday, February 24**, 8:30 AM - 3 PM, at St. Xavier Church.

If you would like to contribute to this visioning process, it is **necessary that you attend the first Visio Day** on February 24. Each session will build upon the previous as we aim for a shared vision statement for the Jesuit Parish Family. Scan the QR code to register!



Mardi Gras Party / Palm Burning

On **Tuesday, February 13**, please join Fr. Jacob and the RCIA class for a Mardi Gras Party at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will provide pizza and beverages; please bring desserts! Cookies, ice cream, pastries: whatever you wish to share. Also, bring old palms from past Palm Sundays: we will burn them to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday Night Soup Supper

During Lent, St. X Church will host "Soup & Bread" on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center prior to weekly Adoration. The first evening will be **Ash Wednesday, February 14**. Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship. Please call the office at 513-721-4045 if you can bring some soup to share!

Parish Family Lenten Retreat

This Lent, we are happy to offer the Lenten group retreat series. The retreats are comprised of four to six small group sessions meeting once a week using the new study/retreat book, *My Peace I Give You: John 11-21*. Various time offerings and locations, including a Zoom version. For more information, please email Fr. Jim Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org. Scan the QR code to register or see the form in the back of church.



Walking with the Excluded as the Body of Christ

In today's first reading from Leviticus, we hear about the plight of the lepers: "[He] shall keep his garments rent and his head bare...he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!...'he shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp," (Leviticus 13:45-46). For those hearing this in ancient times, the boundaries of inclusion and exclusion were clearly established: purity lies here with us and sin over there with the lepers.

Into that world entered Jesus, a man who embraced the excluded of his day - sex workers, tax collectors, Samaritans, and yes, even lepers. In our Gospel reading, we see one of those excluded lepers calling out for healing and restoration. Jesus responds with the intimacy of a physical touch: "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean,'" (Mark 1:41). With that touch, Jesus undoes the ancient paradigm and creates a new one, one where we are all included in the Body of Christ, sinners though we may be! With that touch, Jesus invites us to see through the myth of purity - that our exclusions are a form of participation in sin. Like the leper, we, too, need to have faith in the healing power of God.

Who are the excluded of our day? Where do we as a society need God's healing touch? The list is long - the unhoused, those suffering from substance abuse and mental illness, the homebound and forgotten, those facing discrimination in its many forms, migrants and refugees, and all victims of war. Pope Francis has called us to build a "culture of encounter" with these excluded people, a culture where relationships trump politics and God's healing love flows freely among us. In 2019, the global Society of Jesus set forth four Universal Apostolic Preferences designed to guide their work across the globe for the next decade; they named their second UAP "Walking with the Excluded."

As a Jesuit parish, our St. Xavier community is committed to precisely that, exemplified in our motto: *Inward Reflection, Outward Action*. Since September, dozens of you have walked with a family of Ukrainian war refugees living in our former rectory, Ignatius House, as they heal from the psychological wounds of war and find in us a community of safety and security. You have put your faith into action, witnessing Christ's call to wholeness and holiness through this ministry of accompaniment. Thank you for being a light unto the world! The paradigm of exclusion yields to the Body of Christ, a resurrected sense of community, and the kingdom of God! For those longing for such an encounter, consider joining us in two weeks for a prayer service upon the war's second anniversary. As we go forth from the Eucharistic table this week, let us reflect on how we might be called to walk with the excluded as the Body of Christ.

- Tim Severyn
Parish Family Director of Sustainability
and Social Mission



Presiders for This Weekend - February 11

4:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - February 18

4:00 PM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Rosary Group

Please join our Jesuit Parish Family in devotion to Mary starting **February 13** by reciting the Rosary together via Zoom at 7:30 PM. The group meets every evening, but you may choose how often you attend. All are welcome regardless of prior Rosary experience or devotion to our Blessed Mother. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link.

**Lenten Reminders: Fast & Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday, February 14 and Good Friday, March 29, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252).

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

James Morgan, Gerry McDougall, Susan Hourigan, Susan, Richard Baylis, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, 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 Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, William Waters, Ray Teeppen, 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, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin, and Betty Jung.

Prayer Service for Ukraine

February 24 marks the second anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine. Please join us in the Parish Center on **Sunday, February 25**, after the 10:30 AM mass, for a prayer service focused on peace and care for those impacted by the war. The Povstian family, who our parish is hosting in the former rectory building, Ignatius House, will be with us to share some of their experiences. Light refreshments and food provided.

Sunday Speaker Series Returns!

The series will focus on the global Society of Jesus' Universal Apostolic Preferences, four priority areas set for all Jesuit works from 2019 to 2029. Our first speaker, who will set the stage for the series and address UAP 1: Showing the Way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and Discernment, will be Fr. Michael Graham, SJ, retired president of Xavier University. Join us on **Sunday, March 3**, at noon in the Parish Center for his presentation.

Congratulations to...

- Maeve Frey, daughter of David and Kelly, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on February 4.

With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Margaret Singer who was buried from St. Xavier Church this past week. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

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, February 25**. Any help is greatly appreciated!