



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 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 19 - February 24

(All mass times are AM)

MON 19			Presidents' Day (No 6 AM Mass)
	11:30	+	Terry Luckett (Birth.) + Barrie Pollock
TUES 20	6:00	+	Walter Thompson (Birth.) + Raymond Gleason
	11:30	+	Dr. John A. Masla + Donald Dryer (Birth.) + Les McGraw
WED 21	6:00	+	Norma and Erwin Erhardt (Wed. Annv.)
	11:30	SI	Diogo Anyigbo + Carol Imbus + Jamie Lindeman (Annv.)
THU 22	6:00	+	Jack Sullivan
	11:30	+	Daniel O'Sullivan
FRI 23	6:00	+	William and Anna Doud
	11:30	+	Raymond Harrigan + Don Dryer
SAT 24	7:00	+	Jean Scheid (Birth.)
		SI	For Jide's Healing

MUSIC

Opening: Forty Days and Forty
Nights #483

Responsorial Psalm 25:
Your ways, O Lord are love and truth
#1017

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
begins at #195

Communion: Mercy, O God #480

Closing:
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty
Days #479

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Art: *Christ in the Desert*
Ivan Kramskoi (c. 1872)

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



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.

Attendees will be reimbursed for parking. Scan the QR code to register!



St. Vincent de Paul Home Visits

We invite you to give up one Saturday morning during Lent and join an experienced Vincentian as we visit those in need. They meet at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11:30. For questions, please contact Don Lipps 513-256-1649 or Chris Hirsch at chirsch6@cinci.rr.com.

This weekend, our Vincentians will make their quarterly appeal at all the masses, where you can learn more about this life-changing ministry! You can also give online by clicking "Donate to St. X" on www.stxchurch.org.

Women's Spirituality Group

The group will meet on Monday, February 26 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 Chapter 9 in the book, *Women of the Bible* featuring Mary Magdalene. Free copies of the book are available whether you would like one at the time of the meeting, or in advance. Additionally, artist Holly Schapker will share her artistic insight into Mary Magdalene.

Moving Past Pride

Today, we hear Mark's account of Jesus's temptation in the desert. From other gospels, we understand that these temptations were based on pride. While all sin is fundamentally rooted in our human tendency to be self-centered and short-sighted, pride is often noted as the most destructive spiritual tendency.

- Pride starts with self-centeredness, either in self-aggrandizement or self-deprecation; from there, it manifests itself in many ways.
- Pride might make us want to be acknowledged more than others or leave us feeling touchy and offended when we are not acknowledged in the right way.
- Pride can lead us to ambition for honor and power above others, elevating our own self-image while also allowing us to judge and condemn them.
- Pride might lead us to justify gossip as we spread lies (slander) or embarrassing truths (detraction) about people in our social sphere.
- Pride can be associated with willfulness and control; as we become unwilling to heed advice, we instead impose our will on others, raging if they dare to offer contradiction while clinging to a type of thoughtless independence that prizes only our autonomy.
- Finally, when pride is self-deprecating, plagued with self-pity and hypersensitivity, we can become jealous and suspicious of others, unforgiving, and emotionally dependent on external praise.

How stark the reality of pride, and how tempting it is for human beings. Jesus, like us in all things but sin, went to the desert, where he was tempted by Satan. The temptations were real temptations, choices being offered to him in the most enticing ways. Jesus had to listen to the Divine Spirit present in Him to do the good he was called to do for the Kingdom.

This lent, as we consider the nature of our own sin, let us hold one image above all: Jesus being ministered to by angels. We ask God, in His love and mercy, to send His angels to minister to us. If Jesus felt the truth of his human limitations, then perhaps we have the courage to know our limitations as well, and trust that God will show us another way. If we recognize how we still are bound to pride, perhaps we can trust God to help us move through it with grace.

- Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
Pastor



Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - February 25

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

Rosary Group

Our Blessed Mother’s promise to those who pray the Rosary ... *“Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive powerful graces.”*



Please join our Jesuit Parish Family as we pray the Rosary each evening from 7:30 to 8 PM. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link.



Sunday Collection for February 4	\$ 7,862
Online Contributions	4,748
Total for February 4	\$12,610
Sunday Collection for February 11	\$ 7,537
Online Contributions	3,018
Total for February 11	\$10,545

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.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Starting **Friday, February 16** from noon to 12:30 PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led in the church by the St. Xavier Church Men’s Spirituality Group. Why not make this a regular part of your Lenten prayer this year? The Stations will begin promptly immediately following the 11:30 AM mass every Friday throughout Lent.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, March 12**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende. A lonely professor hits the car of an undocumented immigrant, and a story begins about the meaning of home. Join us for a great discussion!

Wine & Cheese

Join your fellow parishioners for wine and cheese in the Parish Center after the 4 PM Mass on **Saturday, February 24**. Soft drinks will be available too.

Congratulations to...

- Charles Bunker, son of David and Kathryn, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on February 10.

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 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 Teeppen, Marguerite Kron, Bob & Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, 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.