



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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 26 - March 2

(All mass times are AM)

MON	6:00	+	Margo A. Ackerman
26	11:30	+	Cyril McCarthy (Annv.)
TUES	6:00	+	Ve Murphy
27	11:30	+	Jill Eippert
		+	Rusty Wesley Wehrley (Birth.)
WED	6:00	+	O'Connor and Whalen Families
28	11:30	SI	Ida and Noel Nieto (Happy Retirement)
		+	Joan Bobay
THU	6:00	+	Dorothy DeEpiro (Birth.)
29	11:30	+	David Votaw
		+	Nancy Ellen Toole
FRI	6:00	+	Norman Miller
1	11:30	+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett & Angie Barrett Eynon
		+	Margo Ackerman
SAT	7:00	+	Trent Obermeyer (Birth.)
2		+	John Michael Elfers (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening: The Glory of These Forty Days #481

Responsorial Psalm 116:
I Will Walk Before the Lord #1020

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation begins at #195

Communion:
Here I am, Lord #777

Closing:
Christ Be Our Light #590

Art: *Sacrifice of Isaac*
Caravaggio (c. 1603)

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

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.





Wednesday Night Soup Supper

During Lent, St. X Church hosts “Soup & Bread” on **Wednesday evenings** at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center prior to weekly Adoration. Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship. Please call the office at 513-721-4045 and ask for Diane if you can bring some soup to share!

Catholic Telegraph - Free of Charge

The Catholic Telegraph is the monthly magazine of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, available to the Catholic faithful free of charge. For your complementary subscription, please visit thecatholictelegraph.com/subscribe.

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.

You can also give online by clicking “Donate to St. X” on www.stxchurch.org. Thank you for your support!

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.

A Surge of the Divine Spirit

We enter the second week of the solemn Lenten season with today’s scripture that aims to boost our spirits. We need this! The job of missionary, disciple, ambassador, or just being an ethical and moral person in 2024 is not for the faint of heart. It often requires stamina, perseverance, humility, and a faith that navigates roadblocks, stone-throwing, dislikes, frowns, insults, temptations, etc. Otherwise, in the process of everyday life we can sure find ourselves in a metaphoric prison of futility quite easily.

Yet Jesus keeps telling us that he has “arrived” and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Moreover, at some point, he will have to depart in order to send the Holy Spirit to us – to free us from our “prisons.” Jesus calls this helper an Advocate. This marvelous advocate can testify, guide, nudge, whisper, or yell at us. In turn, we are urged to notice and embrace the divine spirit that offers us vital motivation.

Is the divine spirit hiding? No! For today, Jesus “arrives” in a stunning way – and “transfigures our understanding” of him and the Kingdom and his divine nature. Today, in the gospel, Peter, John, James, and (*insert your name here*) get a boost of Jesus glorified in dazzling white in a spectacular mountaintop experience that we have come to believe occurs on Mt. Tabor.

Have you had a mountain top experience? Mountaintop experiences are invaluable! We need one every now and then! Today, we can turn to the image of the Transfigured Jesus for spiritual sustenance – for energy, for life. We climb a mountain with the apostles who are bedazzled by Jesus in his dual identity – human AND divine. And with the apostles, we collectively prepare to subsequently descend the mountain into the challenges and muck of everyday life - the losses, deaths, births, joys, sorrows, the holidays and holy days, the Advents and the Lents.

Do we need a lot of baggage to do this? No! Jesus informs Peter, James, John, and us(!) with this powerful message: I am all you need. You don’t need to build three tents, e.g., one for the law (Moses) or the prophets (Isaiah). I AM all you need because, well I AM both the new law and the new prophet! Moreover, our God is willing to sacrifice his son for us – just like Abraham was willing to give up his son. This is love in the first degree in a divine pedigree.

So, let us all be dazzled today by the Transfiguration that promotes the transformation of fear into bold exuberance as we ascend and descend life’s highs and lows. Hold to your vision on this biblical “visio day”! For Jesus gives us a doozy of a vision today in this fabulous, dazzling mountaintop experience.

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
Associate Pastor



Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - March 3

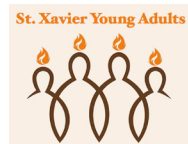
4:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

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.

Young Adults Group

St. Xavier Church’s Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more, please visit www.stxya.com/events.



Jesuit Retreats in Milford

The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers retreats modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An experienced retreat director will provide a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and offer methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. Embrace the silence and come to know the abundance of God’s love and mercy. To register and for more information, visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

The Stations of the Cross, led by the Men’s Spirituality Group, will begin promptly immediately following the 11:30 AM mass every Friday throughout Lent. All are welcome!

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!

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.



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 Teepen, 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.