




# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Fifth Sunday of Lent

 March 17, 2024



## 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  
Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

### Parish Staff

Sam Aberle                      Chris Crabb  
Dcn. Tim Crooker              Chris Dole  
Tina Ernst                      Mary Beth Fennell  
Kathy Heile                    Diane Roden  
Sr. Whitney Schieltz         Tim Severny  
Mary Stutler

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## Mass Intentions

March 18 - March 23

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Patricia Burns (Birth.)
18	11:30	+	Douglas Lange (Birth.)
		+	Carolyn Hayward (Birth.)
TUES	6:00	+	David Gregory
19	11:30	+	Leonard & Mary Brigger (Birth.)
		+	Charlene Huber
WED	6:00	+	Jack Sullivan
20	11:30	+	Joseph Duange & Margaret Biegger
THU	6:00	+	Gerry Merkes (Birth.)
21		+	Carl Huelsman (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Donald Greis (2nd Annv.)
		SI	Diogo Anyigbo
FRI	6:00	+	Fran Warnock
22		+	Davis & Gillespie Families
	11:30	+	Dr. John A. Masa
		+	Joan Bobay
SAT	7:00	+	Rueben Theobald
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## MUSIC

### Opening:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
#644

### Responsorial Psalm 51:

Create in Me #1029

### Mass Parts:

Mass of Creation begins at #195

### Communion:

Unless a Grain of Wheat #783

### Closing:

Lift High the Cross #881

Art: *Rye (The Field of Wheat)*  
Ivan Shishkin (c. 1878)

## 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.





**Easter Triduum**  
ST. XAVIER CHURCH

Holy Thursday – 7 PM  
Good Friday – 12 PM  
Easter Vigil – 8:45 PM  
Easter Sunday – 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM

*No confessions after 1 PM on Wednesday. Parish office closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

*Free parking for all Triduum Masses*

### Shoe Collection

Through **Palm Sunday, March 24**, we are collecting **NEW** athletic shoes/sneakers, children’s and adult’s sizes, to send to those in need across Ukraine through our partner organization USA with Ukraine. Please leave donations in the box next to the side entrance!

### Sunday Speaker Series - UAP 2

Join us for our next lunch and speakers on **Sunday, April 7, 12 PM** (lunch at 11:30) focused on UAP 2: Walking with the Excluded. We will hear from three leaders of the new Jesuit primary school in Bond Hill, Xavier Jesuit Academy: Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ, President; Kyle Chandler, Principal; and Michael Gong, Lead Teacher.



### Easter Flowers

Purchase Easter flowers for someone special or a memorial for a loved one. Please write the name(s) of people below and return this slip of paper with your donation to the parish office. All names and intentions will be published in a future bulletin.

Suggested donation: \$10. Thank you!

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## Fear

Fear is a very powerful enemy, and the writer of the letter to the Hebrews gives us a picture of Jesus praying, crying, and begging to be saved from death. Most of us can probably recognize a little of that fear of something that is about to happen to us.

Jesus sees the danger lying ahead but continues his work of teaching and healing. He doesn’t look for suffering, but he faces it in the full knowledge of what it will involve. He knows that he will suffer in his body all that human cruelty can do, and crucifixion is about as cruel as it gets.

He knows he will suffer all the misery, hurt, and humiliation we can inflict on each other. He already knows what it’s like to be laughed at, rejected, and hated. So, when we suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we find, in Jesus, a God who has intimate knowledge of our pain and grief.

Recently, I started training to be a Hospice Volunteer. In my training, part of the dying process includes the patient’s fears/regrets of missed opportunities—opportunities to have loved more and lived more. In one of my readings, a quote stood out for me: “A lot of people focus on the length of life instead of the width of life”. How much fuller of a life could you live knowing that Jesus had your back?

In the Gospel, Jesus tries to explain to Andrew and Philip the true meaning of life and his being. “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life”. I would like to share a little bit of reflection that I found with you. It has to do with the grain of wheat and why it must die.

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God. And just as a grain of wheat must die, so as to produce a harvest, so we too must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and true self made in God’s image, is born and nurtured.

It is by giving that we receive.

It is by forgiving that we ourselves are forgiven.

And it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

- Chris Dole  
Facilities Manager



**Presiders for This Weekend - March 17**

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

**Presiders for Next Weekend - March 24**

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

**Congratulations to...**

- Betty Claire LeSaint, daughter of Greg and Kathy, who was baptized at St. X on March 10.

**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 **Easter Sunday, March 31**. Your help is appreciated!

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 23**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Please join us for a great discussion of this historical novel!

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

Bill Hughes, Tom Federle, 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 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, 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, 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.

**The Vigil Project**

Celebrate the Eucharist through the Arts! On **Saturday, March 16**, join us in the upper church at 5:30 PM for the True Presence Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and music by The Vigil Project beginning at 6 PM. The Vigil Project is a nonprofit apostolate founded in 2016 by a community of musical artists with a common mission to make Catholic music for Catholic prayer.



After the 4 PM Mass, we will provide a light meal in the Parish Center below the church, where a new exhibit of Marian art by Holly Schapker will be on display.

**Church Decoration - Help Wanted**

For several years, Sondra Clark has been lending her time and talent to decorate and beautify our church during the various feasts and liturgical seasons we observe as part of our faith. She is stepping back from this ministry, and we are looking for a volunteer to succeed her in working with our priests and the Worship Committee to coordinate the decor of our church. If you have a gift for creativity and a love of our faith and the liturgy, please contact Fr. Jacob at [jboddicker@stxchurch.org](mailto:jboddicker@stxchurch.org). Thank you Sondra!

**Attention Ministers**

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Ushers: Please go to the server's sacristy and sign up for the Holy Week services. We appreciate your ministry at one or all of the services you can participate in.

<b>Sunday Collection for March 10</b>	<b>\$ 7,719</b>
<b>Online Contributions</b>	<b>3,193</b>
<b>Total for March 10</b>	<b>\$10,912</b>