

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 9 – December 14

MON 9			Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6 AM, 11:30 AM, & 5 PM <i>Parish office closed</i>
TUES 10	6:00 11:30	+ +	John Burns (Birth.) Timothy Meyer (Annv.) Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
WED 11	6:00 11:30	+ +	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i> Willis Whitaker Alvira
THU 12	6:00 11:30	SI +	Sister Lucy O Patrick Moran (Birth.)
FRI 13	6:00 11:30	+ +	Terry Borkenhagen Annie Quehl (1st Annv.) Michael & Mary Rodrigues
SAT 14	7:00	+ +	Jerry Kreger (Annv.) Stephen Kirtley (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:
On Jordan's Bank #418

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 126:
The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy #996

Mass Parts:
#194, 198, 200, 202, 204

Offertory:
Wait for the Lord #406

Closing:
The King Shall Come When
Morning Dawns #414

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Art: *John the Baptist in the Wilderness*
by Geertgen tot Sint Jans (c. 1480s)
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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

Introducing the *CATECHETICAL CORNER*

Do you ever wonder why we say “consubstantial” in the Creed? Why there’s a pink candle during Advent? Or what’s the deal with Transubstantiation? We’re excited to announce a new bulletin section for next year: Catechetical Corner! This will be a space to explore the “why” behind the things we say, do, and believe as Catholics. No question is too small, too big, or too simple—we want to hear from you! Scan the QR code to send us your questions, and we’ll answer them in future bulletins. Together, let’s deepen our understanding of the richness of our faith.



Stewardship Director - Job Opening

The Jesuit Parish Family is hiring a Stewardship Director! This position provides vision and leadership to successfully implement a comprehensive stewardship effort that focuses on education, formation, and promotion of the spirituality of stewardship and stewardship-related activities, inviting parishioners to share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure within the Parish Family and overall life of the Church. To learn more, please visit www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities.

Sunday Collection for November 24	\$8,414
Online Contributions	3,041
Total for November 24	\$11,455



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase poinsettia flowers for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or, you can clip this notice and return it with your payment in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Suggested donation: \$10. Thank you!

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2. _____
3. _____

Preparing the Way of the Lord

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. This Sunday’s Gospel, however, focuses on another important figure in salvation history, John the son of Zechariah, also known as John the Baptist. Luke tells us that John was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah to “prepare the way of the Lord.” As Christians, we too are each called to take part in bearing Christ to the world.

In a recent pastoral letter to the faithful of the archdiocese, entitled *Radiate Christ*, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr reminds us that it is “the mission of each Christian to participate in the Son’s redemption of the world.” Advent is the perfect time to reground ourselves in this mission. When we talk of waiting and preparing, we don’t mean sitting idly by while the mystery of the incarnation unfolds around us. This season is about actively detaching from the things that prevent God from dwelling within us. It is about doing the inner work that allows Christ to work through us, to be born anew through us.

Before coming to St. Xavier Church, my ministry was in affordable housing development. I managed the construction of single-family homes that would be sold to first-time homebuyers with income restrictions. It was always a delight to see the faces of families light up as they received the keys to their new home! But these projects would take months—or more often years—to complete. We had to select a site, develop the plans, bid out contracts, acquire permits, secure financing, and all this before any construction even began. I got a lot of practice in waiting and preparing! I’m sure many others can relate to this pattern, as well.

In a similar way, Advent invites us to lay the spiritual groundwork for our lives. These weeks leading up to Christmas are an opportunity to reflect on how we bear Christ to our brothers and sisters through our words and actions. What practices can we take up this Advent and beyond that will give witness to our faith and serve those around us? As John the Baptist says in John 3:30, “*He must increase; I must decrease.*” What can we let go of that will allow Jesus to live more fully within and among us? May each of us take this time to honor our important role in the redemption of the world.

- Sr. Whitney Schieltz
Associate Director of Social Mission





Christmas at St. X

DECEMBER 24

4 PM* 5:30 PM 12 AM
(Midnight Mass)

DECEMBER 25

7 AM 9 AM 10:30 AM*

* Livestream

Rosary Group

Did you know this group has been praying the Rosary every night on Zoom since May 2020? 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. There will be no in-person meeting in December.



The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, is **Monday, December 9**. Mass times: 6 AM, 11:30 AM, and 5 PM. The parish office will be closed.

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.



November 2024 - Average Mass Attendance

Saturday 4 PM – 151	Sunday 7 AM – 131
Sunday 9 AM – 186	Sunday 10:30 AM – 278
Sunday 5 PM – 159	

Collection Envelopes

Parish collection envelopes are still available in the back of church. If you have an address change, want to begin receiving envelopes, or no longer want to receive envelopes, please call the parish office at 513-721-4045.

SOCIAL MISSION

Giving Tree - One Week Left!

Each year we partner with several organizations serving the needs of children, families, and the elderly to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. To participate, please take a tag off the Giving Tree in the back of the church, make your purchase as described on the tag, wrap the gift at home (unless otherwise noted) and attach the tag to the gift. The tags are color-coded for each organization and all gifts are due back to St. X no later than **Sunday, December 15**.

Christmas Cookies for TJM

Transforming Jail Ministries (TJM) is collecting home-baked cookies for inmates and officers as a small way of sharing the love of Christ. The cookies will be distributed to inmates, residents, and staff working in local corrections facilities. If you are interested in making cookies, please bring them to the church or office by **Sunday, December 15**. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Hundreds of religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay and their communities therefore have insufficient retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous in donating via the envelopes in the back of church.

Beware of Phishing Attempts

Recently, some parishioners have received fraudulent emails claiming to be from Fr. Paul or other staff members, often asking for vague favors or assistance. Please note that communication from St. X staff members will come from our verified email addresses (@stxchurch.org). If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond or click any links. When in doubt, contact the parish office (office@stxchurch.org or 513-721-4045) directly to confirm authenticity. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!

Scan the QR to support St. X's ministries:



Presiders for This Weekend - December 8

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. James Ackerman, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

Presiders for Next Weekend - December 15

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. Paul Lickteig, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 9** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9** The Vigil Project at St. Xavier Church
- December 11** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
- December 15** Giving Tree & Christmas Cookies Deadline
- December 18** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
- December 18** Thursday Social - Grove Park Grille
- December 20** Men's Group - Parish Center

Contact the parish office to learn more.

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Phyllis Madix, Les Bunker, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, Jerry Kastner, James Hogan, James Linhard, Tim, Carol Moore, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart.

Please call the parish office at 513.721.4045 to add a name to the list.


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1	\$474
2	\$874
3	\$1304
4	\$1665



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