

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

Registered historic site founded in 1819
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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 16 – December 21

MON 16	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose & Neal Gilday
	11:30	+	Catherine Ann Kearns & Patty Luckett (Birth.)
TUES 17	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams & Lynn Johnson
	11:30	+	Margo Ackerman & Peter Horan
WED 18	6:00	+	Carol Imbus & Mary Daly
	11:30	+	Claire Seidenfaden & Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
THU 19	6:00	SI	O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	+	Paul Ohe (1st Annv.) & Stan Herrlinger
FRI 20	6:00	+	Tom & Mary Donnelly
	11:30	+	Mary Jo Schwartz (Annv.) & Hermann Sievers (Annv.)
SAT 21	7:00	+	Jackie Goetz (Birth.) & Timothy Meyer (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn #423

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm:

Isaiah 12:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. #999

Mass Parts:

#194, 198, 200, 202, 204

Offertory:

A Voice Cries Out #416

Closing:

O Come, Divine Messiah #401

Zephania 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Art: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Pigment on tilma
(c. Marian apparitions in 1531)
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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 December 1	\$7,515
Online Contributions	7,193
Total for December 1	\$14,708



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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One Pink Candle

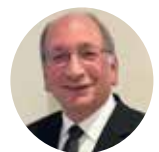
One pink candle encircled by a wreath of green. Standing bright and unusual with its companions of deep violet. It almost begs us to ask, why the difference in color. As a young boy I remember the advent wreath on the dining table; the prayers before meals, my brother and I vying for the right to light the candles. Waiting anxiously until it was time to light the pink one. Sorry to say that the last violet candle was anticlimactic. The pink one meant Christmas was almost here. The pink one meant the preparations were nearly complete. Advent was more than half over. The pink one meant Christmas break from school was only days away. Pink meant a taste of a candy cane was a sweet indication of the event we were preparing to celebrate. Paper packages, tinsel, lights and garland, were not as bright as the flame on that one pink candle.

Advent has its own very unique and important set of activities and themes. Each week the anticipation builds. The first Sunday we are reminded to: watch, wait, and be alert for we do not know when the Lord will come for us. The second Sunday we are reminded to prepare our hearts, repent, and take comfort in God’s mercy.

Today, in the light of the flame from the pink candle, we rejoice, pray and give thanks. But let’s be honest, this time of year can bring out some of the worst in humanity. We have heard the stories of people fighting in retail stores over gaining a sought-after item or bargain price. We know of people who will spend this Christmas alone due to loss of a spouse or perhaps in a nursing home. Almost all of us will feel the effects of the economy forcing us to cut back and find other ways to celebrate. Many people will be homeless and without anything to revel in for the holiday. Last year one of our inner-city churches fed almost 300 people a dinner on Christmas day. This year that number is expected to double. Many of us live paycheck to paycheck embarrassed that we are not far from needing assistance ourselves.

One pink candle gives us hope. It stands in contrast to the darkness that surrounds us and like John the Baptist it testifies to the light. The candle itself is not THE light but signifies Jesus, the Word of God, became human. God’s love note, enfleshed in human form is coming. One pink candle tells us that our wait is almost over. There is much for us to be thankful for this Christmas. But perhaps the greatest gift that Advent brings is the gift of hope. It requires no expenditure on our part. It requires us to give up nothing. It can be given to friends, family and people far and wide. One pink candle reminds us that hope is a gift from God—and like all God’s gifts, it is meant to be shared.

- Dcn. Tim Crooker
Pastoral Associate





Annual Christmas Party

Join us on **Thursday, December 19**, from 4-6:30 PM in the Lounge at the Wooden Cask, 629 York Street, Newport, KY. There will also be a \$10 secret Santa! See you there!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, January 7**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage began to be killed off. The newly created FBI and their young director, J. Edgar Hoover, took up the case to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history. Please join us for a great discussion of this book!

Parish Family Winter Retreat

The annual winter retreat for our Parish Family of St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel will be **Friday, January 24, 2025**, beginning with dinner at 6-8:30 PM in the St. X Parish Center; and **Saturday, January 25**, 8:30 AM-3 PM at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. The theme is "Being transformed in the Body of Christ." Please hold the dates and plan to join us for this time of reflection and prayer in the new year. Look for RSVP info in future bulletins.



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, December 29**.

SOCIAL MISSION

Help Distribute Blessing Bags

The St. X Young Adults recently gathered to assemble blessing bags for people experiencing homelessness. These bags of toiletries, socks, food, and other necessities can be kept in your car to hand out to our brothers and sisters in need. They're a great way to recognize human dignity, helping you to break through the stigma and start a conversation. Please stop by the back of the church to pick up a few!

Giving Tree & Cookies Due Sunday

If you took a tag off of the Giving Tree this year, all gifts are due back to St. X no later than this **Sunday, December 15**. Sunday will also be the last day that we are collecting Christmas cookies for Transforming Jail Ministries.

Youth Ministry - Job Opening

St. Xavier Church and Bellarmine Chapel are hiring a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The position oversees parish ministry for Bellarmine Chapel's young people (grades 7-12), and acts as organizer, coordinator and liaison for both parish young adult groups (app. 21-35). This role emphasizes empowering young Catholics to embrace lives of faith, service, and justice within the Ignatian tradition. To learn more, please visit www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ each Wednesday evening from 6-7 PM here in our beautifully renovated sanctuary for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Jesus is waiting for you!



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Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



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Presiders for This 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

Presiders for Next Weekend - December 22

4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, 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. Paul Lickteig, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 15** Giving Tree & Christmas Cookies Deadline
- December 18** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
- December 19** Annual Christmas Party - Wooden Cask
- December 20** Men's Group - Parish Center
- December 23** Parish office closed until Dec. 30
- December 29** Tender Mercies
- January 7** St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- January 24** Jesuit Parish Family Winter Retreat - 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, and Sharon Dearwester.

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

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