



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS INTENTIONS

January 6 – January 11

MON	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
6	11:30	+	Stephen Kirley (Birth.)
		SI	Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
TUE	6:00	+	Katie Ohlhaut
7	11:30	SI	Marie K
		+	Suzanne Ranieri
WED	6:00	SI	Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ
8	11:30	+	Jane Klare (Annv.)
		+	Charles B. Ginocchio
THU	6:00	SI	Phyllis Link
9	11:30	+	Jerry Kreger (Birth.)
		+	Peter Horan (Annv.)
FRI	6:00	SI	Mike Silverglade
10	11:30	+	Adelaide & Edgar D'Netto
		SI	Patsy, Adrian, Michael, & Celeste D'Netto
SAT	7:00	+	Helen Sievers
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MUSIC

Opening: The First Nowell #460

Gloria: #319

Responsorial Psalm 72: Lord,
every nation on earth will adore
you. #1011 (p. 27)

Preparation: What Star Is This
#461

Mass Parts: Mass of Redemption

Communion: What Child is This?
#466

Closing: Epiphany Carol #462

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Art: *The Arrival of the Magi*
by Rogier van der Weyden (c. 1450)
Oil on panel
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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

Christmas Flowers

A sincere thank you to all who donated Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. Here are the names of those for whom we continue to pray: *Living and deceased members of the Gemelli and Carroll families, Lucille M. Vehr, John A. Vehr, DDS, Mel Weber, Eileen Weber, Alma Kroner, Louis Kroner, John H. Vehr, Lucille Vehr, Carol Conner Herzog, Debbie Eckert, Scout Vehr, Captain Stephen Grace, USAF, Robert Carl Sturm IV, Father Matthew Gamber, SJ, Mr. and Mrs. Kraljevic, Mr. and Mrs. Ionna, Sr., Walter and Trudy Burns, Robert and Margaret Staab, Guthier and Schroder families, Marge and Jack Donelan, Kim Bunger, Robert Baysinger, Clara Noble, M. Irene Boullie, William J. Moran, Mary Beth Moran, Thomas A. Winstel, Patty Egbers, Matthew P. Moran, Edward C. Cosgrove, Mary Ann Moran, Denny Egbers, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Fischer, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Schlueter, Diane Roden, Deceased members of the Sommer and Wagner families, Terry Bond, Larry VanHoose, Faye VanHoose, Randall VanHoose, Joe Clark, Nora Clark, The Bodenheim and Clowers families, Ben Gonzales, Sr., Alvin Reinert, Margie Reinert, James Case, Ted Motz, Leo and Agnes O'Shea, Aileen Portell, Angeline Robertson, Joe and Camill Beiting, Margene Meis, Carolyn Thomas, Mary Smith, Members of the Geraci family, Fr. Charles Brannen, SJ, Frank and Helen Brannen, Jack Lawler, the McLaughlin and Lawler families, Rita and Elmer Perzel, Ann and Paul Siegel, Joseph Hunt, George Oetjen, Jeanne Oetjen, Ronald Roth, Marianne Roth, the Neltner family, Butch and Sandy Corbin, Donna Scott, Jeannette McClure, Paul and Mary Roy, Robert E. Wildermuth, Louise Wells, Frank Weinel, Albert Bertram, Virginia and Elmer Bertram, Anna Weinel, Doug Jordan, Jane and Don Webb, Mary and Wilbur Hinkel, Laura, Jane and John Hinkel, Patty Hinkel, the Stahley and Chastang families, Dr. Thomas E. Powell, James Powell, Stewart A. Himes, Norbert H. Wobkenberg, Lucille M. Wobkenberg, John A. Kuechly, Ed and Nancy Moran, Walt and Virginia Federle, Molly and Tom Federle and family, Gerald Schneider, Jack Hoar and the Abdallah family, John Daymut, Ron Rohlfing, Benedictine Sisters at St. Walburg Monastery, Virginia Pendergrass, Terry Hicks and Bob Hamm, Bob and Sally Steiner, Emily Marie Brehm, Glenn Schmidt, Joseph and Helen Rehtin, Dan Hirsch, Steve Richtin, Pat Rishforth, Sr. Mary Julienne, SND, Timothy Meyer, Stephen and George Kirtley, the Byrnes and Roesel families, Erin Payne, R. Barry Wehrman, Margo Ackerman, Kevin England, the Weil family, Papa W - Frank "Tony" Agricolos, Bob Auberger, Claire Seidenfaden, Mike and Gloria Juncan, Margaret Juliani, Millie Osterfeld, Dorothy and Charles Johnson, Jean and Bill Stengle, Dyet (Paul) Tran, Jim Krohmer, Tom and Claire Ballaban.*



Poinsettias Pickup

Poinsettias will be available in the back of church for anyone to take home after any of the Masses on **Sunday, January 12**, the Baptism of the Lord.

A Gold Star Worth Following

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Matthew 2:10-11)

The magi didn't know where they were going. They followed a star to their west that would lead them to the newborn King of the Jews. I don't know about you, but I use the GPS on my phone a lot. If I had to get around town relying on the guidance of stars alone, I'd probably end up late for the New Year's party or, worse, at a Gold Star Chili. (Sorry, not sorry.) But there's something different about the star in today's Gospel, on this Feast of the Epiphany.

Whoever they were—sages, magicians, astrologers, etc.—the magi embody intellectual culture and the pursuit of truth through rational means. Yet, the Gospel tells us, the magi are following a star, traveling a great distance by faith alone. Like the magi, each of us moves through the world with an understanding of reason and faith. I have reason to believe that I can run a 10K race based on prior experience. I have faith that running a 10K race is an activity worth pursuing, despite the risk of injury or failure. Many conversion stories begin with intellectual arguments, like St. Thomas Aquinas' five proofs for the existence of God. But, the Spirit moves through the heart as well as the mind. Reason can play a significant role in our journey of faith, but it is not the sole determinant. As in the case of the magi, reason cannot always guide us on our way. But to better understand today's Gospel, we must move beyond the mere personal.

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the presentation of Christ to the world—not just to the holy family, and not just to the Jews. The magi were foreign to Bethlehem and foreign to the Judaic tradition—Gentiles from the mysterious east. The Light of Jesus is for the whole universe. The outgrowth of the Christian message to every corner of the world is evidence of the universal appeal of our faith. Today, the Epiphany can come to represent the internationalizing of the Catholic Church. All nations and people groups have unique cultural characteristics. One of the powers of the Gospel is its ability to respect many of those characteristics, transcend their differences, and unite all people within the Body of Christ. Like the magi, we are called to follow the light of faith, leading us beyond the limits of reason, culture, and our GPS.

- Sam Aberle

Parish Family Communications Director



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 RSVP to join us for this time of reflection and prayer!



Celebrating Marriage & Milestones

In January we celebrate The Feast of the Espousals of Mary and Joseph. On **Sunday, January 26, 2025** at the 10:30 AM Mass, Fr. Paul will offer a special blessing for all married and engaged couples and for those who are widowed. We invite you to bring a wedding photo to display on the side altars to honor lifelong love and commitment. After Mass, please join the Marriage Enrichment Team for Holtman’s donuts and coffee in the Parish Center. If you are celebrating a special or milestone anniversary this year, please let us know in the parish office at office@stxchurch.org or at 513.721.4045. Let’s come together to celebrate and pray for continued blessings for all marriages!

Rosary Group

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. We will pray the Rosary in person here at St. Xavier Church on **Wednesday, January 15, at 7 PM**. Please join us!



Daily Mass Intentions

You will notice in the bulletins, you can see the names of those souls for whom each daily Mass is offered. We also list the names of those who are sick in the parish. We encourage you to keep these names in your own personal prayer intentions.

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SOCIAL MISSION

Put Your Faith Into Action!

Are you thinking through your resolutions for the new year? Want to get more active in the life of the parish? More engaged in service or justice work? Reach out to our Associate Director of Social Mission, Sr. Whitney Schieltz, at wschieltz@stxchurch.org to learn about the social mission efforts at our parish and how to get involved.

Congratulations to...

- James and Megan (Tassone) Schirmer, who were married at St. X on December 21.
- Luke and Erin (Reilly) Liesch, who were married at St. X on December 28.
- Timothy and Katherine (Robben) Hankins, who were married at St. X on December 28.
- Malcolm Clement Vaughn, son of Mark and Jill, who was baptized at St. X on December 22.
- Jude Michael Uecker, son of August and Alexandria, who was baptized at St. X on December 29.

Sunday Collection for December 15	\$11,075
Online Contributions	5,471
Total for December 15	\$16,546
Sunday Collection for December 22	\$7,818
Online Contributions	7,931
Total for December 22	\$15,749
Collection for December 25	\$20,527
Online Contributions	2,178
Total for December 25	\$22,705

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JANUARY 5

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. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JANUARY 12

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 7** St. X Book Club - Parish Center
- January 16** Thursday Parish Social - Location TBD
- January 17** Men's Group - Parish Center
- January 20** MLK Day - *Parish office closed*
- January 24-25** Jesuit Parish Family Winter Retreat
- January 26** Marriage Blessing - Parish Center
- January 26** Tender Mercies

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, Les Bunker, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, Jerry Kastner, James Hogan, James Linhard, Tim, Carol Moore, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, and Marilyn Freudenberg.

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jesuit Parish Family: Being transformed in the Body of Christ, to bear hope and healing, in the Ignatian tradition.