

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS INTENTIONS

January 13 – January 18

MON	6:00	+	Bob Cetrulo (Birth.)
13		SI	Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
	11:30	+	Kevin England
		SI	Julie Studer (Birth.)
TUE	6:00	+	Tim Teismann (Birth.)
14	11:30	+	Carolyn Voss (Annv.)
		+	Bernice Shields (Annv.)
WED	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
15	11:30	+	Betty Headworth (Birth.)
		+	Jewel Rossman (1st Annv.)
THU	6:00	SI	Helen D. Williams
16	11:30	SI	Mary Jide, Frances & Sr. Lucy
		+	Marty Ragland
FRI	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose, & Neal Gilday
17	11:30	SI	Whitaker, Franks, & Shakelford Families
SAT	7:00	+	Julia Schmidt (Annv.)
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MUSIC

Opening:

When John Baptized by Jordan's River #467

Gloria: #319

Responsorial Psalm 29:

The Lord will bless his people with his peace #1012

Mass Parts: Mass of Redemption

Communion:

Behold the Lamb #939

Closing:

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #459

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Art: *The Baptism of Jesus*,
by Giotto (c. 1303-05)
Scrovegni Chapel, Padua
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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

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.



Women's Spirituality Group

The next Women's Spirituality Group meeting will occur on Tuesday, January 21, from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center at St. Xavier Church. We are working with the book, *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean Syswerda. The book moves chronologically through scripture in its treatment of important women figures. This month we will discuss Jael, Delilah, Naomi, Ruth. The book is provided, and all are welcome to attend. Call the parish office for more information.

Thursday Parish Social

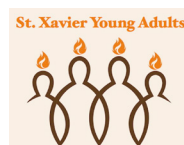
Join us for the next St. Xavier Parish Social on **Thursday, January 16**, at Gabby's Cafe (515 Wyoming Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45215). The fun happens around 4-6 PM. Get to know your fellow parishioners!

Congratulations to...

- Nathan and Marissa (Trachsel) Winegardner, who were married at St. X on December 31.
- The children who were baptized at St. X during the month of November: Lola Houston, Dominic Houston, Florence Lewis, Emmett Reynolds, Owen Reynolds, Jack Saroya, and Mary Alleman.

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.



The Gift of Baptism

"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" ... "Receive the light of Christ!"

Baptism is such a beautiful sacrament, a time when we are visibly "being transformed in the Body of Christ." Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we recall our own baptisms and all those baptisms we have participated in over the years—our children, our godchildren, our grandchildren. With love in our hearts, we remember these holy moments of family togetherness, these sacred moments when our closest loved ones were initiated into our church family as Children of God.

This paradigmatic moment of family togetherness was first established at Jesus' baptism found in today's Gospel from Luke:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus' baptism marks one of the only times in Scripture where we find all three members of the Trinity present at once—a family gathering of divine proportion that we share in when we are baptized in the name of our triune God.

In his Angelus for this Sunday a year ago, Pope Francis asked us to contemplate the depths of what this union truly means: "Am I aware of the immense gift I carry in me because of Baptism? Do I recognize, in my life, the light of God's presence, who sees me as His beloved son, as His beloved daughter?" Our baptisms forever join us with God, grounding us in holy, loving relationship to all that is. Through baptism, a door is opened through which each of us can participate in divine Love, living out Love in our relationships to one another and all of creation.

As we recall our baptisms today, let us reflect on where God might be inviting us to practice greater Love. How might I live out my baptismal calling to love everyone as Children of God?

- Tim Severyn
Parish Family Director of Sustainability
and Social Mission



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**, 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!

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, February 18**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman. Rocky is sandwiched between her half-grown kids and fully aging parents. And when she comes face to face with her family’s history and future, she is forced to accept that she can no longer hide her secrets from the people she loves. Please join us for a great discussion of this book!

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.

SOCIAL MISSION

Poverty Awareness Month

Throughout January, we join the U.S. bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), and the Catholic Church across the United States in taking up Pope Francis’ challenge to live in solidarity with the poor. Poverty USA is an initiative of the CCHD that was created as an educational resource to address the root causes of poverty in America. Visit PovertyUSA.org to discover more about poverty in our communities and how we can work together to upend the cycle of poverty.

Affordable Apartment Search

Do you or anyone you know have housing connections near Clifton or Downtown Cincinnati? One of our Ignatius House residents is hoping to relocate to a studio or one-bedroom apartment with rent and utilities around \$1,000 or less a month. Please contact Sr. Whitney Schieltz at wschieltz@stxchurch.org with any recommendations of units within a 5-mile radius of UC.



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, January 26**.

Sunday Collection for December 29	\$8,982
Online Contributions	4,751
Total for December 29	\$13,733

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.



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PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - JANUARY 19

4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, 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. James Ackerman, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16** Thursday Parish Social - Gabby's Cafe
- January 17** Men's Group - Parish Center
- January 20** MLK Day - *Parish office closed*
- January 21** Women's Group - Parish Center
- January 24-25** Jesuit Parish Family Winter Retreat
- January 26** Marriage Blessing - Parish Center
- January 26** Tender Mercies
- February 18** St. X Book Club - 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, 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, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Magner, Roxanne Motl, and Peter Keiser.

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

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Contact Lisa Durr at ldurr@stxchurch.org or 513.721.4045.

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

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