



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS

February 3 – February 8

MON	6:00	+	Jack Casey (Birth.)
3	11:30	+	Joe Merten (Birth.)
		SI	Nathan Osuagwu
TUE	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
4	11:30	+	Helen D. Williams
		+	Emma Haacke
WED	6:00	+	Mark Teismann (Birth.)
5	11:30	+	Carl Voss (Birth.)
		+	Kuehn Frederick
THU	6:00	SI	Mary Helen Dyer
6	11:30	+	Kevin England
		SI	Stewart B. & Dan Staud
FRI	6:00	+	Robert Scheid
7	11:30	+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, & Angie Barrett Eynon
		+	Joe Folzenlogan (1st Annv.)
SAT	7:00	+	Lt. Thorn
8		+	Carl & Margaret Johnson (Annv.)

MUSIC

Opening:

Christ, Be Our Light #590

Gloria: #319

Responsorial Psalm 24:

Who is this king of glory? It is the
Lord! #1195

Offertory Hymn:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #641

Communion Antiphon:

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of
all the peoples. *Luke 2:30-31*

Communion:

Take and Eat #950

Closing:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
#593

Art: *Presentation at the Temple*
Ambrogio Lorenzetti (c. 1342)
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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

Women's Spirituality Group

The next Women's Spirituality Group meeting will occur on Tuesday, February 18, 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. This month we will discuss Hannah, Michal, Abigail, and the Woman of Endor. The book is provided, and all are welcome to attend. Call the parish office for more information.

Blessing of Throats

On **Monday, February 3**, the Memorial of St. Blaise, and at Masses during the weekend (**February 1 and 2**) join us for a blessing of throats. The custom began in the 16th century, although Blaise lived in the fourth century. He was the bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who, according to legend, saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He is now the patron saint of all who have diseases of the throat. Please join us for a blessing of your throat as a sign of God's care for his people!

Catechetical Corner



Q: Does it matter if the wine is red or white?

A: Some parishes choose to use red wine because it is a clearer symbolic representation of the blood of Christ. The symbolic element of the wine, however, is not to be confused with the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. While the wine retains its external properties, its essence is transformed. What is essential, then, is not the color of the wine, but the reality of Christ that becomes present through it.

The Catechetical Corner explores the "why" behind the things we say, do, and believe as Catholics. Your questions are answered by Jesuit Parish Family priests and featured in this very bulletin! Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/corner.

The Feast of the Presentation

Today the Church celebrates the ancient Feast of the Presentation, also known as "Candlemas" due to the tradition of blessing candles on this day, and even lighting candles or having candlelit processions as a part of the Mass. The feast has been celebrated since at least the late 4th century and once marked the end of the forty-day Christmas season. Candles have been lit and blessed on this occasion in connection with the words of Simeon in our Gospel today, who refers to Jesus as "...a light for revelation to the Gentiles..."

Before the modern convenience of electricity, candles were the primary source of indoor lighting, especially during the night. A single candle in the center of a dark room can push back the gloom and yet the gloom is unable to resist. "*What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it*" (John 1:4-5). Therefore the blessing of candles serves as a reminder of the importance of having Jesus in the center of our lives, our families, our homes, to illuminate us with His own light so that we, too, may be "...the light of the world..." with Christ shining before us as we "...shine before others, that they may see [our] good deeds and glorify [our] heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16).

The world has been a dark place for a long time, and the coming of Jesus brought light unlike anything ever seen before. Having been baptized into His Body, having been given the same light ourselves, imagine two Christs in the world, ten Christs, a thousand, a billion: and one of them is you.

- Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
Associate Pastor



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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Reading – Luke 2:22-40

Baptism Prep Class

The next baptism preparation class will be held in the Parish Center on **Wednesday, February 19**, at 6 PM. Please call the parish office to learn more.

With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Geraldine McDougall, Michael Hall, Robert Messmer, and Albert Berry Howe III, who were recently buried from St. Xavier Church. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.***

Congratulations to...

- Samuel Robert Tolbert, son of Steven and Stephanie, who was baptized at St. X on January 26.

Congratulations to...

The following couples celebrating a milestone anniversary this year:

- John and Laura Hinkel, 20 years
- Bill and Christine Freiberg, 25 years
- Dave and Ann Chastang, 35 years
- Mike and Gloria Duncan, 40 years
- Jerry and Roxanne Motl, 50 years
- Gary and Nancy Strassel, 55 years

Sunday Collection for January 19	\$6,890
Online Contributions	6,196
Total for January 19	\$13,086

Year-End Contribution Statements

The 2024 year-end tax statements are available. Please contact Lisa Durr (ldurr@stxchurch.org) if you would like to have a copy emailed to you.

SOCIAL MISSION

Social Mission 101 – What is it?

The social mission of the Catholic Church is a fundamental aspect of our faith that aims to improve the lives of the poor and vulnerable. It is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the belief that all people have inherent dignity. At St. Xavier Church, our social mission efforts are guided by Catholic Social Teaching, the Jesuits' *Universal Apostolic Preferences* (UAPs) to walk with the excluded and to care for our common home, the Corporal Works of Mercy, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's *Love in Action* principle. In the coming weeks, we will dive deeper into these principles and highlight the various service ministries at our parish.

Lighting the Path for Those In Recovery

The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) offers retreat programs to people recovering from homelessness and addiction, inviting them to experience God's unconditional love. On January 18-19, the ISP men's team hosted 26 participants for an overnight retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. This weekend, the ISP women's team is hosting a retreat. Our Jesuit Parish Family is a proud sponsor of ISP with several parishioners serving as volunteers. To support this life-changing ministry, you can donate on our parish website. To learn more, contact Allison at aloecke@ispretreats.org.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Weekend

The Archdiocese's Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the Archdiocese. Families should have received a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr last week. Envelopes are also available in the back of church. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided. To donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

Embracing God's Creation

The Cincinnati Jesuit Works are partnering with Xavier University's Brueggeman Center for Dialogue to host *Loving Creation: A Prayer Service of Longing, Lament, and Reconnection* on **Thursday, February 27**, 7 PM at Bellarmine Chapel. This ecumenical prayer service invites deeper reflection on our relationship with creation, with music in the spirit of Taizé. All are welcome!

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 2

4:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 9

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

February 1-2 Candlemas - Candle Blessing
February 1-3 Blessing of Throats
February 14 Men's Group - Parish Center
February 17 President's Day - *Parish office closed*
February 18 Women's Group - Parish Center
February 18 St. X Book Club - Parish Center
February 19 Baptism Class - 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, 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, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Gerry McDougall, Conhna Davies, Wendy Welsh, and Stephanie Hackman.

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