



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

February 17 – February 22

MON	17		<b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>No 6 AM Mass</b>
	11:30	+	Parish Book of Remembrance + Joan Muench
TUE	6:00	SI	Richard & Clara O.
	11:30	+	Terry Luckett (Birth.) + Leonard & Mary Brigger (Birth.)
WED	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Family
		+	Les McGraw (Birth.)
	11:30	SI	Richard & Diogo
		SI	Bernadette, Rudy, Sonya, and Tanya D'Netto
THU	6:00	+	Walter Thompson (Birth.)
	11:30	SI	Ron & Diane R. (Wedd. Annv.) + Jamie Lindemann (Birth.)
FRI	6:00	SI	Norma & Erwin Erhardt, Jr. (Wedd. Annv.)
	11:30	+	John Shoemaker + Jamie Lindemann (Birth.)
SAT	7:00	+	Daniel O'Sullivan
	22	SI	Mary Burwinkler

## MUSIC

### Opening:

Bring Forth the Kingdom #734

**Gloria:** #319

### Responsorial Psalm 1:

Blessed are they, blessed are they who  
hope in the Lord. #1109

### Offertory:

Lead Me, Guide Me #656

### Communion Antiphon:

God so loved the world that he gave  
his Only Begotten Son, so that all who  
believe in him may not perish, but may  
have eternal life. *John 3:16*

### Communion:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940

### Closing:

The Kingdom of God #736

Art: *Sermon on the Mountain*  
by Károly Ferenczy (c. 1896)  
Hungarian National Gallery

## 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

## Presidents' Day - Mass Schedule

On **Monday, February 17**, we will celebrate one Mass at 11:30 AM. There will be no 6 AM Mass and no confessions following the 11:30 AM Mass. The parish office will be closed for a staff retreat.

## Jesuit Lenten Reflection Event

The Midwest Jesuits invite you to join us for coffee, donuts and a short reflection following the 10:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, March 9**.

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ, will preside at Mass and Mr. Jon Herrington, nSJ, a Jesuit novice currently working in Campus Ministry at St. Xavier High School, will offer a brief reflection. Please scan the QR code to RSVP, so that we can offer you our best hospitality. Thank you!



## Wine & Cheese Parish Socials

First Saturday Social is a gathering after 4 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. It is a perfect time to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, a few refreshments and to socialize with fellow Mass goers. The next one is **Saturday, March 1**, in the Parish Center. Please join us!

## Catechetical Corner



**Q:** Why do some churches use ceramic or crystal instead of metal to hold the Body and Blood of Christ?

**A:** Some churches use ceramic instead of metal because, in certain cultures, it is considered valuable and durable, with some U.S. dioceses receiving permission for its use. However, crystal is prohibited due to its fragility, and precious metals are preferred for their durability and symbolic value.

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](http://www.stxchurch.org/corner).

## Beatitudes

Back in my days of formation at St. Mary Seminary and School of Theology, we had a homiletics professor who assigned us the Gospel passage known as the Beatitudes. These eight teachings of Jesus hold a magnitude of instructions for right living and spiritual contemplation. One student got up and began his preaching exercise launching into an explanation of each of the Beatitudes—roughly three minutes on each one. As I awoke from my nap, I remember the professor asking, “What is your critique of the homily?” Embarrassed that I had dozed off he quickly added, “It was too long. No one wants a theological discourse on the Beatitudes, they want to know what they mean for them.” I never forgot that lesson.

The Beatitudes are a major art of Catholic teaching on sin. They are a remedy, if you will, for correcting our actions. The word “beatitude” means supreme blessedness or perfect happiness. Many Bible translations use the words “Happy are those...” instead of “Blessed are those...” Both are quite correct. But Jesus doesn’t single out one of the teachings as better than the other. He offers them as a whole, and that’s how we are to take them. We find ourselves poor in many regards, not just without material necessities. We find ourselves hungry, not only for food but for love, companionship, a deeper sense of belonging. We find ourselves mourning, not just for the loss of a loved one, but for losses of all types that alter our sense of dignity, worth, or being. The Beatitudes form the basis for the goal of every Christian—to attain perfect supreme happiness with our Father in heaven. We can’t pick and choose which one to follow. Life throws many things at us and the beatitudes are a reminder, a guidebook so to speak, of how to react. Jesus is very clever. By following these teachings, we not only prepare ourselves for the promise of eternity, we also change and form the world. Our actions, intentions, interior dispositions all are transformative—personally and corporately.

When teaching Scripture to young people, I marvel at how well they can easily grasp what Jesus is saying. While teaching a class on the Beatitudes, one young student remarked, “They shouldn’t be called the B-attitudes, but the A-attitudes.” I think she is correct!

- Dcn. Tim Crooker  
*Pastoral Associate for Liturgy*



**SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading – Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Reading – Luke 6:17, 20-26

Sunday Collection for February 2	\$7,093
Online Contributions	8,436
<b>Total for February 2</b>	<b>\$15,529</b>

**Lenten Reflection Groups**

Upgrade your Lenten prayer journey by joining us in the Lent Reflection/Retreat group series centered on the book *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly. This retreat is comprised of four to six small group sessions meeting once a week featuring conversation, reflection, and prayer. Various time offerings and locations (including Zoom) are listed. Use the sign-up sheets in the back of church or register online at [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org). For more info, call the parish office or email Fr. Ackerman: [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org).



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, February 23**.

**Congratulations to...**

Charlotte Elizabeth Sturm, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth, who was baptized at St. X on February 9.

**Congratulations to...**

The following couple celebrating a milestone anniversary this year: Bill and Louise Stakelin, 40 years.

**Thursday Parish Social**

Join us for the next St. Xavier Parish Social on **Thursday, February 20**, at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse (2631 Edmondson Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45209). The fun happens around 4-6 PM. Get to know your fellow parishioners!

**SOCIAL MISSION****Catholic Social Teaching #1:*****Life and Dignity of the Human Person***

When I entered the Sisters of Charity in 2015, I moved down to El Paso, Texas, and joined the Sisters in ministry at a clinic and school for special needs children across the border in Juarez, Mexico. The children there come with an array of conditions, ranging from learning disabilities and mobility issues to complete incapacitation. For many of the children and their families, Proyecto Santo Niño is the only decent option they have for healthcare and education, or even just to be seen and heard.

It was there that I learned what it truly means to value every life and to honor the dignity of every person. During my visits across the border, I witnessed and became part of a community where every person, regardless of their abilities or circumstances, was seen as an equally beloved child of God. In the kingdom of God, our worth is not measured by what we can do but by who we are, and we affirm that every human life has inherent dignity that must be protected, particularly that of the most vulnerable among us.

- Sr. Whitney Schieltz, *Associate Director of Social Mission*

**Support Our St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Each Saturday morning, "Vincentians" from St. Xavier Church and the Cathedral go out two-by-two into the downtown community to meet with our neighbors seeking assistance and to find ways to meet their needs. We invite you to consider joining our St. Vincent de Paul Society in this important ministry. To learn more and to get involved, please contact Don Lipps 513.256.1649 or Chris Hirsch at [chirsch6@cinci.rr.com](mailto:chirsch6@cinci.rr.com). You can also donate on our parish website or by mailing a check to: Cathedral/St.X Conference, 325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Vincentians will also be available after Mass to answer questions and accept donations. Thank you for your generosity!

**CONNECT WITH ST. X!**

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



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 16**

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 - FEBRUARY 23**

4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 7:00 AM Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ  
 9:00 AM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ  
 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 17** Presidents' 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

**February 20** Thursday Parish Social - BJ's Restaurant

**February 23** Tender Mercies - Collection

**March 1** Wine & Cheese Social - 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 Wagner, Roxanne Motl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Gerry McDougall, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, and Steve Wolcer.

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