



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

February 24 – March 1

MON 24	6:00	+	Katie Ohlhart
	11:30	+	Cyril McCarthy (Annv.) + Daniel O'Sullivan (Birth.)
TUE 25	6:00	SI	Jean Schied
	11:30	+	George Conn (1st Annv.) + Stanley R. Herrlinger (Birth.)
WED 26	6:00	+	Geraldine McDougall
	11:30	+	Pauline Martin (1st Annv.) + Richard J. Berning
THU 27	6:00	SI	The Schneider Family
	11:30	+	Jill Eippert SI Diogo A.
FRI 28	6:00	SI	Phyllis Link
	11:30	+	Peter Schmid
		SI	Joe Damo & Vickie Magliano
SAT 1	7:00	+	Kevin England
		+	Robert Carey (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

The Master Came to Bring Good
News #964

Gloria: #319

Responsorial Psalm 103:

The Lord is kind and merciful.
#1112

Offertory:

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours
#760

Communion:

I Am the Bread of Life #945

Closing:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#644

Art: *My Friend, the Enemy, Rappahannock River, Va., December 25, 1862*

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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

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

In the back of church near the Baptismal font, please find a new book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly. The book is free of charge and was made possible by the largesse of a benefactor to our Parish Family. May you consider using it as a personal, helpful Lenten spiritual resource.

Little Black Books

Now available in the back of the church. Please take a copy and strengthen your prayer journey this Lenten season!

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Starting **Friday, March 7**, from noon to 12:30 PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led in the church by the St. Xavier Church Men's Spirituality Group. Why not make this a regular part of your Lenten prayer this year? The Stations will begin promptly following the 11:30 AM Mass every Friday throughout Lent.

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: Do we use gluten-free hosts?

A: No, we use low-gluten hosts, not gluten-free ones, as the Eucharist must be made from wheat bread. Our hosts are approved by the USCCB and contain such a low amount of gluten that someone with Celiac Sprue Disease would need to consume 270 wafers at once to trigger a reaction! If you need a low-gluten host, ask a sacristan before Mass.

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 Noise of the Day

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.”*
Luke 6:36-38

How appropriate is our Gospel Reading at this time in history! Each day we are inundated with political news, one side judgmentally condemning the other. Regardless of the media that we listen to or read regularly, we are typically hearing only one often-biased and speculative report of unfolding events. Oftentimes, unnecessarily striking fear and trepidation in hearts and minds, affecting our attitudes, our peacefulness, our hope, our loving relationships with one another and our overall spirituality.

But the Gospel gives us clear direction to lead us out of the noise surrounding us. It lets us know that despite the challenges of our times, we need to keep God's mercy commanding both our actions and reactions. It always comes down to the Golden Rule, a short and profound truth: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Accepting that our views are just that—*our views*—and not the views of others, can be difficult and humbling. We often think that our life-wisdom, experiences and reasoning are somehow more informed or enlightened than the statements espoused by others. I can recall several times in conversations with family, friends or colleagues when I felt compelled to give an opposing opinion or viewpoint on an issue—trying to defend or convince others that my position was the *correct* way of thinking. But isn't that the crux of what we are being told through the Gospel today? Jesus tells us to stop judging, stop condemning, do good, and love. When we make judgments about the beliefs or statements of others, hear or say aggressive words, we are told to open ourselves to forgive and we will be forgiven. As a sinner, each day and each week I continue to strive to live those words. Many times I have fallen short. But I continue to seek and pray for a more loving and genuine transformation through the Eucharist, praying to become more like the person that Jesus wants me to be. For we are all called to become what we receive in *His* love, forgiveness and mercy.

- Tina Ernst
Director of Marriage Ministries



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Reading – Luke 6:27-38

Sunday Collection for February 9	\$12,399
Online Contributions	3,981
Total for February 9	\$16,380

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 signup sheets in the back of church or register online at www.stxchurch.org. For more info, call the parish office or email Fr. Ackerman: 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...

Kevin and Emma (Hoenemeyer) Neltner, who were married at St. Xavier on February 16.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 1**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book, *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. Virginia Hall was one of the greatest spies in American history. This is the captivating story of a powerful, influential, yet shockingly overlooked heroine who helped win the Second World War. Please join us for a great discussion of this book!

Congratulations to...

The following couple celebrating a milestone anniversary this year: Frank and Sandy Fieler, 55 years.

SOCIAL MISSION

Catholic Social Teaching #2:

Call to Family, Community & Participation

As a spouse, a parent, a social worker, and social mission staff for our Jesuit Parish Family, this principle has considerably shaped my life. It is within the intimate bonds of family and the social bonds of community that we are constituted and made whole; it is through relationship that we co-create God's kingdom of hope and healing. Built into this principle is the Catholic notion of subsidiarity, the idea that we respond to the call to holiness on the level appropriate to the scope of the issue being addressed. As my kids have grown, we have tried to model this for them. As part of a family, we forge bonds of love by praying together at mass and offering grace before meals. As part of a community, we together perform acts of charity, offering alms as part of CRS' rice bowl project and serving our neighbors in need through our Jesuit Parish Family's Active Discipleship Day. As part of a nation and world, we together strive for justice, signing letters supporting hunger relief and writing postcards to abolish the death penalty. Acting together across these levels, we come to find that God is present in our midst, manifest in the loving relationships we form, transforming us in the Body of Christ.

- Tim Severyn, *Director of Sustainability and Social Mission*

Ignatius House Update

February 24 marks three years since the start of the war in Ukraine, which has forced nearly seven million Ukrainians to seek refuge in foreign lands. Over the past year-and-a-half, the former St. Xavier rectory, now called Ignatius House, has been home to the Povstian family from Ukraine. At this time, all of our guests have relocated to Europe and elsewhere in Cincinnati; so while we continue to support them as best we can, we are also starting to look at new ways our parish can support refugees and migrants. If you would like to offer your support to the people of Ukraine, please consider making a donation to USA with Ukraine at usawithukraine.org.

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 2

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. James Ackerman, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23 Tender Mercies Collection
February 28 Men's Group - Parish Center
March 1 Wine & Cheese Social - Parish Center
March 5 Ash Wednesday Masses: 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, & 5 PM
March 7 12 PM Stations of the Cross
March 9 Midwest Jesuits Event - Parish Center
March 14 Men's Group - 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, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolcer, Jim Bunker, and Bob Howard.

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