



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

March 3 – March 8

|     |                                    |    |   |
|-----|------------------------------------|----|---|
| MON | 6:00                               | +  | Barbara Vandembroeck<br>(Annv.)   |
| 3   | 11:30                              | +  | Trent Obermeyer (Birth.)<br>+ James Doherty (1st Annv.)<br>+ Morgan Heron |
| TUE | 6:00                               | SI | Toby Stoller  |
| 4   | 11:30                              | +  | Kevin Doyle (Birth.)  |
|     |                                    | SI | Mary H.   |
| WED | <b>Ash Wednesday Masses</b>        |    |   |
| 5   | 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 5 PM |    |   |
| THU | 6:00                               | +  | Raymond Teepen  |
| 6   | 11:30                              | +  | JoAnn Weber (Annv.)<br>+ Robert Carey (1st Annv.)                         |
| FRI | 6:00                               | +  | Mary Helen Dyer   |
| 7   |                                    | +  | Norma Thompson (Birth.)   |
|     | 11:30                              | +  | Charles M. Barrett,<br>Christine Finn Barrett, &<br>Angie Barrett Eynon   |
|     |                                    | +  | Michael Burge   |
| SAT | 7:00                               | +  | Stanley Herrlinger (1st<br>Annv.)   |
| 8   |                                    |    |   |

## MUSIC

### Opening:

How Can I Keep from Singing #685

**Gloria:** #319

### Responsorial Psalm 92:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.  
#1115 (p.107)

### Offertory:

The Servant Song #751

### Communion:

Draw Near #935

### Closing:

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning #744

## READINGS

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45

Art: *The Blind Leading the Blind*  
by Sebastian Vranckx (c. 17th century)  
© Christie's London

## 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

## Lenten Reminder: Fast & Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday, April 18,** are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252).

## Wednesday Night Soup Supper

During Lent, St. X Church will host “Soup & Bread” on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center prior to weekly Adoration. The first evening will be **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship. Please call the office at 513.721.4045 if you can bring some soup to share!

## 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.

## Catechetical Corner



### Q: What is the purpose of incense?

**A:** Incense has been used since ancient times to honor God and symbolize prayers rising to Him. Once a rare luxury, it was part of Jewish Temple worship and carried into Christian liturgy. Today, incense blesses the altar, gifts, and people, adding reverence and solemnity to the Mass. Its rich fragrance also engages the senses, reminding us of God’s presence in worship.

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).

## O Death, Where is Your Vic-Tree?

I have a cousin who had her photo taken in front of a tree that her family planted when she was a child. Every year she would take a photo while standing in front of the tree, and, over the years, we could see how she grew with the tree—an evolution of tree and person. But my cousin is now in the autumn of her life...and the tree? Well, it has weathered many seasons. In the fall, we know what happens to its lushness: a burst of color, and then the leaves depart, the fruit gets picked, the branches may wither, and twigs snap. It stands alone in the winter chill, in the ice storms and snow, the wind and rain buffet it. It creaks but still stands, though, waiting until spring.

I once took a photo of my mother in her last year of life in a wheelchair in front of a fiery tree aflame with oranges and browns, green and yellow leaves—bright red ones—this tree. My mom said her favorite season was fall—but, for me, fall ushers in the anniversaries of the death of many people. For me, fall can be a sad season.

But today, we get a message of HOPE, and we learn that the seasons of life and death can offer solace—that, though we die, there will be a spring—we will be re-born with God. And through all the joys and sorrows, we will know a tree by its fruit. And we learn that blindness can cause us to lose our ability to see the forest for the individual trees that make up the forests of the world. And how trees live on. Today we learn to re-evaluate the winter, to re-examine death as not a cessation of life. As St. Paul writes in our Second Reading: *“When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility, and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”*

Can we trees clothe ourselves in the love of the Lord and in hope of the Resurrection, for there is beauty in the fruit. There is beauty in the growth of the tree, and there is beauty in the breakdown as fall leads to the dormancy of winter. A tree that produces good fruit finds mission, purpose, and joy in offering itself to the world just like my cousin has done with her career as a doctor. O death, where is your victory? Not here. The tree overcomes the sting of death and furthers immortality in its leaves, roots, wood, shade, and even stump. As spring beckons, may we see victory in our “identi-tree” with its potential for rebirth.

- Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor



## With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Raymond Teepen, who was recently buried from St. Xavier Church. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.***

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| Sunday Collection for February 16 | \$4,963         |
| Online Contributions              | 5,406           |
| <b>Total for February 16</b>      | <b>\$10,369</b> |

## Sacred Topics in Religious Art

Join Dr. Ceil Dorger for St. Xavier Church's Lenten Midday Masterpieces series for a meditation on the art depicting The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. As Mary said yes to the role of Mother of God, so also did she accept the sufferings that went with the role. With love and compassion, she bore the trials that came with her Son's agonizing passion and death. Join us for three Wednesdays in Lent as we discover, through art, the depth of Mary's love manifest in her own suffering. We begin at noon immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass, downstairs in the Parish Center, **Wednesdays, March 12, 19, and 26.**

## 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. Please take one!

## Congratulations to...

- Olivia Noelle Taylor, daughter of Bryan and Caitlin, who was baptized at St. X on February 23.
- William Carl Wells, son of Ben and Carley, who was baptized at St. X on February 23.

## Women's Spirituality Group

The next Women's Spirituality Group meeting will occur on Monday, March 17, from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center. We are working with the book *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean Syswerda. We will discuss Bathsheba, Tamar, The Wise Woman of Abel, and Rizpah. Join us!

## SOCIAL MISSION

### Active Discipleship Day - RSVP Today!

Our Spring Active Discipleship Day for the Jesuit Parish Family, held in conjunction with Xavier University's Community Action Day, will be **Saturday, March 22**, 9 AM to 2



PM. We hope you can join us for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! Breakfast and lunch provided. Service sites will be selected by participants upon arrival, with a variety of accessible indoor and outdoor options available. Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

### Catholic Social Teaching #3: *Rights and Responsibilities*

While attending Walsh Jesuit High School, I learned part of God's plan is that every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required for decency. We were also taught that with those rights come responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and as a society. Those responsibilities are especially clear: To help the least, the last, the lost.

All of this became very real in my first volunteer role at a group home for young adults with mental disabilities. The experience thrust me completely out of my comfort zone...and unlocked a profound joy from "love in action." I was humbled to learn that my pre-conceptions were so completely wrong. I found we were the same in many ways. I saw that those on the margins yearn for dignity and to be treated with decency—just like I do. I thought I was the one serving—in fact they were giving me so much more. And I came to appreciate the profound responsibility we have as Christians to care, protect, and serve those who cannot do so for themselves. Now, more than ever, there are opportunities for us as Christians to exert our God-given rights and responsibilities.

- Jim Barter, *Social Mission Leadership Team Member*

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**PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 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. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 5** Ash Wednesday Masses: 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, & 5 PM
- Wednesday Soup Supper - Parish Center
- March 7** 12 PM Stations of the Cross
- March 9** Midwest Jesuits Event - Parish Center
- March 14** Men's Group - Parish Center
- March 17** Women's Group - Parish Center
- March 19** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church

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, Bob Howard, Mike Green, and Noah Ohlhaut.

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

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