



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

March 10 – March 15

MON	6:00	SI	Laurette Erhardt (Birth.) + Jeannette Hoffman (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Richard Quehl (Birth.) SI Barb Castro (Birth.) SI Dan Staud
TUE	6:00	SI	Erwin F. Erhardt III (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Kathryn Ann Kelly + Sharon Williams Frisbe
WED	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
	11:30	+	Samuel Richard Asmah SI Joyce, Charles, and Ness D'Netto
THU	6:00	+	John Leisgang
	11:30	+	Mary Brinkmeyer SI <i>For an Increase in Vocations</i>
FRI	6:00	+	August Hoffman (Annv.)
	11:30	+	Betty Headworth (Annv.) SI Carol R. Wetzel
SAT	7:00	+	Hilda Ann Messmer
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MUSIC

Opening:

Forty Days and Forty Nights #483

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 91:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. #1018

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Offertory:

The Cross of Jesus #482

Mass Parts: #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:

Turn to the Living God #485

Closing:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #479

Art: *The Temptation of Christ by the Devil*
by Félix Joseph Barrias (c. 1860)
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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

Parish Council



As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded that our faith is lived out not only in prayer but also in service to our parish community. One way to engage with others and forward the mission of St. Xavier Church is through leadership in our Parish Advisory Council.

The nomination period is now open! Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Parish Advisory Council. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16, 2025**.

Upcoming Leadership Discernment Events:

- March 23: Ministry witness at all Masses, featuring reflections from current council members.
- March 29: *Parish Councils: Synodality in Practice* – A special workshop by Fr. Tom DiFolco at the Xavier University Health United Building from 9-11 AM. All are welcome.
- May 1: All nominees will be informed of their nomination and invited into the discernment process.
- June 8 (Pentecost Sunday): New council members will be selected by the pastor.

We encourage all parishioners to prayerfully consider how they might serve. This is a unique opportunity to share your gifts and help shape the future of our parish. To submit a nomination, scan the QR or visit stxchurch.org/parish-council.



Catechetical Corner



Q: The Apostles' Creed says Jesus descended into Hell...What's that all about?

A: The Apostles' Creed is a later Latin adaptation of the Nicene Creed. The phrase "descended into hell" comes from a Latin word for the underworld, not the fiery Hell of damnation. It means Jesus went to the realm of the dead, where souls awaited His victory on the Cross.

Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/corner.

The Enemy of Our Human Nature

In the *Spiritual Exercises* St. Ignatius of Loyola refers to Satan as "the Enemy of our human nature," and there is a portion where he fleshes out three main ways this Enemy tends to attack us. Today's Gospel displays the third way, where the Enemy acts like a general in a battle; St. Ignatius writes:

"...the enemy acts like a military commander who is attempting to conquer and plunder his objective. The captain and leader of an army on campaign sets up his camp, studies the strength and structure of a fortress, and then attacks at its weakest point. In the same way, the enemy of human nature prowls around and from every side probes all our theological, cardinal, and moral virtues. Then at the point where he finds us weakest and most in need in regard to our eternal salvation, there he attacks and tries to take us."

When we look at the Gospel of Jesus being tempted in the desert, we notice the Enemy's tactics; he saw that Jesus was very hungry, and so he suggests that Jesus put aside His humanity for a second and use His Divine Power to change stones into bread. But Jesus quotes Scripture, testifying to His trust in His Father's providence and His faithfulness to His Word. This reveals something to us about Jesus: His will, not His appetites, ruled Him.

Then the Enemy starts using God's Word as his weapon, striking at other strong desires in Jesus' heart: to be the King of our world, and for all to know that He is the Son of God. Yet again Jesus resists the temptation to take the fast and easy route, choosing instead to follow the path of His Father's will, which not only leads to oases of peace in the desert, but leads us out of the desert, out of the wilderness, and beyond the Enemy's reach in our Father's House. As we consider this Gospel and our own lives, we might reflect on how the Enemy attacks our weaknesses and vulnerabilities, and what we can do, with Jesus' help, to shore up our defenses, to conquer our appetites, and to do our Father's will in all things, even if it is the longer, more difficult but ultimately fulfilling road.

- Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
Associate Pastor



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SUNDAY READINGS – #1018

Sunday Collection for February 23	\$8,072
Online Contributions	4,901
Total for February 23	\$12,973

Jesuit Lenten Event - This Sunday

The Midwest Jesuits invite you to join us for coffee, donuts and a short reflection following the 10:30 AM Mass this **Sunday, March 9**. Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ, will preside at Mass and Mr. Jon Herrington, nSJ, a Jesuit novice currently working at St. Xavier High School, will offer a brief reflection.

¡Buen Camino! *Stories of Travel, Faith, and Discovery*

Join us after the 10:30 AM Mass on **Palm Sunday, April 13**, to hear from a panel of pilgrims who have walked the Camino de Santiago, including Fr. Rick Millbourn, SJ, leader of multiple pilgrimages. Their reflections on how those experiences shaped their faith lives offer each of us the chance to consider where we are invited to walk with God in our own lives. Please RSVP at jfanusa.org/cincinnati.

Wednesday Night Soup Supper

During Lent, St. X Church hosts “Soup & Bread” on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. The next evening will be **Wednesday, March 12**. Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship. Please call the office at 513.721.4045 if you can bring some soup to share!

Congratulations to...

- Evelyn Leigh Fischer, daughter of Eric and Emily, who was baptized at St. X on March 2.
- Joey and Yvonne (Kelly) DeNoma, who were married at St. X on March 1.

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. 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 in the Parish Center following the 11:30 AM Mass, **Wednesdays, March 12, 19, and 26**.

SOCIAL MISSION**Catholic Social Teaching #4:
Care for God’s Creation**

The pandemic impacted us all in so many ways. As a high school teacher, life took quite a turn with the shutdown. While this time was marked with fear and anxiety, it also brought about a keen awareness of God’s creation. Cancelled events and working from home gave me the time to really marvel at God’s creation during the spring of 2020. When so much seemed to be on pause in the world (at least in my little world), creation provided a wondrous show of new life. My family and I found joy in yard work, frequenting local parks, hiking, and enjoying picnics. I grew in mindfulness of Creation.

A combination of this mindfulness, inspiration from *Laudato Si’*, and learning more about the impact humans have on our planet, led our family to take steps in reducing our environmental footprint. Minimizing single use plastic, utilizing the Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub, and composting have been some of our family endeavors. These gradual changes have become a part of our lifestyle.

How can we each find more time to spend marveling at the wonders of God’s creation? How can this motivate us in our care for the gift of Creation from our Good God? How can our choices help to ensure a vibrant common home for future generations?

- Alicia Ausere, *Social Mission Leadership Team Member*

Invitation to Care for Creation

In January, we formed the Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team, a collaboration focused on caring for our common home. The team is launching *Praise Be to You: An Anthology of Hope and Healing for Creation*. Inspired by our parish family vision statement, we invite parishioners of all ages to submit original written and visual pieces that we will curate for release in September. The submission deadline is **Sunday, June 1**. For more information, please scan the QR code or contact Tim Severyn at tseveryn@stxchurch.org.

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 16

4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 5:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 12** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
 Soup Supper - Parish Center
- March 14** Men's Group - Parish Center
- March 17** Women's Group - Parish Center
- March 19** Rosary Group - St. Xavier Church
- March 22** Active Discipleship Day
- March 29** Parish Councils: Synodality in Practice

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 Wolter, Jim Bunker, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, and Hank Imbus.

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