



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

March 17 – March 22

MON 17	6:00	+	Wilma Link (Birth.)
		SI	Mike Green (Recovery)
	11:30	+	Douglas Lange (Birth.)
		SI	Jack Luckett (Birth.)
TUE 18	6:00	+	Leonard & Mary Brigger (Birth.)
	11:30	SI	Carolyn Hayward (Birth.) + Denny Fox
WED 19	6:00	+	Les McGraw (Annv.)
		SI	Noah Ohlhaut (Recovery)
	11:30	+	Helen D. Williams
		SI	Marita D'Netto
THU 20	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	+	John Shoemaker
FRI 21	6:00	+	Gerry Merkes (Birth.)
		+	Carl Huelsman (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Donald Greis (Annv.)
		SI	Diogo Anyigbo
SAT 22	7:00	+	Kaia Grant (5th Annv.)

MUSIC

Opening:

How Good, Lord, to Be Here! #877

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 27:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. #1021 (p. 36)

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Offertory:

Remember Your Love #961

Mass Parts: #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

Closing:

Transform Us #878

Art: *Wanderer above the Sea of Fog*
by Caspar David Friedrich (c. 1818)
© Hamburger Kunsthalle

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. To submit a nomination, scan the QR or visit stxchurch.org/parish-council.



St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 8**, 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!

¡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.

An Alpine Symphony

Mountains are places of encounter where heaven and earth meet. Scripture is rich with this symbol: Moses ascends Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, and Jesus gives the Sermon on the Mount. In today's readings, we witness two more "mountaintop experiences."

God makes a covenant with Abraham, granting him land for his descendants. The agreement is sealed with animal sacrifice, a flaming torch, and a deep, mysterious darkness. Alone and 75 years old, Abraham was initially terrified by this episode; it was totally out of his control. But he waited in faith and God appeared. In the Gospel, Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray where He is transfigured before them alongside the prophets Moses and Elijah. The disciples, groggy from sleep, are suddenly awake to a reality beyond their comprehension. The divine cannot be contained or fully grasped. In their confusion, all they could do was trust Jesus.

Mountains symbolize an upwardly striving struggle and the eventual triumph of faith. Films, literature, and music are filled with mountaintop moments. If a mountain is mentioned early in a story, you can be sure the protagonist will have to climb it before the end. The mountain is a call to adventure; the road may be difficult, but the goal will be worth the cost. Frodo and Sam make the grueling ascent up Mount Doom to save the world in *The Lord of the Rings*. In *The Sound of Music*, the Swiss Alps are an escape from the earthly trappings below. The "mountaintop experience" is a chance to exercise our freedom and hope for transcendence. It's a place where humans meet the sublime, whether it's God, nature, or our own limits.

I like to associate the imagery of mountains with classical music. The German Romantic composers—the likes of Strauss, Wagner, and Mahler—achieved this sensation with grandeur and force. The swell of the orchestra drives the music as it spirals upwards. At the summit, the symphony rises to a bombastic crescendo, and the listener is left grasping for the divine, for transformation.

This Sunday's readings call us to lift our eyes and ascend—to leave behind our preoccupation with the earthly and trust in something greater than ourselves. The Christian life is not about clinging to what we understand. It's about stepping into the unknown and trusting God. Lent invites us to this journey. We must let go of control, embrace the climb, and at the mountain's peak, stand in awe of the mystery.

- Sam Aberle
Parish Family Communications Director



SUNDAY READINGS – #1021

FEBRUARY 2025 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 167 Sunday 7 AM – 111
 Sunday 9 AM – 158 Sunday 10:30 AM – 222
 Sunday 5 PM – 205

With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Martin Hohenberger, Sean Broderick, James Eigel, Flora Halloran and Thomas Cody, who were recently buried from here. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.***

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 at noon in the Parish Center following the 11:30 AM Mass, **Wednesdays, March 19 and 26** as we discover, through art, the depth of Mary's love manifest in her own suffering.



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, March 30**.

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!

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SOCIAL MISSION

Catholic Social Teaching #5: *Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers*

As I reflect on this social teaching, I realize how blessed I have been to have worked most of the time in very fulfilling jobs. I recognize that this has allowed me to be a better Christian especially in those times when I feel fulfilled and satisfied. On the other hand, my wife and others could easily tell when I was not satisfied at work, and I am sure it had a lot to do with un-Christian-like behaviors on my part.

As I further reflect on what actions I should be taking with respect to this teaching, it is a challenge to know what actions individuals can take to make a real difference. We can all agree that everyone has a right to work in a dignified job, but identifying actions to help deliver this is not always easy. I do believe that one place to start is to focus on how we treat people that we come across daily. If we strive to treat people doing their work in a Christian-like manner, then this will help allow people to have dignified work.

- Tom Muething, *Social Mission Leadership Team Member*

Hygiene Bag Collection & Assembly

We are collecting toiletries that will be assembled into hygiene bags for St. Francis Seraph Ministries, a collaboration of services in Over-the-Rhine that feed, clothe, and provide basic needs for the homeless and working poor in our community. Bins are located in the back of church where you can donate **unopened, travel-sized toiletries**. Everyone is also invited to help assemble the bags in the Parish Center after all the Sunday Masses on **May 4**.

Light of Hope: Active Discipleship Day

Since the earliest days of the Church, we as Christians have sought to be a light of hope in the darkness. Over the course of Lent, we will highlight some of the hope-filled activities in our parish, inviting you to live into our Vision Statement as bearers of hope and healing. This week, we invite you to our Active Discipleship Day happening **Saturday, March 22**, 9 AM to 2 PM. Please scan the QR code to RSVP. These family-friendly days of service and reflection began in 2020 as a way for us to integrate inner reflection and outward action.



PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 23

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 17** Women's Group - Parish Center
- March 19** Rosary Group - St. X Church
 Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
 Soup Supper - Parish Center
- March 21** Stations of the Cross - St. X Church
- March 22** Active Discipleship Day
- March 28** Men's Group - Parish Center
- March 29** Parish Councils: Synodality in Practice
- April 6** St. X Ministry Fair - 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 Wolter, Jim Bunker, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, and Hank Imbus.

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