



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

March 24 – March 29

MON	6:00	+	Maria Blazer
24	11:30	+	Peter Horan
		+	Mary & Michael Rodrigues
TUE	6:00	+	Earl Lienesch
25	11:30	+	Charles B. Ginocchio
		+	Edgar & Adelaide D'netto
WED	6:00	+	Bruce Elchynski
26	11:30	+	Barbara Meridieth
		+	Captain Adam McMillan
THU	6:00	+	Ann Ambrose
27	11:30	+	Don Dryer
		+	Katie Ohlhaut
		SI	Dan Staud (deceased) & Fred Peter (102 nd Birth. Remb.)
FRI	6:00	+	Leo Marand
28	11:30	+	Charles B. Ginocchio
		+	Kevin Doyle
SAT	7:00	+	Lawrence Pille
29			

MUSIC

Opening:

What Wondrous Love #642

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 103:

The Lord is kind and merciful.
#1024 (p. 39)

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Offertory:

Tree of Life #475

Mass Parts: #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:

Return to God #478

Closing:

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

Art: *Christ and the Samaritan Woman*
by Duccio di Buoninsegna
(c. 1310-11) *Tempura & gold on panel*
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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 Leadership Workshop

To help us grow as a community, we invite you to attend a special workshop led by Fr. Tom DiFolco, an Archdiocesan priest with over 40 years of experience in parish leadership. Join us from 9-11 AM on **Saturday, March 29**, at the Xavier University Health United Building, 4th Floor (1723 Cleneay Ave., Norwood, OH 45212). The presentation focuses on listening and discernment as part of the pastoral council process, and reveals how we are intended to serve together in other ministerial contexts. This is an opportunity to reflect on how you may be called to serve and shape our parish, whether you currently have a leadership role or not!



Fr. Tom DiFolco
Center for Parish Vitality

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PARISH COUNCIL

As we continue 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. Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Parish Advisory Council. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16**. To submit a nomination, please visit stxchurch.org/parish-council.



Catechetical Corner



Q: What is a holy day of obligation and why are they important?

A: A Holy Day of Obligation is a feast day when Catholics are required to attend Mass, just like on Sundays. In the Ten Commandments, God calls us to set aside time for worship, and the Church designates these days to honor key moments in salvation history. They remind us to make God the center of our lives and give thanks for His saving work.

Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/corner.

Turn Our Hearts to God

Lent is a time to reflect on what keeps us from God and from lives of holiness and to make a conscious choice to turn again toward the light. Metanoia. As our Parish Vision Statement professes, we are called to bear hope and healing, engaging our whole selves to shine God's light into the world.

This Lent, I've been praying through theologian Louis Savary's *The New Spiritual Exercises: In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*. In Week 1, he invites us to reflect on the relationship between our personal sin and social sin, which "is systemic, that is, it is manifested and 'lives' in the social structures functioning in the larger society." Savary points out how Jesus' public ministry constantly challenged social sin, from his critique of the Pharisees' religious hypocrisy to his upending of social ostracism for the ritually impure, tax collectors, etc.

This week, if you're at one of the Scrutiny masses (the Scrutinies are special rites for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil), you will hear the story of the woman at the well. With this woman, Jesus upends societal norms around gender and ethnicity, welcoming the outcast into the kingdom of God where social sin yields to the beloved community.

If you're not attending one of the Scrutiny masses, you'll hear Luke's Gospel featuring a fig tree, and the call to bear good fruit. As in the parable of the talents, Jesus is guiding us to turn our gifts toward building God's kingdom.

We're trying to do this kingdom-building work in our family by participating in the CRS Rice Bowl, a daily Lenten program that helps families explore the root causes of one social sin, global hunger while participating in prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. My kids, ages 7 and 10, love this program, taking turns reading the prayers, answering the questions, giving alms in response, and even cooking the meatless recipes on Fridays. We watch the videos together, the most recent on a family struggling in Nigeria, and then talk about what we've learned. My daughter asks, "What else can we do to help them?"

This week, let us turn our hearts to God. In the face of social sin, how can we use our gifts to be a light of hope in the world? Where can we bear *hope and healing*?



Tim Severyn
Parish Family Director of Sustainability and Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1022 & 1024
 (4 PM & 10:30 AM) (7 AM, 9 AM, & 5 PM)

Light of Hope: Meals for Tender Mercies

Tender Mercies transforms the lives of homeless adults with mental illness by providing security, dignity, and community in a place they can call



home. St. Xavier parishioners have been donating and serving hot meals to residents there for over 35 years. If you can contribute a food dish this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, March 30**. Thanks to our Tender Mercies volunteers, especially long-time coordinators Mike and Beth Reinert, for being a light of hope!

Parish Ministry Fair - April 6

Looking for ways to get involved at St. Xavier Church? Join us after Masses on **Sunday, April 6**, for our Parish Ministry Fair! Explore opportunities to serve—from liturgical ministries to outreach opportunities and more. Meet ministry leaders, ask questions, and discover where your gifts can make a difference. Donuts & coffee will be available after the 10:30 AM Mass!

¡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

Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. The next evening will be **Wednesday, March 26**. Please call the office at 513.721.4045 if you can bring some soup to share!

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SOCIAL MISSION

Catholic Social Teaching #5: Solidarity

As a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, I have had the opportunity to participate in many service projects over the years. In the fall of 2014, I participated in a Rotary project at Camp Allyn in Batavia, Ohio.

Camp Allyn is nestled among 46 acres of trees, nature trails and small ponds and provides a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals with disabilities. Rotary works with Stepping Stones, a disability services and support organization, to provide services at the camp. Programs support children, teens and adults with various disabilities on the pathway to more independence to help them reach their full potential. Our project was to create an extended nature viewing area that was wheelchair accessible. Every year, Rotary provides funding to Camp Allyn and members participate in various projects to support the camp. Each summer, members of the Rotary Club offer tethered hot air balloon rides to campers.

In Catholic Social Teaching, solidarity means recognizing our shared responsibility to one another, which applies to caring for the handicapped and disabled by actively working to ensure they have equal access to opportunities, are treated with dignity, and are fully integrated into society. I have been fortunate to see that in action at Camp Allyn.

- Melody Well, *Social Mission Leadership Team Member*

Hygiene Bag Collection & Assembly

We are collecting toiletries throughout Lent 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**.

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 30

4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28** Men's Group - Parish Center
- March 26** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
Soup Supper - Parish Center
- March 29** Parish Councils: Synodality in Practice -
XU Health United Building, 4th Floor
- March 30** Tender Mercies Collection
- April 6** St. X Ministry Fair - Parish Center
- April 8** Book Club - 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, 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, Hank Imbus, and Pat Murray.

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