



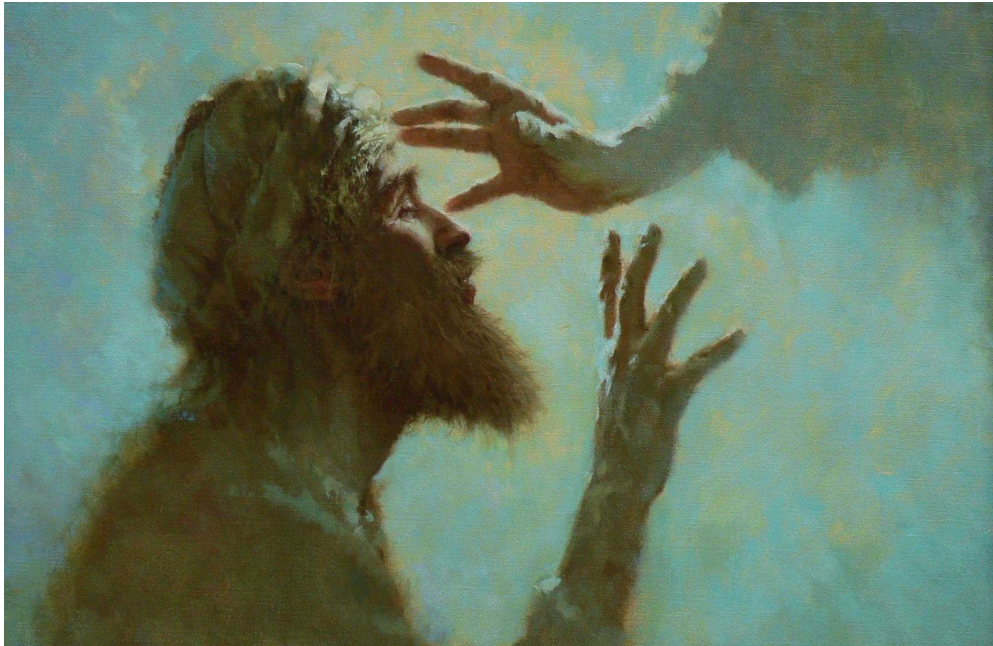
SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

March 31 – April 5

MON 31	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	SI	Scott Sanders (Birth.) + Lisa Fath Ray
TUE 1	6:00	+	Paul Waymeyer
		SI	Mike Green (Recovery)
	11:30	SI	Anyigbo & Osuagwu Families SI Sophia Cook
WED 2	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
	11:30	+	Lawrence Dale Mullaney (Annv.) + Joan Robinson
THU 3	6:00	+	Jack Wuestfeld
	11:30	+	Peter Ginocchio + Kevin England (Birth.)
FRI 4	6:00	+	Sylvia Kastner
		SI	Noah Ohlhaut (Recovery)
	11:30	+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, and Angie Barrett Eynon + Julia Schmidt (Birth.)
SAT 5	7:00	+	Richard Stall

MUSIC

Opening:
Amazing Grace #645

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 34:
Taste and see the goodness of the
Lord. #1027 (p. 42)

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Offertory:
Hosea #484

Mass Parts: #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:
Taste and See #930

Closing:
Forgive Our Sins #965

Art: *Jesus healing the Blind Man*
by Brian Jekel (c. 2008)
Oil on canvas
© Brian Jekel Artist

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

Easter Flowers

Purchase Easter flowers for someone special or a memorial for a loved one. Write the name(s) of people below and return this slip of paper with your donation to the parish office. All names and intentions will be published in a future bulletin.

Suggested donation: \$10. Thank you!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16**. To submit a nomination, please visit stxchurch.org/parish-council.

Catechetical Corner



Q: Is it better to receive the Eucharist in the hand or on the tongue?

A: The Church allows receiving the Eucharist on the tongue or in the hand, based on personal preference. Both are longstanding traditions and can be done reverently. If receiving in the hand, check for any remaining particles and consume them, remembering that Jesus is present even in the smallest fragment.

Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/corner.

Seeing Things Differently

Several years ago I heard about an architect who became blind after surgery to remove a benign brain tumor. After a doctor told Chris Downey that his vision loss was permanent, a social worker came into his hospital room to talk about career alternatives. But Chris had no intention of giving up the work he loved. He knew it would just look different now, or more accurately, it would sound and feel different. Today, Chris relies on new methods of reading and rendering drawings, but he continues to work as a successful architect, specializing in building acoustics and accessibility.

While most people in Chris's position would have fallen into despair, he responded with surprising grace and gratitude. As he explains, his lost sight has allowed him to experience life in a whole new way. In buildings that he once knew sighted, he now hears the architecture and feels the space. Rather than lament what he is missing, he is now aware of how much he had been missing before. In fact, when asked if he would want his sight to return, he responded that he is a better architect now without it.

In the readings this Sunday we also hear stories about vision changes. We hear of the Lord's power to see beyond appearances and into hearts, to bring light into darkness, and to give sight to the blind. Overall, they speak of our need to see things differently and thus live differently. Along with Chris Downey's story of transformation, I pray that these scriptures will inspire us to open our eyes—as well as our ears, hearts, and minds—to whatever we may be missing, ignoring, or avoiding this Lent.

A common Lenten tradition is to give something up, be it chocolate, alcohol, or maybe gossip. Some people instead decide to add something to their routine, like more prayer, exercise, or random acts of kindness. But how often do these seasonal commitments extend beyond Holy Week? Do we experience any real conversion or growth, or do we go right back to our old ways after Easter? As we move into this second half of Lent, perhaps we can aim to make more transformational changes to our lives. Let us start by asking God to pull us out of our set ways and open us to seeing things differently.



Sr. Whitney Schieltz
Associate Director of Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1025

¡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.

With Deepest Sympathy...

Please remember Charles Ruperecht, Sr., who was recently buried from here. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Congratulations to...

- Samuel and Molly (Berns) Boyles, who were married at St. X on March 22.
- Skylar Elisabeth Romes, daughter of Brian and Chelsea, who was baptized at St. X on March 23.
- Nevada Danielle Morman, daughter of David and Sarah, who was baptized at St. X on March 23.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The next Women's Spirituality Group meeting will occur on **Tuesday, April 22**, 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 focus on the Queen of Sheba, Jezebel, the Widow of Zarephath, and the Shunammite Woman. Join us!

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!

SOCIAL MISSION

Catholic Social Teaching #7: *Option for the Poor & Vulnerable*

After retiring in 2023, I knew that I wanted to find a way to give back more than just monetarily. Working full-time plus traveling, it was always hard to carve out time for charity. But having a deep draw towards those less fortunate and suffering from economic issues, I found a strong calling to St. Vincent de Paul.

It was while working with other Vencentians that I realized the profound need of so many less fortunate living in the downtown area. Prior to getting involved, I found myself making assumptions about the poor and the situation they find themselves in. Like so many, we sometimes judge others on what we do not know or have not experienced. However, with knowledge and experience comes a better handle on what the poor and vulnerable in our city are all about. In working with SVDP, I have come to accept those in need where they are as Christ would have. I have found so much joy in helping our neighbors, more than I would have ever thought possible. The Lord has given me a wonderful gift by leading me to this mission.

There is so much satisfaction in knowing that I have helped someone stay in their home, pay utilities, procure furniture, clothing and/or food. All this is done while showing them care, compassion and Christ's love.

- Steve Jung, *Social Mission Leadership Team Member*

Light of Hope: New Visitation Ministry

Looking to be a bearer of hope and healing in our community? A few months ago we started exploring ways to expand the pastoral care we offer to parishioners experiencing life difficulties. Through discussion with parishioners and staff, we have decided to form a new Visitation Ministry. This ministry will offer St. Xavier parishioners the opportunity to practice the corporal works of mercy while supporting fellow members of our community in need. Please visit the Parish Ministry Fair next **Sunday, April 6**, to learn more and get involved, or contact Sr. Whitney at wschieltz@stxchurch.org.

Scan the QR to support St. X's ministries:



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 30

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - APRIL 6

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. Paul Lickteig, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 30** Tender Mercies Collection
- April 6** St. X Ministry Fair - Parish Center
Wood Carvers from the Holy Land
- April 8** Book Club - Parish Center
- April 11** Men's Group - Parish Center
- April 13** ¡Buen Camino! Panel - Parish Center
- April 21** Easter Monday - *Parish office closed*
- April 22** Women'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, 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, Pat Murray, Lisa Durr, Cathleen Acree, and Mary Preston.

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