



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

April 7 – April 12

MON	6:00	+	Charles Grosser
7	11:30	+	Howard K. Tolbert (1st Annv.)
		+	Captain Adam McMillan
TUE	6:00	+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
8	11:30	+	Mary & Michael Rodrigues
		+	Poor Souls
WED	6:00	+	Janet McRae
9	11:30	+	Deborah Hogan
		+	William Helmes
THU	6:00	+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
10	11:30	+	Carol R. Wezel
		SI	Franks Family
FRI	6:00	+	Gloria Gagenback
11	11:30	+	Peggy Hogan (Birth.)
		+	Lisa Fath Ray
SAT	7:00	+	Joe Merton (Annv.)
12		+	George Johnson (2nd Annv.)

MUSIC

Opening:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #724

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 130:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption #1028

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Offertory:

Only This I Want #782

Mass Parts: #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:

The Love of the Lord #792

Closing:

Take Up Your Cross #801

Art: *The Raising of Lazarus*
by Eduard von Gebhardt (c. 1896)
Oil on walnut
© Museum Kunstpalast

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: Have priests always practiced celibacy?

A: No, priests could marry until the 11th century, though most bishops remained celibate. The Church adopted clerical celibacy largely because the laity preferred monastic priests, who took vows of chastity. Their example inspired a desire for priests fully devoted to ministry, living more like Jesus and His apostles.

Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/corner.

What Did He Write?

With Lent drawing to a close, our Scriptures remind us of the need for repentance and forgiveness. Most of us will hear the story of the woman caught in adultery from the Gospel of John (cycle C). This account is often a favorite among Bible study groups because it raises so many questions. Who was she? Why was only she brought to Jesus? Where was the man who participated with her? Who are her accusers? What did Jesus write?

John sets the stage that the Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus in his teachings. Lesson one: you can't trap God. They bring him a woman who allegedly was caught in violation of the sixth commandment. Lesson two: Jesus has a fondness for women who were often objectified and marginalized in society. They made her stand in the middle, ostensibly so she could not escape her trial. Lesson four: God alone is the Judge. In the midst of her prosecution, Jesus bends down and writes on the ground, in the dirt, the earth. They are accusing her of being, in Latin, a *prostitutio*, which means "to place in front of." Ironically, the Pharisees are doing the very act they are accusing this woman of doing. Jesus wastes no time in calling them out. He writes in the dirt, again in Latin, *humus* from which we derive human, humanity, and humility. The woman is, no doubt, humiliated. Jesus draws the connection between the act she is accused of and the humiliation she is enduring. He says the famous words, "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone." No one is without sin. The crowd begins to see how Jesus played upon their actions, and one by one, they walk away—humiliated.

Alone with the woman he wryly asks, "Has no one condemned you...neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more." The Judge has spoken. Mercy and forgiveness win out. Repentance and forgiveness rule the day. They rule the season of Lent. At the start of Lent, we don ashes and are reminded that we are *humus*. As Lent draws to a close, let us remember that though we come from humble beginnings, we are loved, valued, and redeemed by the One who sees past our transgressions.



Dcn. Tim Crooker
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy

SUNDAY READINGS – #1028**Easter Triduum Mass Times**

Holy Thursday, April 17 — 7 PM

Good Friday, April 18 — 12 PM

Holy Saturday, April 19 — 8:45 PM (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday, April 20 — 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM

No confessions after 1 PM on Wednesday. The parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. No 6 AM Mass on Easter Monday.

Young Adults Group

Join us after the 5 PM Mass on **Sunday, April 13**, as Fr. Jacob will walk us through the Mass. This will be Part 1 of 2. Come deepen your understanding of Catholic liturgy this Lent!

For more info, contact cincinnatiyoungadults@gmail.com.

¡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.

Congratulations to...

- Callum Austin Ernst, son of Austin and Hannah, who was baptized at St. X on March 30.

SOCIAL MISSION**Light of Hope: Parish Ministry Fair**

God calls each of us by name, inviting us to discern where our God-given gifts can be used to bear hope and healing to one another, our neighbors in need, and all of creation. Our parish has engaged in this movement of inward reflection, outward action for over 150 years! This **Sunday, April 6**, after the 10:30 AM Mass, you're invited to participate in that legacy. Our Parish Ministry Fair will feature representatives from a wide range of parish ministries, eager to share more about their work and help you explore ways to get involved this Lenten season and beyond.

Toiletries Collection Ends Next Sunday

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. Next **Sunday, April 13**, will be the last day to donate.

Olive Wood Carvings for Sale

The Holy Land Shepherds are visiting our parish this weekend and selling their beautiful hand-carved items in the Parish Center after all our Masses. Their mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling olive wood artifacts here in the United States. Please visit them downstairs! They accept cash, credit cards, and checks.

Way of the Cross for Justice

Our Jesuit Parish Family is again co-sponsoring this year's Way of the Cross for Justice, a Good Friday prayer service connecting the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day. The theme for this year's service is Immigrant Justice. The service will be held **Friday, April 18**, 12 - 2 PM at Smale Riverside Park.

Sunday Collection for March 2	\$9,183
Online Contributions	8,805
Total for March 2	\$17,988
Sunday Collection for March 9	\$13,391
Online Contributions	4,510
Total for March 9	\$17,901
Sunday Collection for March 16	\$7,898
Online Contributions	5,790
Total for March 16	\$13,688

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



PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

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 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 18** Good Friday - *Parish office closed*
- 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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