



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS

April 14 – April 20

MON	6:00	+	Ed Merkes (Birth.)
14	11:30	+	Mary Jane Luckett
		+	Marietta Ginocchio
TUE	6:00	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
15	11:30	+	Douglas Lange (Easter Remb.)
		+	Stephen Kirby (Wedd. Annv.)
WED	6:00	+	John Kohrman Family
16	11:30	+	Ron Goyette (Annv.)
		+	Theresa Marcum
THU			Holy Thursday - 7 PM
17			
FRI			Good Friday - 12 PM
18			
SAT			Easter Vigil - 8:45 PM
19			
SUN			Easter Sunday - 7 AM, 9 AM, & 10:30 AM
20			

MUSIC

Opening:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #498

Kyrie: #169

Responsorial Psalm 22:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? #1035

Gospel Acclamation: #195

Offertory:

O Sacred Head Surrounded #512

Mass Parts: #198, 200, 202, 204

Communion:

We Remember #681

Closing:

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd #628

Art: *Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem*
Nativity of the Theotokos Church
Bitola, Macedonia

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. _____



MARCH 2025 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 187	Sunday 7 AM – 113
Sunday 9 AM – 163	Sunday 10:30 AM – 285
Sunday 5 PM – 261	

Parish Council - Deadline Approaching

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others to serve on the St. Xavier Church Parish Advisory Council, a consultative body, representative of the parishioners, which assists the pastor in developing and promoting the life and programs of the parish. Nominations will be accepted through **April 16!** To submit a nomination, please visit stxchurch.org/parish-council.

Catechetical Corner



Q: Why is it that we are only allowed to drink water before Communion?

A: We fast for at least one hour before Communion to prepare spiritually and physically. Water is allowed because it's a basic necessity. Medicine and anything needed to take it are also permitted, as those with medical needs are exempt from fasting.

Learn more at www.stxchurch.org/corner.

A Call to Walk with Jesus

Today, we begin our journey to the Easter Triduum by recalling and celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where the joyous crowds of people received and hailed Him, proclaiming, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Jesus’s entry on a donkey—not by another way—showed His humility and that He came in peace.

The crowds of people laid down their cloaks and branches so that His kingly path was fully covered, preventing both He and His donkey from touching the dirt. This image invites us to ask ourselves what we are laying down to receive Jesus each day in our hearts and minds. Are we joyfully offering our gifts and sacrifices to exalt and glorify Him and His teachings? Are we mindfully laying down our gratitude and prayers at Mass as He approaches us through the Eucharist?

The readings today are also a poignant reminder that the crowd that celebrated Jesus’ arrival as King soon called for His brutal crucifixion. The stark contrast between the shouts of ultimate praise, later followed by insults, betrayals, and cries for His death, exemplifies the vast moral complexity of humans and the destructive power of mob mentality. It gives us a glimpse of what Jesus must have experienced through His journey along the way of the Cross. Each Palm Sunday, this contrast calls us to examine our own faith and remind ourselves to stay internally peaceful, hopeful, and steadfast through the teachings of Jesus, despite sometimes loud and condemning cries and negative influences in our own world.

Palm Sunday can be a catalyst for us to rededicate ourselves to the commitment to walk with Jesus through His Passion and ultimately to the Resurrection. We can prepare ourselves to walk with Jesus on the journey of Holy Week by faithfully embracing both His triumph and His suffering, becoming more obedient to God’s will through Jesus’s examples of humility, peace, mercy, love, and forgiveness—regardless of the challenges, betrayals, or life circumstances we face.

As we begin Holy Week with reverence, we reflect on Christ’s entire journey and prepare our hearts and minds for the overwhelming gratitude that we will experience on Good Friday when we recount His suffering and ultimate submission to God’s plan for our eternal salvation. May the palms we hold symbolize the joy of Jesus’s life, His ministry of peace, and ultimately His suffering and sacrifice for us. Let today be our call to walk with Jesus in both triumph and suffering, with hearts open to the transformative power of His love.



Tina Ernst
Parish Family Director of Marriage Ministries

SUNDAY READINGS – #1031-1038

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 Adult Group

On **Good Friday, April 18**, the Young Adult Group will participate in the annual tradition of praying the steps at Holy Cross Immaculata Church in Mt. Adams. Afterwards, we will head to the church's fish fry for food and socializing. For more info, contact cincinnatiyoungadults@gmail.com.



Sunday Collection for March 23	\$9,257
Online Contributions	5,620
Total for March 23	\$14,877
Sunday Collection for March 30	\$8,122
Online Contributions	5,465
Total for March 30	\$13,587

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book, *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*, a dramatic telling of St. Faustina's amazing encounter with Our Lord that sparked The Divine Mercy devotion. This diary chronicles God's message given through St. Faustina to the world to turn to His mercy. Please join us!

Congratulations to...

- Ryan and Annie (Vehr) South, who were married at St. Xavier Church on April 5.
- George Shepard Thomas, son of Kyle and Alexandria, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on April 6.
- Odrán Emmet Reid, son of Féarghal and Katelyn, who was baptized at St. Xavier Church on April 6.

SOCIAL MISSION

Light of Hope: Thank You!

This Lent, we highlighted the many ways our parish community lives out our new Vision Statement, *bearing hope and healing*, serving as a light of hope for the world! For this last Sunday of Lent, we want to thank you, the people of God, for your service. Dozens of you signed up for a variety of ministries at our ministry fair last week, joining hundreds of you who are already serving through our parish community and our partner non-profits, giving thousands of hours of your time each year to co-create God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Thank you! If you've felt the call this Lent to get involved, please reach out to our parish staff who can help you discern where your gifts can best serve.

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, beginning by the American Queen Paddle Wheel and proceeding a half mile through the park.

Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway

For Earth Month (and Palm Sunday!), we're encouraging parishioners to participate in our 4th Annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway! Pickup is scheduled for **May 18**, the week of the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Use the QR Code to order your plant today, while supplies last! Be sure to read the instructions on the top of the form in their entirety before ordering. The Giveaway is a joint effort of the Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team and Xavier University's Tree Campus USA initiative.



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PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 13

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - APRIL 20

8:45 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 7:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 No 5:00 PM Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 13 ¡Buen Camino! Panel - Parish Center
- April 16 Parish Council Nomination Deadline
- April 18 Good Friday - *Parish office closed*
Way of the Cross for Justice
- April 21 Easter Monday - *Parish office closed*
- April 22 Women's Group - Parish Center
- April 25 Men's Group - Parish Center
- April 27 Tender Mercies Collection

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, Mary Preston, Abbey Wulf, and Michael Blake.

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