



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
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MASS INTENTIONS

February 2 - 7

MON	6:00	+	Jack Casey (<i>Birth.</i>)
2		SI	Anyigbo & Osuagwu Families
	11:30	+	Raymond Teepen
		+	Mr. Thomas Sedler
TUE	6:00	SI	Dina Sullivan, Bob Mauthe,
3			John Mauthe
	11:30	+	Joe Merten (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Janet Rechtin
WED	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams
4		+	<i>Parish Book of Remembrance</i>
	11:30	SI	Franks Family
		SI	Nathan & Leah Witte & Family
THU	6:00	+	Mark Teismann (<i>Birth.</i>)
5	11:30	+	Carl Voss (<i>Birth.</i>)
FRI	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
6	11:30	+	Kevin England
		SI	Kene & Noelle
		+	Christian A. Burk (<i>Birth.</i>)
SAT	7:00	+	Robert Schied (<i>Anna.</i>)
7		SI	John Mauthe (<i>Birth.</i>)

MUSIC

Opening: Praise, My Soul, the King
of Heaven #613

Gloria: St. Henry
inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 146: Blessed
the poor in spirit; the kingdom of
heaven is theirs! #1101

Preparation: O Breathe on Me, O
Breath of God #902

Mass Parts:
#384, #385, #386, #390

Communion: I Receive the Living
God #916

Closing: They'll Know We Are
Christians #835

Art: *Sermon on the Mount*
by Henrik Olrik
Sankt Mattheus Kirke
Copenhagen, Denmark. Altarpiece

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

Adoration & Confession

Monday - Friday: 12 - 1 PM
1st Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday (Confession only)
11 AM - 12 PM

Senior Group Interest Meeting

Our parish is exploring the development of a Senior Group, and we invite interested parishioners to join us for a conversation on **Friday, February 6**, from 1-2 PM in the Parish Center. This gathering will be an opportunity to share ideas, hopes, and suggestions as we discern how best to serve and connect our community. All are welcome. Please contact Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org if you have any comments or questions.

Lenten JustFaith Group

Our parish family will be hosting an 8-week, online series on *Sacred Land: Food and Farming*. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM beginning **February 25** and running **through April 15**. Scan the QR to complete the interest form.



Saturday Parish Social

First Saturday Social is a gathering after 4 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. It is a perfect time to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, a few refreshments and to socialize with fellow Mass goers. The next one is **Saturday, February 7**, in the Parish Center. Please join us!

Adoration, Benediction, & Confession

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the church for Adoration, Benediction, and Confession. Exposition, Adoration, and Confession are offered every weekday from 12 - 1 PM. Jesus is waiting for you!



CCM Chamber Choir Concert

The CCM Chamber Choir, joined by chamber orchestra and conducted by Joe Miller, will present James MacMillan's powerful Seven Last Words from the Cross alongside Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings here at St. Xavier Church on **Saturday, February 14**, at 7:30 PM. A devout Catholic, MacMillan's music is deeply shaped by his faith and his lifelong engagement with the musical tradition of the Church. Tickets can be purchased at cmonstage.uc.edu.

Young Adult Group

Visit www.stxya.com to learn more about upcoming events and how to join our community. To get connected, contact Fr. Damian at damian@stxchurch.org.



To See as God Sees

This Sunday, we are offered a window into the way our God who is Love sees us and our world. Formed by our culture of strength and domination, our readings today can be hard to fathom. Praying with them for this reflection, my immediate response was: *I don't understand.*

What does Zephaniah mean when he lifts up the humble and lowly? In 1 Corinthians, why does Paul write, "*Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong*"? What does Jesus mean when he opens the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes?

I've grown up Catholic and heard the Beatitudes since preschool, yet I still struggle to interiorize their radical reversal. The Ten Commandments make sense to me: don't do this, do that instead. But the Beatitudes? They are so much more than rules to follow. They are a revelation of ultimate reality—the Kingdom of God already at work in our midst—an invitation that converts us to seeing and living as God does.

So what is God's perspective? It is God entering the world through weakness: being born an infant and dying on a cross to show us the way of Love. It is God joining the meek, the suffering, and the mourning—not glorifying their suffering, but meeting them within it, filling their emptiness with that same Love.

Pope Benedict XVI described the Beatitudes as a portrait of Christ—poor, meek, merciful, hungering for righteousness, a peacemaker, persecuted for love. In Christ, divine strength is revealed not as power, but as Love. The Beatitudes draw us toward true happiness by inviting us into communion with that Christ.

Servant of God Dorothy Day once wrote: "The Beatitudes are not just meant to be admired, but to be lived." To live them is to embrace our discipleship, recognizing our own wounds and allowing God's grace to enter them. To live them is to see Christ's wounds in the world—moving with Him toward the excluded, the lost, the last, and the least.

When we begin to see the world as God sees the world, we cannot help but put God's Love into action: being present to those who suffer (charity) and working to change the structures that cause suffering (justice). This is Love in Action.

Loving God, open us this week to your movement through weakness; strengthen us to see and love as you love.



Tim Severyn
Parish Family Director of Sustainability and
Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1101

Sunday Collection for January 18	\$7,935
Online Contributions	7,263
Total for January 18	\$15,198

Support St. Xavier Church:**Celebrating Marriage & Milestones**

The marriage blessing and social have been rescheduled to **Sunday, February 15**. At the 10:30 AM Mass, Fr. Paul will offer a special homily and blessing for all married and engaged couples, as well as those living with the loss of a spouse. Join us afterwards in the Parish Center for doughnuts and coffee. Please contact Tina in the parish office at ternst@stxchurch.org or 513-721-4045 ext. 1004.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, March 3**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson, the biography of Winston Churchill. Beginning with Churchill's first day as prime minister and for the next twelve months, Hitler would wage a relentless bombing campaign, killing 45,000 Britons. Churchill taught the British people 'the art of being fearless,' and takes the reader back to a time of true leadership, when, in the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill's eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country together. Join us!

JANUARY 2026 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 189	Sunday 7 AM – 131
Sunday 9 AM – 233	Sunday 10:30 AM – 354
Sunday 5 PM – 265	

Loving Creation Prayer Service

Join our Jesuit Parish Family Healthy Earth Team on **Thursday, February 12**, 7 PM at Bellarmine Chapel for *Loving Creation: A Prayer Service of Longing, Lament, and Reconnection* co-sponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue. This will be an interfaith service inviting deeper reflection on our relationship with creation, with music, candles, and the word. RSVP via the QR code.

**Supporting Xavier Jesuit Academy**

Xavier Jesuit Academy is transforming lives in Bond Hill by forming young men of faith, character, and academic excellence, becoming true Men for Others. Now in our second year, XJA is thriving, with strong enrollment across grades 3-6 and a clear path to full capacity of 90-100 students in grades 3-8 by the 2027-28 academic year.

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join us in supporting these ministries! Pledge cards are available in the back of the church. To make a gift online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

St. Vincent de Paul – Thank You

The Cathedral/St. Xavier Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul would like to thank you for your support. Your generosity allowed us to meet Fr. Paul's challenge to expand our mission to assist the poor and marginalized neighbors in the downtown area of Cincinnati.



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PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 1

- 4:00 PM Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 8

- 4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Frank & Sandy Fielers, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Magner, Roxanne Modl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolter, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, Pat Murray, Cathleen Acree, Mary Preston, Deacon Tim Crooker, David Tolle, JoAnn Komanecky, Tom Wolfram, Phyllis Link, Lawrence Wesley Colbert, Kellie Peters, Eleanor Lawler, Jim Sheehan, Shannon Boyle, Steve Smith, Lisa Durr, Harry Schneider, Blair Niernberger, Brittany Tackett, Hunter, Mark, Jenny Seithel, Kevin Noble, Raymond Hopkins, Kate W. and Harper Meyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 6 Senior Group Interest Meeting - Parish Center
- Feb. 6-7 Parish Family Winter Retreat - Xavier Univ.
- Feb. 7 Saturday Parish Social - Parish Center
- Feb. 13 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- Feb. 14 CCM Chamber Concert - St. Xavier Church

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