

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

February 16 - 21

MON		Presidents' Day
16		<i>(No 6AM Mass & office closed)</i>
	11:30	+ Peter Horan
		SI Bonnie Sartin (<i>Birth.</i>)
TUE	6:00	+ Thomas & Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
17		SI Richard & Diogo
	11:30	+ Liz Glandorf (<i>1st Annu.</i>)
		SI Noah Ohlhaut
WED		Ash Wednesday
18		Mass Times:
		6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 5 PM
THU	6:00	+ Leonard & Mary Brigger (<i>Birth.</i>)
19		+ O'Connor & Whalen Families
		SI Les McGraw (<i>Birth.</i>)
	11:30	SI Terry Lockett (<i>Birth.</i>)
FRI	6:00	+ Walter Thompson (<i>Birth.</i>)
20		SI Debra Santos (<i>Birth.</i>)
	11:30	+ Jamie M. Lindemann (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+ Barry Howe (<i>1st Annu.</i>)
SAT	7:00	SI Norma & Erwin Erhardt, Jr. (<i>Wedd. Annu.</i>)
21		+ Don Dryer

MUSIC

Opening:

The Master Came to Bring Good
News #964

Gloria: St. Henry

inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm 119:

Blessed are they who follow the law of
the Lord! #1107

Preparation:

Eye Has Not Seen #728

Mass Parts:

#384, #385, #386, #390

Communion:

All Who Hunger #925

Closing:

The Kingdom of God #736

Art: *Frieze of the Prophets*
(North Wall Boston Public Library)
by John Singer Sargent (c. 1895)
Oil painted mural

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

Lenten Reflection Groups

This Lent, upgrade your prayer journey by joining us in the Lent Reflection/Retreat Group Series centered on the book *Epiphanies* by the Sisters of Life. This retreat is comprised of four to six small group sessions meeting once a week featuring conversation, reflection, prayer. Various time offerings and locations (including Zoom sessions) are listed on sign-up sheets that you can find in the back of church or you can scan the QR code. Call the parish office for more information or email Fr. Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org.



Lenten Reminder: Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 18, and Good Friday, April 3, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252).

Little Black Books

Little Black Books are now available in the back of the church. Please take a copy and strengthen your prayer journey this Lenten season!



If you can donate a food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, February 22**.

Congratulations to...

- Mabel James Simon, daughter of Jacob and Madeline, who was baptized on February 8.

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.

- Tuesday, February 17: Adoration and Fat Tuesday Party (5:30 PM; Parish Center)
- Sunday, February 22: Lenten Bible Study (4 PM; Parish Center)



From the Heart

This weekend is especially meaningful for my husband, Matthew, and me as we celebrate both Valentine's Day and our wedding anniversary, a reminder of love promised, tested, and renewed. Happy Valentine's Day! It feels fitting that this week's Gospel invites us to reflect on the condition of our hearts.

At first glance, Jesus' words in Matthew 5 may feel overwhelming. Who among us has never harbored anger, spoken rashly, or loved imperfectly? Yet the good news is found in His opening statement: He fulfills the Law. What we cannot accomplish through discipline alone, Christ accomplishes through grace. He does not merely raise the standard; He walks with us as He transforms our hearts.

The gospel reminds us that righteousness is not about doing the bare minimum. It is about allowing God to reshape our desires, intentions, and relationships. Jesus calls His followers to be reconciled with each other before offering gifts at the altar, to speak truthfully, and to pursue faithfulness with integrity. In other words, our worship of God cannot be separated from the way we treat each other.

As we soon enter into the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to examine not only what we do, but who we are becoming. Are our words healing? Are our relationships marked by reconciliation? Is our faith reshaping us? Christ meets us not in perfection, but in willingness to heal what is broken and strengthen what is faithful. Let us ask God for renewed hearts. Hearts aligned with His love, truth, and mercy. In Christ, the Law is a promise fulfilled, drawing us into a life that reflects His love for us and for each other.



Susanne Wright
Parish Family Director of Engagement and Stewardship

Senior Group Interest Meeting

Our Senior Group interest meeting has been rescheduled to **Friday, February 20**, from 1-2 PM in the Parish Center. This gathering will be an opportunity for parishioners to share ideas, hopes, and suggestions as we discern how best to serve and connect our community. Please contact Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org with comments or questions.

SUNDAY READINGS – #1107

Sunday Collection for February 1	\$29,607
Online Contributions	12,306
Total for February 1	\$41,913

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

The marriage blessing and social is **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. Let us come together as a parish family to celebrate and pray for God's continued blessings on all marriages!

We would like to recognize the following marriage milestone anniversaries: Doug & Amy Talbert (20th), Eric & Tina Ernst (40th), Daniel & Mary Averbeck (50th), Willie & Ellen Owens (50th), Thomas & Molly Federle (50th), Mark & Louise Herman (50th), Elmer & Vickie Bertram (50th), Craig & Mary Hudson (70th).

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

On **Ash Wednesday, February 18**, St. X will host "Soup & Bread" at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center! Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship following the 5 PM Mass upstairs. Please call the office at 513.721.4045 and ask for Diane if you can bring some soup to share!

Teaching Mass

You are warmly invited to join us on **Sunday, March 1**, at 10 AM in the Parish Center for a Teaching Mass, a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of the prayers, gestures, and structure of the Mass. During this Teaching Mass, brief explanations will be offered to help us enter more fully into the mystery we celebrate each week. All are welcome!

Accessibility at St. Xavier Church

Handicap seating is available in the front of the side pews and in the back of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

2025 Social Mission Year in Review

Our parish maxim "Inward Reflection, Outward Action" speaks to our call as disciples of Christ to put our faith into action. This is the social mission of the Church — to extend Christ's ministry of love through charitable works and social justice. Last year, our newly-formed Social Mission Leadership Team drove the expansion of social mission efforts at St. Xavier by organizing programs and events, outreach collections and partnerships, and educational initiatives.



To share the good news and invite others to join these efforts, we compiled a 2025 Social Mission Year-in-Review. Printed copies are available in the back of the church, or you can scan the QR code to view the document online. Please take a look and join us in celebrating the many ways our community is living out the gospel!

Journey of Hope: Immigration 101

On **Thursday, February 26**, at 7 PM in Bellarmine Chapel, the Jesuit Parish Family will kick off our Journey of Hope series exploring the theme of migration through a Catholic lens. During this inaugural event, entitled Immigration 101, immigration attorney Rebecca Baibak will give a crash course on current immigration policy in the United States.

Beware of Phishing

Parishioners sometimes receive fraudulent emails and texts claiming to be Fr. Paul or other staff members, often asking for vague favors or assistance. If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond or click any links. When in doubt, call or email the parish office to confirm authenticity. You do not need to personally contact Fr. Paul. Thank you!

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!

**CONNECT WITH ST. X!**

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 15

- 4:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 22

- 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. Patrick Fairbanks, 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., Harper Meyer, and Ruth Bauer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 15 Marriage Milestones Mass & Reception
- Feb. 16 Presidents' Day - No 6 AM Mass
- Feb. 17 Women's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday: 6 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 5 PM
- Feb. 20 Senior Group Interest Meeting - Parish Center


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