

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

February 23 - 28

MON	6:00	+	Betty Bodenheim Family <i>(Annv.)</i>
23			+ Carol Ann Vogel
	11:30	+	Daniel O'Sullivan
		+	Edna Reinhard <i>(1st Annv.)</i>
TUE	6:00	+	Terry Kitte
24		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Mr & Mrs. Mar Web
		+	Georgie Randolph Jarrett
WED	6:00	+	Jean Schied <i>(Birth.)</i>
25		+	Stanley R. Herrlinger <i>(Birth.)</i>
		SI	Sr. Lucy Ochilli, HHCJ
	11:30	+	Cyril McCarthy <i>(Annv.)</i>
		+	George & Marilyn Schulenberg
THU	6:00	SI	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
26	11:30	+	Annie Quehl <i>(Birth.)</i>
		+	Barbara Hagedorn
FRI	6:00	+	Thomas P. Hammelrath
27		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	SI	Jill Eippert
		+	George & Marilyn Schulenberg
SAT	7:00	+	Terry Kitte
28			

MUSIC

Opening:

Forty Days and Forty Nights #483

Kyrie:

Roman Missal Chant #169

Responsorial Psalm 51:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. #1016

Preparation:

The Cross of Jesus #482

Mass Parts:

#198, #200, #202, #204

Communion:

Return to God #478

Closing:

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #479

Art: *Man riding a camel in the desert during a sand storm*
by Augustus Osborne Lamplough (c. 1860)
Watercolor

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

OCIA Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

On this First Sunday of Lent, all those in our Jesuit Parish Family OCIA process will participate in an annual celebration at the Cathedral with the archbishop. They will join all those preparing for Easter sacraments from parishes throughout the city.

From our OCIA community, those preparing for Baptism at Easter include Robbie Bell, Tristan DeMontfort, Abby Hagedorn, Jonathan Maier, Toby Scoles, Jacob Simon, and Dennis Trinh. They will celebrate the Rite of Election. Those preparing for Reception into Full Communion include Lauren Brooks, George Butzer, Caitlyn Eccles, Jeremy Gosling, Ryan Highfield, Kaylee Overfield-Singh, and Reagan White. Since they are already baptized in other Christian faiths, they will celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion.

We join in prayer and support of all these who are walking the path more deeply into Christ as they anticipate celebration of initiation sacraments at Easter.

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!



Congratulations to...

- Piper Quinn Bretcher, daughter of Kevin and Abigail, who was baptized on February 15.
- Arthur Thomas Barnett, son of Samuel and Shea, who was baptized on February 15.

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.



- Sunday, February 22: Lenten Bible Study (4 PM; Parish Center)
- Sunday, March 1: Lenten Bible Study (4 PM; Parish Center)

From Brokenness to New Life

Romans 5:12-19

To start the Lenten season, we are invited to contemplate a profound truth at the heart of our faith: how one man's choice brought sin into the world and how one man's obedience brought salvation to all. Scripture teaches us that through Adam, sin entered the world, and with sin came death. This wasn't just physical death, but a deeper separation from God. Like a single crack in a foundation that spreads through an entire building, Adam's disobedience affected all of humanity. We all experience the consequences of that brokenness – struggling with sin, weakness, and the reality of death.

God, in His great mercy, did not abandon us. Instead, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to restore what was lost. Where Adam brought disobedience, Christ brought perfect obedience. Where sin brought condemnation, Christ brings forgiveness. Where death once reigned, Christ offers life. Think of it this way: if humanity were a great family, Adam passed down a legacy of brokenness. But Jesus steps in as the new head of the family, offering us a new inheritance – not of sin, but of grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

And here is the beautiful truth: grace is not just equal to sin, it is greater. Paul reminds us that “how much more” will those who receive God's abundant grace reign in life through Jesus Christ. God does not merely repair what was broken; He renews it beyond what we could imagine. This means that no matter our past, no matter our sins, we are not defined by Adam – we are invited to be defined by Christ.

Through Baptism, we are united to Jesus. Through the Eucharist, we are strengthened by His very life. Through Reconciliation, we are restored again and again when we fall. Each of these sacraments is a reminder that Christ's victory is not distant but is active in our lives today. We are called to live as people redeemed. To reject sin and embrace grace. To walk not in fear or discouragement, but in hope. And to trust that Christ's obedience has opened the door to a new life for each of us. Adam's story explains our struggle, but Christ's story defines our future. Let us choose to live in that grace.



Lisa Durr
Parish Family Business Director

SUNDAY READINGS – #1016

Sunday Collection for February 8	\$7,996
Online Contributions	6,163
Total for February 8	\$14,159

Support St. Xavier Church:**Job Opening – Office Manager**

St. Xavier Church is seeking a dedicated and professional Office Manager to serve as the welcoming face of our parish. This vital role handles a wide range of administrative duties, from managing the parish calendar and coordinating events like baptisms and funerals to supervising office operations and supporting our staff. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office and Google Workspace, and 3-5 years of experience in office procedures. As an integral part of our faith community, the Office Manager must be able to maintain confidentiality and uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church while ensuring the efficient day-to-day operation of the Parish Center. The salary range is \$60K - \$75K, commensurate with experience. Visit stxchurch.org/job-opportunities for more information.

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!

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

You are invited to a prayer/discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to the Bible and selected popular books. The next meeting is Friday, February 27, from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. Meetings occur every other Friday. For more info, email Fr. Jim at jackerman@stxchurch.org.

Medical Mission Lenten Collection

United Mission to Africa (UMA) is a locally established non-profit mission formed to promote the health and future of the people of Togo. Every two years, a group of medical professionals – including members of the St. Xavier community – assist a local clinic to offer healthcare in conjunction with the local municipality, to promote hope and healing where it is needed most. This work is meant to provide dignity and compassion to those who would not otherwise have access. This Lent, please consider donating much-needed supplies for UMA's upcoming trip through their Amazon Wish List via the QR code. You can also visit UMA's website at umission2africa.org to learn more about the organization and to make a monetary donation.

**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.

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!

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.

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PRESIDERS FOR THIS 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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 1

- 4:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, 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 Motl, 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. 22 Young Adult Lenten Bible Study - Parish Center
- Feb. 26 Immigration 101 Lecture - Bellarmine Chapel
- Feb. 27 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- Mar. 3 Book Club - Parish Center
- Mar. 18 Midday Masterpieces Presentation - Parish Center

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