

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026



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MASS INTENTIONS

March 9 - 14

MON	6:00	+	Stanley R. Herrlinger (1st Annu.)
9		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Debra Schulenberg
		+	Rose Hilvert
TUE	6:00	SI	Laurette Erhardt (Birth.)
10		+	Jeannette Hoffiman (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Richard Quehl (Birth.)
		SI	Barb Castro (Birth.)
WED	6:00	+	John Bennett
11		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Peter Horan
		+	Debra Schulenberg
THU	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
12	11:30	+	Mr. and Mrs. Mar Web
		SI	Mike Green
FRI	6:00	SI	Mike Green
13		+	Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Raymond Teepen
		SI	Debra Schulenberg
SAT	7:00	+	August Hoffman (Annu.)
14		SI	Erwin F. Erhardt (Birth.)

MUSIC

Opening:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #724

Kyrie:

Roman Missal Chant #169

Responsorial Psalm 95:

If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts. #1022

Preparation:

O God, You Search Me #581

Mass Parts:

#198, #200, #202, #204

Communion:

The Love of the Lord #792

Closing:

Healing River of the Spirit #665

Art: *Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well*
by Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller (c. 1818)
Oil on cardboard
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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

Easter Triduum

Mass Times

Holy Thursday, April 2 – 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3 – 12 PM

Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:45 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM

*No confessions after 1 PM on Wednesday, April 1.
Parish office closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

Spring Active Discipleship Day

On **Saturday, March 28**, from 9 AM to 1 PM, our Jesuit Parish Family will again collaborate with Xavier University on this family-friendly day of service, prayer, and reflection. We will gather at the university, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Unlike in years past, we'll be having parishioners RSVP for specific sites and know in advance where they will serve! Scan the QR code to RSVP.



St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 21**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Berry Pickers*, a novel by Amanda Peters. Four year old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six year old brother, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. A young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. She will spend decades trying to uncover a family secret.

Congratulations to...

- Dahlia Inez Depadua Abella, daughter of Frederick and Deidre Elise Abella, who was baptized on February 22.

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.



This Lent, we will begin a bible study of 1 and 2 Samuel. We will meet in the Parish Center at 4 PM on Sundays in Lent prior to the 5 PM Mass.

Thirst Trap

"In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?'"
(Exodus 17:3)

We may not know what it's like to wander a desert for 40 years, but all of us can relate to the sensation of thirst. The Israelites were thirsty for a drink, of course, but they thirsted also for clear direction from God—something to relieve them of perpetual wandering. Moses and the Israelites longed for a sign, seeking stable ground in the porous shifting sands of the desert. They sought the same quenching of thirst that the woman at the well discovers in the Gospel reading: *"The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water'"* (John 4:15).

This story, overflowing with richness and beauty, is one of the most memorable accounts in all of the Gospels. It describes Jesus, a Jew, meeting a Samaritan woman at a well and breaking taboos by asking her for a drink. He offers her "living water" that quenches spiritual thirst and reveals his identity as the Messiah, prompting her to abandon her water jar and testify about Jesus to the nearby town. It's a story about Jesus seeing past social barriers and personal sin.

Jesus does not approach the woman with condemnation; he begins with an invitation and grace. Only then is the Samaritan woman ready to listen to what he has to say. Only then can her eternal thirst be quenched by the "living water" at the well of Christ. We all venture to certain wells time after time, only to thirst for them again later. We naturally seek the wells that temporarily satisfy our desires. Yet we all recognize that money and fame can never satisfy our true longing. Technology, too, affords us great benefits, but we must remain diligent in its control over our lives and attention so as not to lose sight of our inherent desire to know God.

The endless "quick fixes" of social media and algorithmic dopamine hits often leave us as parched as the sour wine offered to Jesus on the cross. As Pope Leo reminds us, navigating the digital age requires a willingness to confront the "core questions of our existence" that technology cannot answer. Just as the Israelites and the woman at the well discovered, our inherent desire for God cannot be satisfied by that which is fleeting. Only through the living water of Christ can our deepest, most human thirst finally be quenched.



Sam Aberle
Parish Family Director of Communications

SUNDAY READINGS – #1022

Sunday Collection for February 22	\$14,711
Online Contributions	5,410
Total for February 22	\$20,121

Support St. Xavier Church:

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, March 29**.

Journey of Hope Prayer Service

All are invited to the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, March 22**, for the next installment of our *Journey of Hope* series exploring the theme of migration through a Catholic lens. During this prayer service for refugees and migrants, we will hear personal stories of our migrant brothers and sisters and reflect on how the Jesuit Parish Family is responding to the Gospel call to welcome the stranger. Please join us!

Kroger Community Rewards

It is easy to support St. Xavier Church through Kroger Community Rewards. Please tell all your family, friends, and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. X (search for St. Francis Xavier Church by name or “QN770”). With all the food and gift cards bought throughout the year, it is a great and easy way to help support St. X! Visit www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards to learn more.

FEBRUARY 2026 - AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4 PM – 217	Sunday 7 AM – 122
Sunday 9 AM – 192	Sunday 10:30 AM – 368
Sunday 5 PM – 233	

Praise Be To You: Anthology Release

Join us in the Parish Center next **Sunday, March 15**, after the 10:30 Mass for the release of *Praise Be To You: An Anthology of Hope and Healing for Creation*, which includes submissions of creative pieces from parishioners commemorating the 10-year anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. Lunch will be provided, and leading off the sharing will be artist Holly Schapker and theologian Dr. Bill Madges. RSVP using the QR code.

**Sacred Topics in Religious Art**

The path from Pontius Pilate's house to Calvary is called The Way of the Cross or the Stations of the Cross. The tradition of praying with images of the fourteen Stations has been in practice for hundreds of years. Join us this Lent as we discover the beautiful and diverse ways artists have rendered these poignant moments on Christ's walk to Calvary. Please join Dr. Cecelia Dorger in the Parish Center for Midday Masterpieces: Sacred Topics in Religious Art on **Wednesday, March 18** and **March 25** at 12 PM immediately following 11:30 Mass.

Visitation Ministers Needed

A new Visitation Ministry is forming this spring, and volunteers are needed! Visitation Ministers will sign up to participate in meal trains and/or bring Holy Communion to fellow parishioners experiencing life events that make it difficult to leave their home. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Sr. Whitney at wschieltz@stxchurch.org.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Join us for a prayer and discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to scripture, contemporary spiritual issues, and selected popular books. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 31, from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM in the Parish Center. It will focus on our book, *Women of the Bible – a One Year Devotional Study* by Ann Spengler and Jeanne Syswerda. For more information please contact Fr. Jim Ackerman at jackerman@stxchurch.org or call the parish office.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 8

- 4:00 PM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Michael Graham, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ

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- 7:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, 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 Fielor, 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, Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Diane, and Bonnie Sartin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 8 Young Adult Lenten Bible Study - Parish Center
- Mar. 13 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- Mar. 15 Praise Be To You Anthology Release - Parish Center
- Mar. 18 Midday Masterpieces Presentation - Parish Center
- Mar. 22 Journey of Hope Prayer Service - Parish Center


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