

SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

March 23 - 28

MON 23	6:00	+	Thomas P. Hammelrath + Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Don Greis (<i>Anm.</i>) + Debra Schulenberg
TUE 24	6:00	+	Tobias C. + Mr. & Mrs. Mar Webb
	11:30	+	Rita Bleil + John McAlister
WED 25	6:00	+	Tobias C. + Jane Hammelrath
	11:30	+	Rita Bleil + Sophia Cook
THU 26	6:00	+	Mr. & Mrs. Mar Webb
	11:30	+	Herman Weinewuth + Patricia Lauer
FRI 27	6:00	+	Stephen George Kirtley + Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Rita Bleil + Geraldine (Jerri) Boehm
SAT 28	7:00	+	Charles B. Ginocchio

MUSIC

Opening:

What Wondrous Love Is This #642

Kyrie:

Roman Missal Chant #169

Responsorial Psalm 130:

With the Lord there is mercy and
fullness of redemption. #1028

Preparation:

We Shall Rise Again #871

Mass Parts:

#198, #200, #202, #204

Communion:

I Am the Bread of Life #945

Closing:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#644

Art: *The Resurrection of Lazarus*
Giovanni di Paolo (c. 1426)
Tempera and gold leaf on panel
© The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore

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.*

Children’s Mass

All are warmly invited to our St. Xavier Church Children’s Mass on **Sunday, April 19**, at 9 AM. Fr. Jim Ackerman will preside while St. X youth witness their faith by filling various ministerial roles. If you have children who would like to participate, please contact Mary Beth at mfennell@stxchurch.org or call 513.721.4045 x1016. Donuts and beverages will be served in the Parish Center after the Mass. The whole parish community is welcome to join this joy-filled celebration.

In addition, we are excited to announce that the St. Ursula Academy Vocal Ensemble (high school students) will be singing with the St. Xavier Schola for the Children’s Mass. During the Mass, children will be welcome to join the choir in the loft to either sing with the choir or to simply observe what the musicians are doing during Mass. Children 12 years or younger need to be accompanied by a guardian. Space is limited, so please contact Susanne Wright at swright@stxchurch.org or call 513.721.4045 x1010 to RSVP.



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. Or, use the yellow envelopes in the back of the church. All names and intentions will be published in a future bulletin. Suggested donation: \$10. Thank you!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

A Place of Trust

In this week’s Gospel, we hear about the many different reactions people had when they encountered Jesus. Some believed He was the promised prophet, others believed He was the Christ, while still others were unsure because they thought they knew where He came from. The scene reminds us that when people encounter something profound or someone seen as controversial, it leads to questions, reflection, and conversation.

Amid this moment of uncertainty, we also meet Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and Pharisee who shows both wisdom and humility. Rather than rushing to judgment, he gently encourages the others to listen carefully and to consider the facts before making a decision. His words reflect a sincere desire to seek truth with patience and fairness.

In many ways, Nicodemus offers a beautiful example for us today. We live in a time of constant communication and fast-moving news, where information and varied opinions reach us almost instantly. In the midst of this, we are invited to pause, to listen thoughtfully, and to seek understanding before forming conclusions.

At times, those closest to us may feel strongly about an issue and hope we will quickly agree with them. In those moments, we are called to respond with kindness and dignity while still giving ourselves space to reflect. Simple phrases such as “I’d like to think and pray about that,” or “I want to understand more before forming an opinion,” allow us to remain respectful while honoring our conscience. Taking time to listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and seek reliable information helps us to avoid reacting out of haste or emotion, and leads to harmony within our hearts and relationships.

As we continue our journey through this Lenten season, this Gospel gently invites us to deepen our relationship with Christ. In prayer and reflection, we can learn to recognize His voice above the noise of daily life. From that place of trust, with God’s wisdom to guide us, we discover a peace that comes from seeking truth with open hearts and not hardened ones.



Tina Ernst
Parish Family Director of Marriage Ministries

SUNDAY READINGS – #1028

Sunday Collection for March 8	\$10,716
Online Contributions	5,553
Total for March 8	\$16,269

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**.

Celebrating Four Decades of Service

Our Office Manager, Diane Roden, will be retiring on May 1 to spend more time with her growing family and to pursue new endeavors. Please join us as we celebrate and thank her for her many years of dedication. The celebration will begin on **Sunday, April 12**, with Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by cake and refreshments in the Parish Center. We hope to see you there as we celebrate Diane and thank her for her years of faithful service!

Thursday Parish Social

All are welcome to join us for the next Thursday Parish Social on **Thursday, April 16**, at PeeWee's Place (2325 Anderson Rd. Crescent Springs, KY 41017). The fun happens around 4-7 PM. Get to know your fellow parishioners and celebrate Diane Roden as she approaches retirement! If you plan to attend, please RSVP via the QR so that we can plan accordingly for food and refreshments. Contact Mary Beth at mfennell@stxchurch.org with questions.

**Way of the Cross for Justice**

Our Jesuit Parish Family is again co-sponsoring this year's Way of the Cross for Justice on **Friday, April 3**. This Good Friday prayer service connects the suffering of Christ with the suffering brought about by injustice in our time, focusing this year on addressing violence. The event starts at 12 PM at the American Queen Paddle Wheel (100 Joe Nuxhall Way) and proceeds along the riverfront, ending at the Castellini Esplanade.

Spring Active Discipleship Day

There's still time to RSVP for our spring Active Discipleship Day, which will take place next **Saturday, March 28**, from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will gather at Xavier University for this family-friendly day of service, prayer, and reflection, with breakfast and lunch provided. Please scan the QR code to RSVP and select your preferred service site.

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.

Medical Mission Lenten Collection

This Lent, please consider donating much-needed supplies for United Mission to Africa (UMA) for their upcoming medical mission trip to Togo.



UMA is a locally established non-profit formed to promote hope and healing where it is needed most. 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. You can donate supplies through UMA's Amazon Wish List via the QR code, or visit their website at umission2africa.org to learn more about the organization and make a monetary donation.

Feet Washing on Holy Thursday

If you are interested in getting your feet washed at the Holy Thursday service on **April 2** at 7 PM, please sign up in the server's sacristy, or contact Mary Beth Fennell at mfennell@stxchurch.org

Congratulations to...

- Robert and Megan (Reilly) Weil, who were married on March 14.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 22

- 4:00 PM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, 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. 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, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Wagner, 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 Tara Papp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 22** Journey of Hope Prayer Service - Parish Center
Young Adult Lenten Bible Study - Parish Center
- Mar. 25** Midday Masterpieces Presentation - Parish Center
- Mar. 27** Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- Mar. 28** Active Discipleship Day - Xavier University

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