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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026



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MASS INTENTIONS

March 30 - April 4

MON	6:00	+	Tobias C.
30		+	Fernando Paniagua
	11:30	+	Herma Weinewuth
		+	Miss Molly O'Hara
TUE	6:00	+	Tobias C.
31		+	Thomas & Phyllis Rose and Neal Gilday
	11:30	SI	Scott Sanders (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Rita Bleil
WED	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
1		SI	Anyigbo & Osuagwu Families
	11:30	+	Kevin England (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Lawrence Dale Mullany (<i>Annu.</i>)
THU			Holy Thursday
2			7 PM Mass
FRI			Good Friday – Parish office closed
3			12 PM Service
SAT			Holy Saturday
4			8:45 PM Easter Vigil Mass

MUSIC

Antiphon:

Hosanna to the Son of David #1032

Opening:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #498

Responsorial Psalm 22:

My God, My God

Preparation:

O Sacred Head Surrounded #512

Mass Parts:

#198, #200, #202, #204

Communion:

We Remember #681

Closing:

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd #628

Art: *Betrayal of Christ (Kiss of Judas)*
Painted by Giotto di Bondone (c. 1305)
Fresco
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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.*

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.



Easter Flowers

Donate 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. _____

Humble Obedience

As a religious sister, one of the vows I publicly profess is that of obedience. In the decades since Vatican II, the understanding of that vow has shifted away from mere subservience toward humility and deep listening—especially listening for the will of God. In fact, the word “obedience” comes from the Latin for “to listen.” Last week we saw this spirit of humble obedience embodied in Mary during our celebration of the Annunciation, and it resonates again in today’s readings for Palm Sunday. While this vow has particular meaning for vowed religious, the call to obedience—to deep listening—is one that belongs to every Christian disciple.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us, “Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear.” The servant’s mission begins not with action, but with listening. Before speaking, before acting, there is quiet attentiveness to God’s voice. And when we open our ears in this way and begin to discern our call, obedience invites us to remain faithful even when the path ahead is difficult. Such perseverance is possible only when we entrust our lives more fully to God’s guidance.

Saint Paul’s letter to the Philippians reveals this humility lived perfectly in Christ. Though he shared in the very nature of God, Jesus “emptied himself.” His obedience was not passive resignation, but a profound openness to the Father’s will, embraced in love and trust. Even as the crowds of Palm Sunday shout their praise, we know the road ahead leads to the cross. Christ walks it freely, trusting the One who sent him.

For those of us seeking to live as Christian disciples, obedience grows from this posture of listening and trust. We are invited to cultivate hearts attentive enough to hear where God is leading and humble enough to follow, even when the way is uncertain. When we learn to listen deeply—to God and to the needs of the world around us—we become more capable of responding with courage and compassion. Then, obedience becomes not a burden, but a path to deeper freedom in God.



Sr. Whitney Schieltz, SC
Associate Director of Social Mission

SUNDAY READINGS – #1031

Sunday Collection for March 15	\$7,402
Online Contributions	6,848
Total for March 15	\$14,250

Support St. Xavier Church:**Catholicism & Culture Lecture Series**

Join us on **Thursday, April 9**, at 7 PM for a special presentation by Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ, entitled “Poems to Retreat By: Engaging the Catholic Imagination.” Hosted at Xavier University’s Kennedy Auditorium, this talk is part of the Catholicism and Culture Lecture Series. Fr. Malnick, a Vocation Promoter for the USA Midwest Jesuits and an occasional celebrant at our downtown Masses, will explore how poetry can serve as a bridge to a deeper spiritual life. All are welcome to attend this evening of reflection and insight.

A New Podcast in Digital Evangelization

As part of our parish’s commitment to sharing the Gospel in today’s world, I’m happy to introduce a new digital evangelization project: Two Jesuits Talking, a podcast I co-host with Fr. Eric Immel, SJ—my good friend and a vocations promoter for the Midwest Jesuit Province. This podcast is simply two Jesuits talking about faith as we’re actually living it. Fr. Eric and I reflect on daily life, the challenges of following Christ today, and the questions that come up along the way. It’s rooted in Ignatian spirituality, but it’s meant to be real, approachable, and easy to engage wherever you are. Video episodes are released Wednesdays on YouTube. Audio episodes are available Saturdays on all major podcast platforms. Scan the QR code for the YouTube playlist. *- Fr. Damian Torres-Botella, SJ*

**Way of the Cross for Justice**

All are invited to join the Way of the Cross for Justice through Smale Park this **Friday, April 3**. This Good Friday prayer service, co-sponsored by the Jesuit Parish Family, 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.

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.

Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway

Our Jesuit Parish Family’s 5th Annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway is scheduled for **Sunday, April 26**, just after Earth Day and Arbor Day. Scan the QR code to order your plant today, while supplies last! Be sure to read the instructions on the top of the form in their entirety before ordering.

**Transforming Jail Ministries**

As we know, Jesus calls us to visit the imprisoned. But, did you also know that here at St. Xavier Church, we have the opportunity to do just that? Working with a program called Transforming Jail Ministries, a team from the Jesuit Parish Family visits local jails once a month, on Sunday morning, to share scripture and reflection. If you are interested in joining this team to help bear hope and healing to our imprisoned brothers and sisters, please contact Cary Powell at carybpowell@gmail.com.

Wildflower Walk

Mark your calendars for the Healthy Earth Team’s Wildflower Walk through Caldwell Nature Preserve on **Saturday, April 18**, 9 AM. This family-friendly event is the perfect opportunity to get the whole family outside to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation! RSVP using the QR Code.

**CONNECT WITH ST. X!**

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

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - APRIL 5

- 8:45 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Bill Verbryke, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- No 5:00 PM Mass

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, Tara Papp, Kathy England, John Schulez, and Charlie Murrell.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 29 Young Adult Lenten Bible Study - Parish Center
- Mar. 31 Women's Spirituality Group - Parish Center
- Apr. 3 Way of the Cross for Justice - 100 Joe Nuxhall Way
- Apr. 9 Catholicism & Culture Lecture - Xavier University
- Apr. 10 Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center

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