

St Xavier Church • Bicentennial Events for 2019

Sunday January 20

OPENING CEREMONIES. Join us to open the year of our 200th anniversary. A ribbon-cutting officially opens the year events. Local dignitaries invited. View historical displays in the Parish Center galleries while enjoying the appetizer-style buffet, accompanied by chamber music. Tours of the church and its history will be offered beginning at 1:15pm. At 2:00pm the first of our SPEAKER SERIES presents: Fr. Thomas Kennealy SJ who will provide a delightful and informative talk on our history. To cap off the day, a choral concert featuring our own St. Xavier Choir directed by Dr. Mark Bailey will perform in the church.

Monday March 4

NOVENA of GRACE. The traditional 9-day novena in honor of St. Francis Xavier leads us into the holy season of Lent.

Sunday March 10

LENTEN CONCERT I. Starting at 3:00pm in church and featuring the popular St. Ursula Academy Choir, this concert will fill up quickly as people enjoy hearing the voices of these young women along with our true pipe organ resounding in this sacred space.

Sunday March 17

SPEAKER SERIES II. Following the 5:00pm Mass, we are pleased to present Fr. David Meconi, S.J. who will enlighten us with his ideas on the topic: "Surrender and Resistance in Ignatian Spirituality." Fr. Meconi is associate professor of patristics and director of the Catholic Studies Centre at Saint Louis University. A popular speaker, and veteran of St X Parish, he always has unique insights to share. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday March 31

LENTEN CONCERT II. Starting at 6:15pm in church and featuring the choir of All Saints Church, this amazing harmony of male and female voices resonate with praise and worship to our God. Make the Lenten Concerts a part of your Lent prayer experience this year!

*Future bulletins will provide more detailed reminders.
Please visit our website for more:
www.stxchurch.org/bicentennial*

Sunday May 19

BICENTENNIAL MASS of THANKSGIVING. The pinnacle of our celebratory year, the Mass of Thanksgiving begins at 10:30 am. We welcome the Most Reverend Joseph Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as the principal celebrant for this Liturgy. Joining the Bishop will be many Jesuits from the area. A spectacular liturgy celebrating our past, giving gratitude for our present, and asking for God's grace for our future. A reception and tours will follow. (No Noon Mass on May 19)

Sunday May 26

BRASS MASS. To continue the trend of beautiful music in our historic church, the liturgy of the 10:30 Mass will showcase the talents of the Psalm 150 Brass Ensemble. The triumphal music of Easter performed on brass instruments is sure to enkindle the spirit of praise in everyone.

Sunday June 23

"EXULTATE IN ARTES" (Rejoice in the Arts) is a major summer celebration bringing together artists and musicians from the tri-state area for a live demonstration of the visual arts. This family-friendly event will "Rejoice in the Arts" via painting, drawing, and using your own creative genius while at the same time viewing the in-process work of professional and aspiring artists. The musical arts will also be highlighted with a variety of sound offerings. A short awards ceremony will conclude the event around 4:30pm with prizes given in both the professional and non-professional categories.

Wednesday July 31

MOVIE NIGHT. This evening at 7:00pm in the Parish Center, on the feast of our Jesuit founder St Ignatius Loyola, we will offer a viewing of a recent film entitled "Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier, Sinner, Saint." Popcorn and refreshments served.

Sunday October 6

SPEAKER SERIES III. We welcome Sr. Therese Gillman, OSF, director of the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, who speaks on Ignatian Spirituality in her talk: "Finding God Moments In Our Everyday Life." At 6:00pm in the Parish Center, she will bring a unique blend of spirituality and storytelling to keep us inspired. Refreshments provided.

Tuesday December 3

CLOSING MASS and SOCIAL. Ending this festive year on the Feast of St. Francis Xavier only makes sense. Come revel in the observance with Mass at 6:00pm followed by the fourth in our Speaker Series with our very own pastor, Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. His brief celebration on St. Xavier will conclude with a Movie Night showing the film "Francis Xavier." Refreshments, including popcorn, provided.



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