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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018 ✕**

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*

Our sincerest gratitude to all parishioners, visitors and friends of St Xavier Church who have joined us today.

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can be found on our parish web site

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday** 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am (choir)  
12:00 pm 5:00 pm

**Mon - Fri** 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

**Confessions** Mon-Sat 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 19 - 24

<b>MON</b>	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>
	Masses: 6 and 11:30 AM
<b>TUES</b>	<b>6:00 SI</b> Dennis Freudenberg (Birth.)
	<b>11:30 +</b> Walter Thompson (Birth.)
<b>WED</b>	<b>6:00 SI</b> Erwin and Norma Erhardt
	(62 <sup>nd</sup> Wedd. Annv.)
	<b>11:30 +</b> Richard W. Blank, Sr.
<b>THURS</b>	<b>6:00 +</b> Charlie Cox
	<b>11:30 +</b> Barbara VanDenBroeck
<b>FRI</b>	<b>6:00 SI</b> Maggie Womacks (Birth.)
	<b>11:30 +</b> Robert Small
<b>SAT</b>	<b>7:00 +</b> Dec'd Members Brown & Rubey Families

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday readings are found at #1017

## MUSIC

### Opening:

Forty Days and Forty Nights # 483

### Responsorial Psalm 130:

With the Lord There Is Mercy # 87

(We will use this Psalm each Sunday in Lent)

### Presentation: Blest Be the Lord # 686

### Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

(10:30 Choir only)

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley.*

*He had to walk it by Himself;*

*O, nobody else could walk it for Him,*

*He had to walk it by Himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley,*

*We have to walk it by ourselves;*

*O, nobody else can walk it for us,*

*We have to walk it by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial,*

*You have to stand it by yourself,*

*O, nobody else can stand it for you,*

*You have to stand it by yourself.*

### Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Light # 361, 362, 363

### Communion: Without Seeing You # 922

### Closing:

The Glory of These Forty Days # 481

### COLLECT PRAYER

GRANT, ALMIGHTY GOD,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that  
we may grow in understanding of the riches  
hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue  
their effects. Through Jesus Christ, your Son.

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## Notes from the Pastor

As we enter the season of Lent, you will notice that our parish grows more active in spiritual and temporal ways. We are a dynamic and diverse parish, gathering many types of people who are drawn here for various reasons. We hope to serve all those who call St X their spiritual home. Please look over the enclosed variety of offerings to make Lent a holy and prayerful time.

I would like to suggest a Lenten activity that might be a bit unusual, but certainly beneficial for our parish community. I ask that each "parishioner" take time to update their individual or family parish membership.

In casual conversation with people, I am often asked the seemingly simple question, "So, Father, how many parishioners do you have at St Xavier?" And I stare at them blankly, not quite knowing how to answer. If I open up our computer database, I see we have 2964 "families" listed. And if I count that database by "individuals" the total comes to 4760 souls from 225 different zip codes. Of those, 2263 are listed as "active" members, but many have moved or do not live in town. 1238 individuals are listed as "visitors". Many people we see in church every week are not listed as either active or inactive. Still many others we see here a lot are not "in our database" at all! I could answer that 248 families use our Sunday envelopes. But that doesn't include the 113 families who give their donation automatically on line.

So, I guess I might answer that "We have about 1,100 parishioners, depending on how you count." The St Xavier "October count" for the last 5 years averages out to 1,168. Of the other 16 Ohio parishes within a 3 mile radius, the next largest weekly attendance is at St. Louis Church with an average of 850 per week. Our database shows 265 individuals from zip code 45202. But the next largest zip areas are 41075 (153) and 41017 (122). We are all over.

Finally, our office is asked by people all the time to verify that they are "members" of St Xavier, because they'd like to be married out of town, serve as a Confirmation sponsor, act as a Baptismal godparent, or enroll in a local Catholic high school. Unless that person is actually "registered" with us as an active member, we have no way to verify such active membership. We share the same concern as does the Cathedral parish down the street. Because of so many visitors, we find it difficult to know everyone and afford them the privileges and services of a parish.

So, I would like to suggest that Lent might be a good time to examine these four points of "active" membership. We hope that each member is one who:

- faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- is registered and on the parish census
- participates in parish activities in each season
- uses either envelopes or on-line means of tithing

Please take some time this season to contact us to check your own membership status, to register as a member, or to update your membership details.

Thanks to the many, many of you who have done so thus far. We are extremely grateful for the hundreds who support St Xavier financially and with your sincere prayers that we might grow in the mission to serve the people of God led by many Jesuits and Ignatian companions under the patronage of St Francis Xavier. May your Lenten journey be a time of grace for you and all those who call St Xavier their spiritual home.

— Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J. Pastor

## ✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

**Please offer prayers for the infirmed:** Angie Fennell, Tim Goetz, Les and Jane McGraw, Carol Holcomb, Joe Merten Sr., Jack Lawler, Edward Pestian, Kenneth Kramig, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Lou B., Doug Lange, Ralph Kitts, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Pamela Smitherman, Sally Gaynor, Betty Headsworth, Kathy Kitts, Linda Pierce, Bill Santen, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Carol Lee Wendel, Josefa Navales, Judith Lahner, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Marguerite Kron, Judy Dyer, Helen Sievers, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Bonnie Sartin, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Mary Jo Duljie, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Carla Molina, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Phyllis, Nicholas, Jim Bien, Plinio DeGoes, John O'Connell, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Sheila Novacich, Linda Drapp, Fr. Joe Casey, SJ, Fr. Bob Thul, SJ, and Pat Corry.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for Feb 11	\$ 9,281
Online donations	2,926
<b>Week of February 11</b>	<b>\$ 12,207</b>
<b>Sunday's Goal</b>	<b>\$ 12,794</b>

**If you would like a 2017 financial statement for your taxes, please call Diane at the office.**

**End of Year Gift Strategies:** Among the tax efficient ways to give to St X is a gift of appreciated stock. You pay no tax on the appreciation and/or, if you are 70.5, a contribution from your IRA would be tax free.

### Presiders for this weekend: February 18

- 4:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 12:00 PM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

### Presiders for next weekend: February 25

- 4:00 PM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
- 12:00 PM Fr. Sossy Luyembe, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. John LaRocca, SJ



## OUR SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS

...to **Berkley Rose Cross** and **Hayden Rae Cross**, twin daughters of Conrad and Ashley (Teusink) Cross who were baptized last weekend.

## LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Not sure what to do for Lent? Join in prayer and discussion with one of our parish small groups. Participants will receive the text, *What Is Ignatian Spirituality*. Find dates, time and place suitable for you. See the program description and registration on our website at <http://www.stxchurch.org/lent>

## LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards.

## ATTENTION Liturgical Ministers:

+ Please complete your availability sheets for March and April. You can pick a hard copy up in the sacristy or go online to our website. **Please complete your availability by February 19<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you!

## SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

**A Closer Look at Islam.** Please join us as we dialogue with **Shabana Shakir-Ahmed** from the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati to learn more about the faith of Islam. Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Subs and salads followed by discussion in the Parish Center.

## TENDER MERCIES – February 25

Members from St Xavier are assigned the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month as our turn to supply lunch to the residents at Tender Mercies in OTR. We need your help to provide the food and supplies. Please call the office if you can donate a food item this month. Thank you!

## ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS

Join us after the 5 PM Mass on **February 25** for our "Hot Topics" session with a Lent FAQ and dinner! Deacon Tim Crooker will be our presenter. All 21-35 years of age are welcome.



Young Adults interested in the **2019 World Youth Day in Panama**, our trip is forming now and an information meeting will be held Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 6:30pm in the St Xavier parish center. Call Fr. Gamber at [mgamber@stxchurch.org](mailto:mgamber@stxchurch.org) and see the information at our website [www.stxchurch.org/youngadults](http://www.stxchurch.org/youngadults)

**Xpressions Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, **February 20 at 3:30 PM** in the Parish Center to discuss books by Fr. Richard Rohr OFM. Please pick any book by Fr. Rohr and we are happy to discuss it.

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in great need for altar servers at the **9am Mass** and the **5pm Mass** on Sundays. Please consider helping out at Mass. Training will be given, and you can read the directions and see "how to" videos online at <http://www.stxchurch.org/Liturgy-Scheduling>

## LAST CHANCE FOR ST. XAVIER SWEATSHIRT



We are taking final orders for our **St. X Church Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt**. The material is 50% cotton/50% polyester. Comes in Black, Navy and Heather Gray and sports the St. X Church blue logo.

Sizes: S, M, LG, XL, 2XL and 3XL Cost: \$30; \$32 for 2XL & 3XL. Call the office at 513-721-4045 or [office@stxchurch.org](mailto:office@stxchurch.org) to place your order by March 1.

## 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal is kicking off throughout the archdiocese. The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries and their many programs, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. **Envelopes are at the back of church.**

## PERMANENT DEACON ?

Have you considered becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who ought to? The Office of the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will hold an informational meeting at St. Ignatius Parish in Monfort Heights on **Thursday March 22 at 7 PM**. Contact Deacon Mark Machuga at 513.421.3131 ext. 2641 or email him at [deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org)

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