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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2019 ✠ **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

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MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 25-Mar. 2

	6:00	+	George and Marilyn Schulenberg (Annv. Remb.)
Mon 25	11:30	+	Larry Gamber (1 st Annv.) and Cyril McCarthy(Annv.)
Tues 26	6:00	+	Edward Hugo Pestian (1 st Annv.)
	11:30	+	Rosemary Stalzer
Wed 27	6:00	+	Jill Eippert (Birth.)
	11:30	SI	Carla Molina (Birth.)
Thurs 28	6:00	+	Dr. Andrew J. Nutini (Birth.)
	11:30	+	Elsie and Harry Franke and Patricia Cinquina
Fri 1	6:00	+	Sr. Rita Basta
	11:30	+	Erath and Keevins Families
Sat 2	7:00	+	Ray Fetick (Wedd. Annv.)

Sunday readings are found at #1112

MUSIC

Opening: We Are Called #807

Responsorial Psalm 103:
The Lord Is Kind and Merciful #1112

Presentation:
Make Me Channel of Your Peace #828

Communion:
"A Touching Place" – by John Bell

*1. Christ's is the world in which we move.
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
And Christ is the One who meets us here.*

Refrain:
*To the lost Christ shows his face;
To the unloved He gives His embrace;
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes with His friends a touching place.*

*2. Feel for the people we most avoid.
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.*

*3. Feel for the parents who lost their child,
Feel for the woman whom men have defiled.
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
And feel for the weary who find no rest.*

*4. Feel for the lives by life confused.
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.*

Closing:
They'll Know We Are Christians #835

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**“HOW BLESSED ARE WE”**

*Is this a question or a statement as it pertains to St. Xavier Parish? As we begin to celebrate this our Bicentennial year, a look back or maybe a little time for reflection would be good for the soul. The Gospel readings from Luke, the last two weeks, lays out the parameters to attain **blessedness**. Can you see how blessed you are as a parishioner here at St. X Church?*

Over the past two hundred years, numerous people have poured themselves into this church. Whether as priests, staff, servers, sacristans, committee members, maintenance, volunteers of all sorts, they did it all for **the Greater Glory of God** (AMDG). They wanted to provide a worship space that spoke of their praise to God. Physical changes were made, some good some bad, along with changes in the Mass. Generations have served this parish and we have all benefitted from their efforts.

As I look over old drawings and blueprints along with old files of projects completed, I think of the hours spent in meetings, planning sessions, architect interviews and bids along with project updates to completion. Dedicated people giving of their time, talent and treasure made it all happen each time.

I have been blessed to be given the opportunity to serve this parish as Facilities Manager. I have been here on a part time basis for the past year and a half. I have witnessed the new generation of dedicated parishioners firsthand. The individuals that serve on our Facilities, Worship and Finance Committees along with Parish Council have the best interest of this parish, and it shows. The past, present and future are always part of any and all conversations. The different small groups that meet for study, fellowship and/or outreach are inspiring.

In the past year and a half I have tried to make my own positive changes to the worship space. We have changed out most of the lighting to L.E.D.'s. We added lights to brighten the main altar and the choir loft. We painted the floors to be lighter, cleaner and durable. A safety issue with one of the front sandstone steps was addressed along with numerous maintenance issues. Soon we will provide listening devices to help those with hearing issues in this grand old space.

As Father Pat stated in last week's Bulletin we are looking at the future of the sacristy. The sacristy has been somewhat ignored. A few small projects have taken place as "band aids" i.e. restroom, windows, and HVAC units. It is a useable space, but not the most efficient or aesthetically pleasing. A plan is in the works with a committee led by Fr. Pat to remodel the sacristy to last far into the future.

In my rounds with input from the committees, I have created a list of future needs. Some noticeable (painting, front doors), and some behind the scenes (light dimmer, clock/bell system) are thirty years old.

How blessed are we to be a part of this parish under the spirit of St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius Loyola. (statement/question). **How blessed are we** to have this opportunity to serve Our Lord and each other. Is this statement or question?

– Mr. Chris Dole, Facilities Manger

✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joe Eley, John Williams, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, George and Judy Lahner, Jackie Campbell, Kevin England, George Long, Dorothy Kaiser, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Susan Lovett, Jerry Wallman, Margie Plummer, Roberta Gamel, Jo Schwartz, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Marti Leonhard, Sandy Fielner, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Doug Lange, Ralph and Kathy Kitts, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Bill Santen, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Judith Lahner, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Bonnie Sartin, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Mary Jo Duljje, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Carla Molina, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, John O'Connell, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Fr. Joe Casey, SJ, and Fr. Bob Thul, SJ.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for February 17	\$ 7,371
Online donations	2,720
Week of February 17	\$ 10,091

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**March 6 @ 6:00am 11:30am
12:30pm and 5:00pm**

**Presiders for this weekend: February 24**

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. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
12:00 PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

Presiders for next weekend: March 3

4:00 PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. John LaRocca, SJ
12:00 PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ



Thanks to everyone for their kindness and generosity celebrating my 35th anniversary at St. Xavier Church!

I am overwhelmed by your thoughtful words, prayers, cards and other well-wishes. I look forward to being part of

this wonderful parish for some years to come! Diane

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

...to **Evan Lawrence Goldblatt**, son of Gregory and Julie (Muething) Goldblatt who was baptized here this past weekend. May God bless you!

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**

Sunday March 3

Mardi Gras Party Join us for a potluck dinner, King Cake and fellowship in the Parish Center after the Sunday 5 PM Mass. All young adults 21-35 welcome.

NOVENA of GRACE - March 4 to 12

Beginning March 4 and extending to March 12 (*the anniversary of the canonization of Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier*) we will pray this traditional novena following our daily Masses. Pamphlets will be in the back of church. Please take one. To close the novena, a Holy Hour (Rosary followed by Benediction) will be offered **Tuesday March 12 at 7:00 pm**.

St. Xavier Book Club

Our book group will meet on Tuesday, **March 5**, at 3 pm in the parish center. We will be discussing the inspirational book "Small Mercies: Glimpses of God in Everyday Life" by Nancy Jo Sullivan. Come and join us.

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the Archdiocesan campaign to support six local ministries that teach, feed and heal. **Envelopes are at the back of church.**

Internship in Spiritual Direction

The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is now taking applications for a three-year program to train spiritual directors. Applications will be received until May 1, 2019. The program starts in September 2019.

For more details about this program, go online to:

<https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/sdi/>

The application form is also available online. For more information you may contact the Director of Adult Ministry, Fr. Paul B. Macke, S.J. at 513-248-3504.

St. Xavier Altar Linen Ministry

We are looking for volunteers every other Tuesday morning, 2 to 3 hours, to assist with laundry and ironing of altar linens, purificators, corporals.

If interested in joining the ministry give the office a call. There's lots of laughter and you'll be a part of a good group of friends. If you can't come

during the day, maybe think about taking some linens with you after Mass and helping from home.

Bicentennial Videos and Info

<http://www.stxchurch.org/bicentennial>

"Freedom to Love:**Theology of the Body for Young Adults"**

Wednesdays in Lent from 7-9 pm starting March 6. We are hosting a team from Ruah Woods to offer the basic of John Paul II "Theology of the Body."

COMING UP: Sunday March 17 6:30pm Speaker Series II: Fr. David V. Meconi

We present Fr. Meconi who speaks after the 5 pm Mass on the topic: "Surrender and Resistance in Ignatian Spirituality." See bulletin insert.

About Today's Gospel

Last week, someone said to me after Mass, "Father Pat, I didn't realize that we have two versions of the Beatitudes in the Gospels." Even though I had only a few minutes to respond, I started in on the similarities and differences between the two versions.

One we have from Matthew (Ch. 5), and the other one is from Luke (last Sunday's Gospel). Matthew's version lists 8 "blessed are ..." Beatitudes, but Luke's only list 4, and then 4 "woe to you" warnings. Also, Matthew's are in 3rd person (Blessed are the poor...) but Luke's are in 2nd person (Blessed are you poor). But one of the greatest differences is that Matthew shows Jesus delivering these words from the top of a large hill (Sermon on the Mount) like Moses did, and Luke shows Jesus looking up, delivering the words from level ground (Sermon on the Plain). Matthew wanted to identify with the Jews, and Luke wanted to sound more inclusive. Recall also that St. Luke's audience is primarily Gentile and Greek: i.e. they were not raised Jewish. He wanted to welcome the poor, the outcast, women, etc. and so is more inclusive. Matthew's audience was primarily Jewish men who were converting to Christ. And so you can see why there are these differences.

It is good to keep in mind that the 4 Gospel writers differ from each other because they have different audiences, different emphases, and different needs to address ... while still preaching and proclaiming the one Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Gospel passage from last Sunday, today, and next Sunday are all taken from Luke's "Sermon on the Plain." See if you can find more similarities between Luke and Matthew. – FrF

200 Years ❖ 200 Facts

- ❖ 1847 Fr. George A. Carrell S.J. is the second pastor of St Xavier Church for less than a year.
- ❖ 1848-9 Fr. Angelus Masselle S.J. and Fr. Florian Sautois S.J. also serve one-year terms as pastor.
- ❖ 1849 Fr. Charles Driscoll S.J. becomes the fifth pastor of St Xavier Church and eventually serves the longest as pastor (a heroic 36 years).
- ❖ 1859 The present church building was erected here in the French-Gothic architectural style.

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