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SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019



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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 Mar 4 - 9

Mon	6:00	+	Trent Obermeyer (Birth.)
4	11:30	+	Barbara VanDenBroeck (2 nd Annv.)
Tues	6:00	+	Parish Book of Remembrance
5	11:30	+	Rita Blank Klare
	6:00		
Wed	11:30		
6	12:30		
	5:00		
Thurs	6:00	+	Norma Thompson (Birth.)
7	11:30	+	O'Connor & Whalen Families
Fri	6:00	+	Albert and Mary Bleil
8	11:30	+	Dorothy Otten
Sat	7:00	SI	Laurette Erhardt (Birth.)
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ASH WEDNESDAY

MUSIC

Opening: Sing a New Song #607

Gloria: Mass of Redemption
p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

Responsorial Psalm 92:
Lord, It Is Good #1115

Presentation:
Deliver Us, O Lord of Truth # 750

Eucharistic Acclamations:
Mass of Remembrance #384-386

Communion: We Have Been Told #784

Closing:
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning #744



*A good person out of the store of goodness
in the heart produces good.*

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THE NOVENA OF GRACE TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

During this Bicentennial year, we invite you to pray the Novena of Grace in honor of St Francis Xavier, from March 4-12. It is traditional to pray the Novena for a particular intention: **to ask for what you desire from God.** Pray for your own needs, those of your loved ones, or the needs of the world. The Novena of Grace covers the 9 days leading up to March 12th, the day Xavier and Loyola were declared saints in 1622.

The first Novena of Grace is said to have taken place in Goa, India, in 1615, when a boy, crippled from birth, was cured. After Xavier was canonized, the Novena of Grace grew in popularity around the world.

"Grace" is the power within us that gives us the strength to reach out to others in generosity, care and love. Grace is a traditional Catholic term for a favor or free gift from God. Christians often ask God for favors, or graces. In doing this we acknowledge that God is the giver of all gifts.

The present form of the Novena was begun in the 17th century by Fr. Marcello Mastrilli, S.J. (1603 - 1637). He asked to be assigned to the Japanese Mission, then the most difficult. At that time, Buddhist persecution of Catholics was most cruel, and the new methods of torture were most excruciating. In the infamous "Pit," the martyrs were kept hung, head downwards, over a volcanic pit from which sulphurous gases and waters welled up. At times the martyrdom was protracted for several days before the victim expired. While waiting for his passage to Japan, Fr. Mastrilli suffered a severe head injury by accident, during some deconstruction of a worship space in Naples, Italy. He was on the verge of death. Amid this horrible crisis, St. Francis Xavier appeared to Fr. Mastrilli and bid him to renew his vow to go to Japan. Xavier said to the priest: ***"All those who implore my help daily for nine consecutive days – from the fourth to the twelfth of March inclusive and receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion on one of the nine days – will experience my protection and may hope with entire assurance to obtain from God any Grace they ask that is for the good of their souls and the glory of God."***

The vision vanished and Fr. Mastrilli arose entirely healed. Faithful to his vow, he led a band of 33 Jesuits to Japan. He had hardly landed there when he was seized and condemned to the "Pit" where he suffered from October 5 to 17 and died a glorious martyr.

But before leaving for Japan, Fr. Mastrilli widely published the news of his cure and the promises of Francis Xavier. The Saint himself kept his words and many of the faithful experienced his protection after making this "Novena of Grace". Thus the devotion spread far and wide and it has since been instrumental in obtaining many favors, spiritual and temporal.

– Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ, Associate Pastor

Please use this prayer each day of the novena →

✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Joe Feiertag, Angie Fennell, Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joe Eley, John Williams, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Campbell, George Long, 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, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Patti Bengel, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Mary Jo Duljic, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, 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 24	\$ 7,290
Online donations	1,660
Week of February 24	\$ 8,950



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

...to **Lillian Shire Baden**, daughter of Thomas and Mary Clare (Price) Baden;

...and to **Emory Marie Bowling**, daughter of Daniel and Courtney (Pettke) Bowling who were baptized here this past weekend. May God bless you!

Novena Prayer:

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. I praise God for the gifts of grace and glory He gave you in this life and after death. I ask through your intercession, the grace of living a holy life and dying a holy death. I ask also that you pray for me to receive this special gift from God:

(here mention your special novena petition).

But if what I ask is not for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul, please obtain for me what is more conducive to both. Amen.

(End the prayer with Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

**Presiders for this 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

Presiders for next weekend: March 10

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

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday March 3 Mardi Gras Party and a Special Welcome to any New Members!**

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.

Pray the Rosary

Join us praying the Rosary here at St. Xavier Church on **Wed March 13** at 7:00 p.m. Hail Mary full of grace!

THE JONAH PLAN - confession

The prophet Jonah went reluctantly to the city of Nineveh and preached repentance for sins. The people renounced their evil ways and a disaster was avoided. The season of Lent invites us to repent and change our lives. Please join us on **Thursday March 14 at 7** in the church for an hour of reflection, prayer and time for confession. For more details contact Paula Trimble at 513-706-1025 or pmgtrimble@yahoo.com

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Save the date Tuesday, **March 19**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in every church of the Archdiocese. Rediscover the peace of Christ found uniquely through Reconciliation. Visit www.EncounterPeace.org for more information. No matter how long it has been since your last Confession, please join us . . . the light is on for you!

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.

ADULT AND NOT CONFIRMED ? ? ?

Are you a baptized Catholic who attends St. Xavier Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? You may have the opportunity to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on April 20 here at the parish. Call the parish office for Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ at 513-721-4045 or send an email to Fr. Gamber at

mgamber@stxchurch.org

Theology of the Body for Young Adults

Freedom to Love will be presented Wednesdays in Lent from 7-9 pm starting March 6 in the parish center. 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." Refreshments will be provided.

Cincinnati Refined

Our parish is being profiled on a very popular new website called Cincinnati Refined. Click this website and scroll down a bit until you see a very impressive profile of our church, history, and bicentennial. Go to

www.cincinnati-refined.com

(you can also find a link on our website)

200 Years ❖ 200 Facts

- ❖ In the early morning of Good Friday April 7, 1882, a fire destroys the interior of our 55 year old church building (our present structure).
- ❖ One report of the fire stated, "The entire interior at this time, together with the roof and the interior of the tower is aflame and it is expected to fall soon."
- ❖ 1883 the parish united together to restore the damaged church and retained many of the original statues and architectural flourishes.
- ❖ Many of the charred beams and floor joists were in good enough condition to keep them intact. *The charred wood can still be seen today in the ceiling of the parish offices.*

Bicentennial Videos and Info

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

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