



# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

## WELCOME to St Xavier

A Jesuit Ministry "in the heart of the marketplace"  
Registered Historic site founded in 1819  
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845

*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*

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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

Baptism • Marriage • Anointing • RCIA  
to register call parish office 513.721.4045

### MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 2—7

MON 6:00 + J. Kent Stier  
2 11:30 + Elmer Schlueter (Birth.)

TUES 6:00 + Aloys Link (1st Annv.)  
3 11:30 + O'Connor and Whalen Families

WED 6:00 + Jack Lawler  
4 11:30 + JoAnn Weber

THUR 6:00 + John Kohrman Family  
5 11:30 + Jack Lawler

FRI 6:00 + Loretta Favret and Jane Favret  
6 11:30 + Dr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett

SAT 7:00 + Tim Meyer (Annv.)  
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Today's readings are found at # 991

### MUSIC

#### Opening:

Christ Be Our Light # 590

#### Responsorial Psalm 122:

Let Us Go Rejoicing # 991

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Mass of Light # 340

#### Presentation:

Each Winter As the Year Grows Older #419

#### Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of Light # 361, 362, 363

#### Communion:

Maranatha, Lord Messiah # 397

#### Closing:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel # 395  
(Verses 1, 2, and 3 only)



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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS... ... is dotted with many tempting parking places.

When the above unknown author's insight recently turned up on a thought-for-the-day calendar on my desk, my reaction was "how true, how true".

Each word has a certain truth about it that inspires reflection. **THE** road implies there is just one avenue but how could that be with so many differently gifted people seeking success? **ROAD** means there is a prepared way already in place. **TO** indicated motion forward. **SUCCESS** is obviously a goal any normal person would want to reach.

**IS** says that it is an active pursuit, not some passive stand off and watch approach. **DOTTED** to me means unexpected and irregular. **WITH** suggests that it is a normal experience. **MANY** tells us we will often find ourselves in these situations.

**TEMPTING** attracts us easily. **PARKING** is a stopping of action, no matter whether it is forward or backward looking. **PLACES** to me means real situations.

All of this is to say that we are on this road called life which is a very real path ahead of us that inspires us to want fulfillment and meaning in the manner we spend our time. There are also distractions along the way which seem normal but which may be serious detours that may lead not to our goal but rather to our missing our destination.

Jesus' Gospel words that He is the truth, the way and the life summarize the call we have to pursue the road as He did, actively involved and alert to what are dangerous distractions; focusing on the joyful peace He promises when we constantly pursue the ultimate goal of our existence! We are challenged to be actively involved in living each moment of the journey as He did. Happy Advent traveling.

— Fr. Bob Ross, SJ, Assisting Priest



# AMDG

Tues December 3

Special Mass of  
St. Francis Xavier

6:00 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Movie

MOVIE NIGHT  
"Life of Xavier"

to close out our bicentennial year

## ✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Lyndsay Seibert, Tim Robinson, Barb Vogelpohl, Harry Tenkotte, Marguerite Kron, Gerry Walsh, Phyllis Weber, Bob Dwyer, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Barbara Stewart, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelie Eaton, Steve and Sallie Smith, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joe Eley, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Jo Schwartz, Mary Ann Himmelmann, 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, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Gregg, and Rick.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for November 24 will be reported in the December 8th bulletin.

**Mass Ministers:** Christmas Sign-ups are in the Sacristy. After Mass, please sign up if you can help with the Christmas Liturgies.

## Congratulations to

**Eleanor Claire Desmond**, daughter of Joseph and Emily Desmond; and to **Christopher Benjamin Deal**, son of Benjamin and Lori Deal who were baptized last week.

## Congratulations to

**Nicholas and Emily (Schwieterman) Horwarth** who were married here last weekend.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP at LITURGY

Fr. Fairbanks and Mary Beth Fennell are conducting a **MANDATORY MEETING of ALL liturgical ministers** Thursday evening **December 5 @ 7pm** in the parish center. Newcomers welcome! Refreshments served. Please RSVP to [mfennell@stxchurch.org](mailto:mfennell@stxchurch.org)



## HOLIDAY MASSES at St X

### Christmas Dec 24/25:

Masses: Tuesday at 4pm, 5:30pm, and Midnight and Wednesday at 7, 9, 10:30 am

### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God,

Wednesday Jan 1 *This is a holy day of obligation*  
Masses: 6:00am, 11:30 am & 5 pm (no confessions)

**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND DECEMBER 1**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 8**

4:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
12:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday, December 1 at 6 PM**

Advent Prayer Night

Start Advent with a night of prayer and fellowship. Meet in the parish center after the 5 PM Mass for refreshments, community and a meditation on this penitential and hopeful season. Ages 21-35 welcome.

**St. Xavier Book Club** Tuesday, January 7, at 3pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest novel "Ginny Moon" by Benjamin Ludwig. She's an unpredictable autistic teenager who is in the foster care system, is determined to return to her abusive mother's home to rescue her beloved Baby Doll. Come join us! If you need a copy, see Diane.

**GIVING TREE**

The St. Xavier Giving Tree is at the back of our church. Simply take a tag off the Giving Tree. Make your purchase as described on the tag. Be sure to **attach the tag** on the gifts, some of which are to be wrapped, some not as indicated on the tag. Bring the gift(s) back to St. Xavier no later than the weekend of **DECEMBER 7 and 8**. It is very important to return the gifts by this weekend as they will be delivered to the various organizations prior to their Christmas party or distribution. **If you don't want to shop but want to participate** you can always purchase a gift card to Kroger, Meijer, or a Visa or MasterCard and place it in an envelope clearly marked, "GIVING TREE." This is a wonderful way to place our "Outward Action" into practice to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord! For More Information contact Deacon Tim Crooker [tcrooker@stxchurch.org](mailto:tcrooker@stxchurch.org)

**COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS**

Could you bake a dozen cookies (or more) and return them to the back of church the weekend of Dec 14 and 15? The Jail Ministry is handing out "Cookies for Christmas" and your help is appreciated! Tables will be at the back of church on Dec. 14 and 15. Thank you!

**Christmas Carved Art Sale**

Come join the Bethlehem Christian Families who will be here after all the Masses **December 21 & 22**. Hand Carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land of Bethlehem. Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Christmas ornaments, Figures will be for sale after the Masses. Coffee and donuts will be served after the Sunday morning Masses. Income of the sales will go to the support of the Christian Wood Carvers of Bethlehem.

You may also view these beautiful items online at [www.holylandcarvings.com](http://www.holylandcarvings.com)

**Holiday Thirsty Thursday** If you've never joined us before, come this month to enjoy holiday cheer with your fellow parishioners. We will gather at **Grove Park Grille**, 6735 Kellogg Avenue (just beyond Coney), Thurs., **December 19** from 4 - 7 PM. There is a \$10 Secret Santa gift exchange. Join us.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

On Dec 23 we will decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to purchase some poinsettia flowers for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or you can clip this notice and return it with your payment in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.



*Suggested donation \$10. Thank you!*

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**200 Years ♦ 200 Facts**

*Researched by St X parishioner Jennifer Thumm*

♦ In 1954 St X presented "JOY for the World", written by Fr. Daniel A. Lord, featuring the Xavier Thespians, presented at Cincinnati Gardens, and as St. Xavier's Marian Year gift to Our Lady.

♦ In August/Sept 1967 Marcellus Becker, at the age of 78, retired after serving as St. Xavier organist and music director for 41 years. He worked 7 days a week often arriving at 5:30 am to climb the 33 steps to choir loft. At his passing, Pastor James McCumiskey calculated that Becker had climbed "more than 200 miles into space to provide heavenly music for us over these years."

♦ In 1978 The Novena of Grace was featured by the display of a zucchetto cap worn by St. Francis in the Orient. It has been here at least 100 years. With it is a document of authentication, dated Jan. 12, 1742, and bearing the official seal of Vy. Rev. Francis Retz, General of the Society at that time.

♦ In 1995 Fr. Robert Thesing S.J. was assigned as the 19<sup>th</sup> pastor of St. Xavier Church and served us as such for ten years.