



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

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 Majorem Dei Gloriam

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

Mon – Fri 6:00 am 11:30 am Sat 7:00 am

Confessions

Mon-Fri 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

Baptism - Marriage - Anointing

or to register call parish office at 513.721.4045



St. Thomas Aquinas — Feast Day: January 28

Music

Opening: We Are the Light of the World #592

Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Responsorial Psalm 146: Blessed the Poor in Spirit
#1101

Communion: Canticle of the Turning #622

Closing: The Kingdom of God #736

MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 30 - Feb. 4

MON 30	6:00	+ Paul Feist
	11:30	+ Richard Quehl (Annv.) + John Wills
TUES 31	6:00	+ Sewngbok Lee
	11:30	+ John Hoar
WED 1	6:00	+ Katherine Gormley and Eleanor Maley Families
	11:30	SI Anyigbo Family
THUR 2	6:00	+ Harold and Mar Weber
	11:30	+ Luna Grace + Kevin England + Jack Casey (Birth.)
FRI 3	6:00	+ Helen Sievers Family
	11:30	+ Joe Merten (Birth.) + Dr. Charles M. Barrett and Mary Belle F. Barret & Angela Barrett Eynon
SAT 4	7:00	SI Mark Teisman (Birth.) + Geraldine Fisher (Birth.)

NURSERY AREA in Parish Center

Available during the 9 am and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses.
Mass will be on the televisions and families are invited to
come **upstairs** for communion when the time comes.

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DONATE





Sunday Collection for January 15	\$ 8,967
Online Contributions	6,281
Total For January 15	\$ 15,248

Sunday Collection for January 22	\$ 5,319
Online Contributions	3,689
Total For January 22	\$ 9,008

You can give any portion of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA to St. Xavier Church and exclude that amount from your taxable income, in effect creating a financial benefit that otherwise might not be available if you use the standard deduction. Please contact your financial or tax advisor for more information.



ST. XAVIER BOOK CLUB

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, February 28, at 3 PM** in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest book *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley. Jess may have come to Paris to escape her past, but it's starting to look like it's her brother's future that's in question. He is missing and everyone in the building is a suspect with something to hide. Join us to discuss this mystery!

PARISH FAMILY WINTER RETREAT

Bellarmino Chapel is holding its annual winter retreat on Friday, **February 3**, from 7-8:30 PM in the Chapel and on Saturday, **February 4**, from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. All St. Xavier Church parishioners are warmly and enthusiastically invited! Scan the QR code to register.



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Women's Spirituality Group

We have launched a prayer/ discussion group designed for women to contemplate and process issues pertinent to women as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 14** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. We will begin 2023 with a focus on a Bible study book, *Women in the Bible*, by Kimberlee Herman, and the memoir, *Educated*, by Tara Westover.

Men's Spirituality Group

We have re-launched a prayer/ discussion group designed for men to contemplate and process issues pertinent to men as they relate to Scripture/ the Bible/ selected popular books. Our next meeting is Friday, **February 3** from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Future meetings will occur every other Friday. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of the Sunday scriptures throughout the liturgical year.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT: SAVE THE DATE!

We will use James Martin S.J.'s book *Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus* as a guide for six weeks of Lenten prayer. Parish members of Bellarmine Chapel and St. Xavier are invited to sign up for small groups that will be offered at various times of the week, in person or on Zoom. James will present an introductory session (on Zoom) on Tuesday, **February 21, 2023**, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Watch the bulletin to register for a group and for the Zoom session. Please plan to order your own copy of the book. Used copies are available on Amazon.

Christ Jesus, "Wisdom from God"

Paul's quote from our second reading today says it all. Christ Jesus has shared with us not only wisdom, but righteousness, sanctification, and redemption as well. Our three readings today could all stand on their own as a blueprint for life. Yet we are treated to all three on the same day. In all three readings, it is clear that God does not operate according to the standards of this world; belonging to God's kingdom requires selflessness rather than selfishness.

As you read these three readings, you can see how they build upon each other. The second reading provides that bridge. Whereas in the first reading, Zephaniah tells how God protects those that are humble. Paul states that God chooses those not considered to be wise because of their humility. Yet the chosen shall shame the wise, the strong, and the boastful. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

In the Gospel today, we have the Beatitudes. In Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shares nine pronouncements about being the "Blessed" and what that means. According to Matthew's version, compared to Luke's, he takes a more spiritual route. It is not only the poor that are blessed, but the poor in spirit as well. It is not only the hungry but those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

So, where does this leave us? Three questions come to mind. Why am I here? Where am I going? How do I get there? Jesus came to show us the answers. Here is my take on them.

Why are we here? God created us out of his love. We all have a purpose and calling.

Where am I going? Heaven. We are all meant to share forever in God's own abundant life, joy and happiness.

How do I get there? We get there by love - God's love for us and our loving response to God and each other.

Chris Dole
Facilities Manager



PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 29

4:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. Michael Graham, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 5

4:00 pm	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 am	Fr. Bill Murphy, SJ
9:00 am	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30 am	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 pm	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ offers Adoration and Confession on **Wednesday** evenings from **6-7 PM**.
Please come and pray with us!



Congratulations to...

... **Christopher and Sonny (Schwartz) Wheaton** who were married here last weekend!

A LIFE IN PERU:

One Jesuit's Call to Service

Please join the Midwest Jesuits for a reception with Fr. Kevin Flaherty, SJ in the Parish Center on Friday, February 10 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Scan the QR code to RSVP and learn more about Fr. Kevin's work in Peru.



JESUIT RETREATS

The Jesuit Spiritual Center offers retreats modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An experienced retreat director will provide a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and offer methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. The retreat includes opportunities to participate in Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, Healing Service, Spiritual Direction and time for silence and private reflection. Embrace the silence and come to know the abundance of God's love and mercy. To register or for more information visit:

www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

HELP WANTED:

Small Group Leaders for Lent

Back by popular demand is our LENTEN RETREAT SERIES featuring bible study here at St. Xavier Church. Would you like to help lead one of the small groups that will be forming? Groups will meet once a week during the 6 weeks of Lent in person or online. We will use the book, *Six Weeks with the Bible*, as our guide. No experience is necessary and instruction will be provided to you. Please call the church office at 513-721-4045 if you are interested in leading a group. Thank you!



Scan the QR code to support St. X Church and our missions in Kenya (Fr. Sossy), India (Fr. Veigas), and Peru (Fr. Arrieta). Thank you!



✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Bill Hughes, Marie Sheilds, Frank and Sandy Fieler, Phyllis Link, Molly Miller, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Megan and Vincent Koester, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Cathy Eaglin, Andy Bailey, Mary Consuella, Emily Gear, Ryan Alleman, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Sharon Dearwester, Roger Thesing, John Daymut, Annie Quehl, Mary Hudson, Colleen Rodenberg, Angie Naylon, Laura McLaughlin, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Shirley Himmelmann, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martinez, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, The Buckmans, Mary Sue Loftus, Robert Gorey, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Don Dryer, Philip Gigliotti, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Alisha Meridieth, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Carol Lawwig, Ed Castellini, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, TJ Ducklo, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, and Ginny Wiltse.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, January 29 - Meeting

Join us in the parish center (below the church) after the 5 PM Mass for a guided reflection on the Sunday readings led by Fr. Jacob. See you there!

St. Xavier Young Adults



ROSARY

Come join the rosary group on Wednesday, **February 15** at 7 PM at St. Xavier Church. Email Jan Meyer at jmeyer0555@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University. For more information please visit: nationalmensconference.com

Parking - Free parking in the lot north of church (SW 7th and Sycamore) is available for **Saturday 4pm and Sunday Masses ONLY**. This **DOES NOT** include the parking lot on Sixth Street nor does it include the parking spaces beyond the alley. You will be ticketed if you are not parked in the designated lot.



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

You will notice in the bulletins, you can see the names of those souls for whom each daily Mass is offered. We also list the names of those who are sick in the parish. We encourage you to keep these names in your own personal prayer intentions.

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