

March 17, 2024  
**5th Sunday of Lent**



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**This weekend - March 17**

4:00 PM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
7:00 AM - Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
9:00 AM - Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
10:30 AM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
5:00 PM - Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

**Next weekend - March 24**

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7:00 AM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
9:00 AM - Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
10:30 AM - Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
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ST. XAVIER CHURCH PRESENTS:  
**THE VIGIL PROJECT**

**TRUE  
PRESENCE  
NIGHT**

LIVE MUSIC | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | DYNAMIC SPEAKING



**SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024 // 6:00 PM**

ST. XAVIER CHURCH  
611 SYCAMORE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

MEAL SERVED PRIOR TO EVENT. RECONCILIATION  
AVAILABLE // QUESTIONS? CONTACT: (513) 721-4045

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Celebrate the Eucharist through the Arts! This **Saturday, March 16** after the 4 PM Mass, we will provide a light meal in the Parish Center below the church, where a new exhibit of Marian art by Holly Schapker will be on display.

The doors to the upper church will reopen at 5:30 PM for the True Presence Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and music by [The Vigil Project](#), which will begin at 6 PM. The Vigil Project is a nonprofit apostolate founded in 2016 by a community of musical artists with a common mission to make Catholic music for Catholic prayer. Come, let us adore Him!

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## The Last (Soup) Supper

The final soup supper of Lent will be **Wednesday, March 20** at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship. Please call the office at 513-721-4045 and ask for Diane if you can bring some soup to share!

## Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Starting today, from noon to 12:30 PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led in the church by the St. Xavier Church Men's Spirituality Group. Why not make this a regular part of your Lenten prayer this year? The Stations will begin promptly immediately following the 11:30 AM mass every Friday throughout Lent.

## Shoe Drive for Ukraine

Through **Palm Sunday, March 24**, we are collecting **NEW** athletic shoes/sneakers, children's and adult's sizes, to send to those in need across Ukraine through our partner organization [USA with Ukraine](#). Please leave donations in the box next to the side entrance!

## Tender Mercies

If you can donate of food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, March 31**. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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### Easter Triduum

ST. XAVIER CHURCH

Holy Thursday – 7 PM  
Good Friday – 12 PM  
Easter Vigil – 8:45 PM  
Easter Sunday – 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM

*No confessions after 1 PM on Wednesday. Parish office closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

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## St. Vincent de Paul – Volunteer Opportunity

We invite you to give up one Saturday morning during Lent and join an experienced Vincentian as we visit those in need. We meet at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. Just come and join us. For questions contact Don Lipps [513-256-1649](tel:513-256-1649) or [Chris Hirsch by email](#). If you'd like to support this life-changing ministry, you can [donate online here](#).

SVDP story: Tom needs help with his Duke bill. He has severe lung disease and gets very winded with any exertion. He is a big man built like a football player. He cannot work and has applied for disability, but that is a long and tiresome process. "I also need food. I haven't eaten in a week." I explain there are food pantries downtown where he can get food. But he is not able to walk that far. So I go to our SVDP district pantry and pick up food for him. He lives on the third floor and halfway up he has to stop and catch his breath. By the time he gets to his apartment, he has very labored breathing and has to sit down immediately. As he looks over the several bags of food (gallon of milk, frozen chicken, greens, some fruit and canned goods), enough for maybe a week, in between deep breaths, he says "Today, I eat."

## Archbishop's Letter on Migrants and Refugees

Last week, Archbishop Schnurr wrote a [Letter to the Faithful Regarding Migrants and Refugees](#). We invite you to spend some time reading this letter and discerning if you would like to be involved in our parish or Archdiocesan ministries welcoming our brothers and sisters facing hardship. Contact St. X's Associate Director of Social Mission, [Whitney Schieltz](#), to get involved.

## St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 23**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss [The Forest of Vanishing Stars](#) by Kristin Harmel. After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Please join us for a great discussion of this historical novel!





Spring Active Discipleship Day for our Jesuit Parish Family, held in conjunction with Xavier University's Community Action Day, will be **Saturday, March 23**, 9 AM – 2 PM. We hope you can join us for this family-friendly day of service and reflection! Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Service sites will be selected by participants upon arrival, with a variety of accessible indoor and outdoor options available. [Please RSVP here.](#)

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## Women's Spirituality Group

The group will next meet on **Monday, March 18** from noon to 1 PM in the Parish Center. We will start with a prayer and brief introductions. The meeting will feature a discussion of Chapter 9 in the book, *Women of the Bible*. It features Mary Magdalene. Free copies of the book are available if you would like one at the time of the meeting, or in advance. Additionally, artist Holly Schapker will share her artistic insight into Mary Magdalene.

## Embracing God's Creation: Tour of the Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub

Join us on **Wednesday, March 27**, 11 AM – 12 PM at the Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub for a tour of their facility and conversation with their staff about their efforts to reduce waste across our community! This immersion is co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Jesuit Works. [RSVP here today!](#) [Flyer here.](#)

## Men's Spirituality Group

Join us for 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, March 29** from noon to 1 PM in the parish offices below the church. Meetings will be anchored with prayer time and discussion grounded in the treatment of the Sunday scriptures throughout the liturgical year. For more information you can [email Fr. Jim](#) or call the parish office.

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## Sunday Speaker Series

### Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preference: Walking with the Excluded



**Fr. Nathan Wendt, S.J.**  
President, Xavier Jesuit Academy

**Kyle Chandler**  
Principal, Xavier Jesuit Academy

**Michael Gong**  
Lead Teacher, Xavier Jesuit Academy

Come learn about plans for the new Xavier Jesuit Academy, opening in August 2024. This school will prepare young men to be leaders and "Men for Others" through disciplined academic preparation for life, in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition, while enriching their families and communities.



**Sunday, April 7th, 2024**  
**Presentation: Noon – 1:00**  
**Light lunch available after the 10:30 Mass**  
**St. Xavier Parish Center, 611 Sycamore St.**  
**Live streaming available at [stxchurch.org](http://stxchurch.org)**

Thank you to everyone who joined Fr. Michael Graham, SJ last Sunday to kick off the series on the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences. If you missed his presentation, you can [watch it here](#).

Join us for the next lunch and speakers on **Sunday, April 7**, 12 PM (lunch at 11:30) focused on UAP 2: Walking with the Excluded. We will hear from three leaders of the new Jesuit primary school in Bond Hill, [Xavier Jesuit Academy](#): Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ, President; Kyle Chandler, Principal; and Michael Gong, Lead Teacher.

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## Way of the Cross for Justice on Good Friday

Join us for this year's Way of the Cross for Justice, a Good Friday prayer service connecting the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day. We will meet on **Friday, March 29**, 12 - 2 PM at the American Queen Paddle Wheel (100 Joe Nuxhall Way Cincinnati, OH 45202) along the riverfront outside Great American Ballpark and walk through Smale Riverfront Park (.5 miles), ending at the Castellini Esplanade near Paycor Stadium. [More information](#).

## Young Adults Group

Join us **Sunday, March 17**, after the 5 PM mass to party like it's St. Patrick's Day! We will get a short presentation on St. Patrick, followed by a potluck and games. We will have cocktails, mocktails, fun and games.

St. X Church's Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more about the group, please visit [www.stxya.com/events](http://www.stxya.com/events).

## Rosary Group

The rosary is recited each evening at 7:30 by parishioners. We welcome all! [Please click here for the Zoom link](#). Faithful devotion and recitation of the Rosary during Lent serve to strengthen our spiritual journey. Many followers find that praying the Rosary in a group is easier and more spiritual than praying on your own.

Our Lady appeared to three children at Fatima, including the Venerable Sister Lucy, six times in 1917. Lucy stated: *"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary"*

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join Fr. Jacob **each Wednesday** evening from 6 - 7 PM in our beautifully renovated sanctuary for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Jesus is waiting for you!

## Evenings of Prayer for Women

The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is hosting three upcoming evenings of prayer for women on **March 18**, April 22, and May 13. Each evening will be an inspiring time for listening to faith stories, sharing community and time for personal reflection. [Click here for more information](#).

## Examen Prayer Group

Join fellow parishioners of the Jesuit Parish Family every Tuesday evening on Zoom at 7:30 PM for an examen prayer. [Click here to receive the Zoom link!](#)

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## Did You Know?

- You can name St. Xavier Church as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy.
- You can make St. Xavier Church a beneficiary on your IRA or 401k account, which may reduce estate taxes.
- For those at least 70 and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. You can also use the QCD to comply with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), which begins at age 73.

Questions? Call us at 513-721-4045 and ask for Mary Stutler.

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## Fr. Paul's Parish Picture Project

It's not too late to send your photos in to Fr. Paul! If you are a parishioner, we ask you to **please consider emailing your name and a photo of yourself to [office@stxchurch.org](mailto:office@stxchurch.org)**. To be clear, these images will not be published in a parish book. They will remain in our database so that the priests and staff of St. X Church can grow in our capacity to better recognize the names and faces of people we see every week. Thank you for your participation!

## Kroger Community Rewards

Thank you to all who have selected St. Xavier! It is so easy to help support St. X through Kroger! Tell all your family, friends, and anyone else who has a Kroger Community Rewards Plus Card to enroll and select St. Xavier Church (NPO number 60514). With all the food and gift cards that are bought throughout the year, it would be a great way to help support St. Xavier.

St. X received \$462.72 last quarter!

## Catholic Telegraph

The Catholic Telegraph is the monthly magazine of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, available to the Catholic faithful free of charge. [Click for your complimentary monthly subscription.](#)

## Synod Results

[Click here](#) to read the local summary report from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the national report from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

