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Before the St. Xavier Church website, Facebook page and email blasts – even before the weekly bulletin – there was the ST. XAVIER MONTHLY CALENDAR. The first issue, dated October 1888, announced:

THIS CALENDAR is published to keep the people informed on matters of Church and School. It is entirely gratuitous; and should not under any consideration be sold. We shall endeavor to put it into the hands of our parishioners on the last Sunday of each month, in order to remind them of the feasts and fasts, the advantages and obligations and other important features of the incoming month.

For eight decades, the CALENDAR, did just that. But like the St. Xavier parish community it served, it also evolved. The articles, written both in-house as well as sourced from local, national and international publications, humor, and advertisements, reflect the prevailing issues, sentiments, fashions and technologies of the day, providing a window through which to view that community as well as a mirror through which to see reflections of our current community.

As a way of sharing these “views”, each month during our bicentennial year, St. Xavier will publish selections culled from the 952 published issues – We hope that you will enjoy these Retrospective Issues.

Calendar Notes

August 1 – St. Peter in Chains... is the titular feast of the Cathedral and is therefore a day of special devotion.

August 8 – *Blessed Peter Faber*, Confessor of the Society of Jesus...born of poor Savoyard shepherds...was ordained the first priest of the new Society of Jesus. Boldly facing heresy in Germany, he labored...to rouse up the dormant faith of Catholic courts and Catholic lands.

August 13 – *St. John Berchmans*, Confessor of the Society of Jesus...He sanctified himself by doing ordinary things perfectly...

[August 1899]

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The proper time for confession, for those who wish to receive Holy Communion on Sundays and on the First Friday, is on Saturday or Thursday afternoon or evening, when there are ten or more confessors hearing, and not on Sunday or First Friday mornings, when only one or two of the confessors can be in the confessional. And they are in

attendance then, not for persons who habitually put off their confession till the morning, “to make one trip of it,” but for those whose occupations prevent them from coming the afternoon or evening before.

[August 1908]

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In going to Communion *always* go as far as possible toward the center of the Communion rail. This will prevent crowding at the sides when there are many communicants; and when there are but few, it will do away with the spectacle of two communicants kneeling at the extreme ends of the Communion rail – an unreasonable practice, and very inconvenient for the priest who gives Communion.

[August 1912]

For Sick calls, whenever it is possible, call before 9 a.m. or before 2 p.m. If the sickness is sudden and serious, call at any time, day or night. If possible, send some intelligent grown person, who can explain the case so that the priest may know what he is to do, and whether he is to bring the Blessed Sacrament. Exact information should be given, at least as to the name of the sick person, and the correct address. Some time ago one of the fathers was called, but no name was given. As the number was not to be found (there was no such number on the street) he did not know for whom to inquire, not even having information whether it was a man, woman or child that was sick. Such mistakes may be very serious and dangerous in their results.

[August 1908]



LONG'S TRUNK STORE, **438 Race St.**

The House of Good Values in Trunks, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags and up-to-date Leather Novelties.

[August 1908]

Some come late for Mass and leave before Mass is finished. Are they so ignorant as to think that they have satisfied this obligation?

[August 1919]

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The obligation of hearing Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, when possible, is as binding in vacation as at any other time of the year, furthermore, some greater sacrifice should be made to get to Mass on Sundays, to offset the many dangers that surround us during these days of relaxation.

[August 1919]

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On Wednesday, August 19th, the parishioners of St. Xavier's will have an excellent opportunity to meet together and renew old acquaintances. The cars on the C. H. & D. line will take us up to the Woodsdale Island Park; far away from the turmoil, dust and heat of the city, into the most beautiful grounds that the State of Ohio has yet afforded. The various committees who have this "Outing" in charge, are acting with remarkable energy; and will render it a decided success. The trains will leave the C. H. & D. Depot for the park at 8:30 and 10:30 in the forenoon, and at 1:30 in the afternoon. At 6 P.M. we shall begin the march home, a tired and contented party. You *must* go and enjoy yourself this time, and add to the enjoyment of others.

There has been no general "outing" given by the St. Xavier's Parish in the fifty years of its history. Particular societies have had their annual excursions, but the expedition of August 19th, this year is gotten up by the entire parish. Let us hope that the entire parish will be well represented that day.

[August 1891]

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Great Changes

"Closing the saloons has brought great changes."

"You bet. Nowadays a woman doesn't know where to find her husband."

[August 1921]

Parsimony with Childhood

Whether the boy or the girl shall be high or low in the social and industrial scale, depends largely upon the way three or four years of the life between the twelfth and seventeenth birthdays are spent.

Some parents crave the earnings of their children between these years. The boy of thirteen can earn three dollars a week—or perhaps \$200 a year. In three years he can earn \$600—but it may cost him his prospects in life.

Kept in school until sixteen, he might start life with a good common school education—probably with a year or so in high school, to give him further ambition. Sent to work at thirteen, he is handicapped for life with an imperfect education, —a scrawling penman, a bad speller and with no taste for reading.

It is up to the parents to invest their children to the best advantage. Keep them in school!

[August 1911]

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The System Not Perfect

Our neighbors are beginning to admit that our public school system neglects the most important part of education—conduct, morals, religion. The formation of character is incomplete, defective, perverted, that does not begin with God and end with Him. The man whose mind is trained, but whose heart is undisciplined, is of less value to the State than the man of virtue who has little or no book knowledge. It is righteous that exalteth a people.

Time was when to hint that our public school system was not perfect, was to attach the critic the reputation of a lack of loyalty. But truth, facts, the increase of juvenile crime, the decay of faith and the prevailing immorality have opened some eyes. The Bible is still right when it declares that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." —Exchange

[August 1903]

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Don't lose your temper. Self-control and civility oil the hinges of the day.

[August 1906]

The Painting of St. Xavier's

Your Rev. Pastor wishes to thank all those who cooperated with him in the frescoing of the church. The method of financing the venture has proved a success. The goal is in sight. The bills are not all paid, but will be with out placing any burden on the church.

The painting proper cost \$7,712.50. There are some extras for the confessionals, wainscoting, etc. —but we need not worry.

Doubling the collection brought in \$6,784.15. Extra donations made up \$1,153. This gives a total of \$7,937.15, leaving a surplus of \$224.65. This, with what must still come in, will take care of the extras.

We thank you heartily for your generous cooperation and let us also say a word of appreciation to many of St. Xavier's friends who in a most delicate manner stepped forward and showed their good will by helping very materially in making the improvements a financial success.

Besides the frescoing and painting, the following improvements were made:

The vestibules were remodeled.

The five altars were repaired and thoroughly cleaned.

The communion railing was straightened, repaired, and made more comfortable.

The tiling in the vestibule was reset.

The baptistry was improved.

New lights were installed.

The new doors were made to conform to the safety and fire laws.

The sanctuary we hope will help devotions by the object lessons of the saints and missionaries of the Society of Jesus.

The stained glass windows were thoroughly overhauled.

For all these improvements we must thank the Married Ladies' Sodality and the Altar Society and some generous friends.

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