



SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

MUSIC

Opening Hymn: "How Can I Keep from Singing"
#598

St. Henry Gloria: inside back cover of hymnal

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147 "Bless the Lord"
#77

Eucharistic Acclamations: Sunday's Word,
pages 8 - 10

Communion: "Eye Has Not Seen" #616

Closing: "Bring Forth the Kingdom" #640

WEEK AHEAD

Monday

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:00 PM Divorce Care

7:00 PM Social Action

Tuesday

12:00 PM AA Meeting

7:00 PM RCIA

Wednesday

12:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday

12:00 PM AA, ALANON Meeting

Friday

12:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday

9:00 AM St. Vincent DePaul (at Cathedral)

Sunday

10:00 AM Religious Ed Class

12:00 PM Scott, Bauknecht, & Feldhaus
Baptisms

**Coffee & Donuts/Blood Pressure Checks
after the 7, 9 and 10:30 AM Masses*

LITURGICAL LIFE

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2012

Leviticus 12:1-2,44-46 The leper will dwell apart,
making an abode outside the
camp.

Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of
Christ.

Mark 1:40-45 The leprosy left him, and he
was made clean.

February 12, 2012

4:00 PM Fr. John Murphy, S.J.

Reader: K. Meyer, B. Fleissner

EME: D. DeVore, C. Hirsch,
M. Komanecky, S. Meyer

Server: J. Noonan

7:00 AM Fr. Joe Casey, S.J.

Reader: SA Wehrman

EME: J. Stegman, P. Stier

Server: K. Stier

9:00 AM Fr. Eric Knapp, S.J.

Readers: P. Fischer, J. Bien

EME: A. Blake, A. & P. Doppes, S. Keiser

Servers: J. & S. Trimble

10:30 AM Fr. Tim Howe, S.J.

Readers: T. Giessler, B. Kirby

EME: B. & M. Dwyer, S. Kubala,
B. & C. Powell

Servers: B. Santen, B. Howard

12:00 PM Fr. Eric Knapp, S.J.

Readers: K. England, B. Bresnen

EME: MB Fennell, F. Gettelfinger,
B. Griffin, L. Reinersman

Servers: T. Ewing

5:00 PM Fr. Joe Casey, S.J.

Readers: J. Fiorini, A. Kleiman

EME: T. Scahill, N. & R. Thesing,
A. Kleiman

Server: A. Tepe

PASTOR'S PACE

Often I am asked whether or not I believe things happen for a reason, that is, whether or not there is a cosmic or divine purpose that is meant to explain events and situations in our lives or to teach us something. Whether we say this ourselves or hear others say it, we tend to use this phrase to pacify the mystery of human behavior and situations.

I consider myself a Christian Realist, that is to say, real things happen in the world, but I believe that because of Jesus Christ, God is with us always; this is the lens through which I see reality. I cannot believe that God intends harm or ill-will to happen to anyone as a way of "teaching us a lesson". We all know that human beings do enough harm to one another; we do not need to live in fear of a God who inflicts that upon us, too. One test of a Christian's faith, it seems, is not to blame God for the problems of the world, but rather to ask ourselves whether or not we believe God is with us and how that belief shapes our day-to-day lives. If we believe this latter part we have a way to deal with the hardships of life; our faith-filled response to life's challenges says more about our faith and our purpose in life.

The Gospel story we hear today reminds us that people in Jesus' time were looking for him because they liked having him in their presence. We read and hear that Jesus came not only to clean-up the messiness in people's lives, but to remind them that their lives with God in it would make tolerable their problems and ailments, not serve as a guarantee that they would never suffer or be uncomfortable. Jesus interacted with people and made their lives qualitatively better, and more authentic, a reflection of his own life.

"Finding God in all things" is not just a maxim of Ignatian Spirituality but a conviction grounded in the faith that God is always around us and present to us, especially when we least suspect or conscious. In turn, God uses these "aha" moments to prod us to participate in others' lives, thus bringing us into his purpose and mission.

Prayer—in its myriad forms—is one way that we encounter God. I think there is something consistent with Jesus' life that included healing people and his eagerness to pray. I think his praying allowed him to make sense of the world around him, especially when he witnessed the problems and difficulties around him.

The Gospel challenges and invites us once more to work on our prayer lives, to find God, to rely on the presence of God to give us purpose and meaning to our lives.

Let us remember each other in prayer this week!
 +Eric J. Knapp, S.J

MASS INTENTIONS:

MON	6:00	+ Mary Patricia Garrison
	11:30	+ Howard Beckman
TUES	6:00	+ Favret and Dell Families
	11:30	+ Gail Lamping
WED	6:00	Sp. Int. Chris Niehaus Family
	11:30	+ Lester & Mary Elizabeth Wegman
THURS	6:00	+ Patricia Frost
	11:30	+ Gerry Merkes
FRI	6:00	+ Parish Book of Remembrance
	11:30	+ Mildred Colette Lampert
SAT	7:00	+ Clare Reidy

CHURCH NOTES

The **Sunday collection** for **January 29** was **\$10,140.55**; weekday, **\$191.25**. **January tithing** went to **Mary Magdaline House, St. Vincent DePaul, C.I.S.E., De Paul Cristo Rey, St Leo, Welcome House** and the **Parish Kitchen**. Thank you for your generosity!

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of putting St. Xavier Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St Xavier Church. Suggested language for making a bequest St Xavier Church: **"I give and bequest to St. Xavier Church, 607 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, OH, (the sum of \$___ or ___%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for its general purposes."**

Please remember in your prayers the infirmed of our parish:

Ann Kreger, Wayne Faith, Henry Kaftner, Michael Wiethe, Patti Jung, Karen Bonfield, Reed Shattuck, Nancy Vaught, Larry Breen, Albert Banks, Lynn Bonnett, Arlene Brinkman, Gene Mosher, Shiela MacDougall, Mary McDougall, Gaily Trame, Betty Murphy, Julia Girty, Marc Wilson, Finena Flores, Mary McCarthy, Dorothy McCourt, Norma Litherland, Wanda Dunaway, Don Disney, Albert Bagsit, Erma McLaughlin, Charles McLaughlin, Peggy Drohan, Patty Everett, Lola Davis, Adam Stropko, Betsy Wilson, and Marge Willis.

X-CETERA

Congratulations to Andrew and Beth (Baldner) Ciafardini who were married here last weekend!

Coffee & Donuts/Blood Pressure Checks next weekend after the 7, 9 and 10:30 AM Masses. Join your fellow parishioners in the undercroft!

Thirsty Thursday - February 16 from 5 – 7 PM
Great American Tower, 4th and Sycamore, downtown
 Come to the 29th Floor for the best view in the city!
 There will be hors d'oeuvres and a bar generously
 sponsored by Western and Southern!

Xpressions Book Club will meet February 14th at 4 PM. Discussion: *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo.

Mark your calendars! The spring Keeneland trip is planned for **Thursday, April 12th**!

St. Xavier Saint Joseph Statue: If you are willing to take the statue into your home for a month and pray for vocations to the Church please call the office.

FAITH FORMATION

Baptism Prep Class: Thursday, **February 16** at 7 PM in the undercroft. Please call the office to register.

Fat Tuesday Celebration & Palm Burning

Tuesday, February 21 at 6 PM in the undercroft. Our "Fat Tuesday" celebration will be a pot-luck dinner shared with our parishioners. If your last name ends A-I please bring a casserole, J-R a salad; and S-Z a dessert. Along with your favorite food bring your palm from last year as we well end our dinner with a Palm burning service.

St. X Men's Prayer Group meets every other Thursday in the Undercroft at noon. Bring a friend and your lunch. For more information, contact Mike Guarasci - 513-983-2778 or GUARASCI.MD@PG.com

JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER AT MILFORD

Ignatian Weekend Retreats 3-day Ignatian Weekend Retreats based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius will be offered. The retreats are silent, available for both men and women, and led by directors including **Fr. Tom Ryan, SJ; Fr. Dan Havron, OFM; and Al Cucchetti**. For more information, or to register call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

Apostleship of Prayer - February

General: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Mission: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

When my grandson, Billy, and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

SOCIAL ACTION

The next **Social Action** meeting is scheduled for Monday, **February 6** at 7 PM in the undercroft.

"THE WORK OF OUR HANDS" Pot-Luck Dinner
 Following the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 18, we are hosting a Pot-Luck Dinner for parishioners who volunteered at any of the opportunities presented on last Advent's Activity Tree. ALL parishioners are invited to bring an item to share and listen to the good things that have—and are—being done by our parishioners. Please RSVP to Deacon Tim Crooker at tcrooker@stxchurch.org or Barb Westendorf at bwestendorf@stxchurch.org

St. Xavier is forming a **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Group** that would begin building a project house this spring. If you are interested in basic construction, learning new skills, and helping a partner family realize their dream of a home, please email Deacon Tim Crooker, tcrooker@stxchurch.org. Times, dates, and location details will follow. Our parish must be able to provide at least six people per scheduled shift (usually one Saturday per month).

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Health Education: Saturday, **March 3** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **We will offer a four hour hands-on course covering Medical Emergencies, CPR, AED's, First Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogens (Universal precautions).** This program is open to all ages. Teaching manual provided with a two-year certification. Cost per person is \$65.00. Contact Barbara Westendorf to register.

Donation containers are at the back of church for. St Leo's. Items needed include toilet tissue, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent. Any items will be greatly appreciated.

St. Margaret Hall, a non-profit Nursing and Residential Care facility located on 1960 Madison Road Cincinnati, OH is in search of volunteers! They are looking for Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist every day of the week around 9:30am; times can be adjusted if necessary. They are also looking for volunteers to spend time in an individualized setting with residents. If interested, please contact Sister Catherine Leighton at 513-751-5880.

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