

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm

Sunday at 7:30 (Memorial - Labor Day) & 9:00am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: check bulletin, Facebook, or website

Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm, Other times by request

Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays 11am-4:30pm

Blessing of Homes: please contact the Parish Office.

Homebound: Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

**Marriage:** Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

**In the Event of a Death:** Please notify the parish office

**Those interested in being put on a prayer list:** Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

**Register w/the Parish:** There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

**Knights of Columbus:** Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

**Women's Fellowship:** Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for Mass/adoration, then meet up for breakfast

**Parish & Financial Councils:** Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

For job openings in the diocese visit: <https://diocesetwsh.org/hr/>

For more events in the diocese or to subscribe to Today's Catholic visit: <https://todayscatholic.org/> (digital subscription is free!)

## Readings for: 11th Sunday of Ordinary Times

Reading 1 Exodus 19:2-6a

Psalms Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Reading 2 Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

## REFLECTIONS... from Father Daniel

The theme of today's readings is: The sending of the disciples. The first reading and the Gospel are linked to each other by the theme of God's choice of a people consecrated to him. In the Old Testament this choice fell on the twelve tribes of Israel and in the New Testament on the twelve Apostles. God's people, both in the Old and in the New Testament, are called to holiness, that is, to a life completely different from others. This life is to become a sign of salvation for everyone, especially for those who live around us. The Gospel describes this "holy" life of the disciples of Christ, a life full of works of Love. The second reading links up with this theme. It speaks of the gratuitousness of God's love, a gift that the disciples of Christ must learn to understand and spread. Love is the courage to see others as they are.

As Christians, God calls us to this covenant of love, to follow Jesus and continue his mission on earth. Jesus came to announce the Kingdom or reign of God. The reign of God exists wherever God's will is fulfilled. We glimpse the kingdom every time we see a person reach out to another in genuine love. It is to this harvest that Jesus calls the Apostles and each one of us, to announce the reign of God by curing the sick, raising the dead, healing the leperous and expelling demons, and above all we must announce the reign of God by the way we love. Every time we reach out to another in love, we announce through our action that the reign of God is at hand. Pope St. Gregory the Great wrote, "It is by his power and not by the wisdom of men that the world is converted, and to prove this he has chosen unlearned men to be his preachers and has sent them into the world." Remember, courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you.

## Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$357      Envelopes: \$ 1,431

**Local Food Pantry:** Item of the week-**Paper Products!**

## Ministers Schedule:

**Saturday, June 20, 4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sandy Miner

**Lectors:** Bill Johnson Sr.

**Sunday, June 21, 9:00am**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Linda Seiss

**Lector:** Penninger Family

**Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:**

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran,  
Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Megan Cruse, Dan Gagnon & Maggie  
Elpusan.

**Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:**

Saturday, June 13th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Living & Deceased

Members of the Daeger Family

Sunday, June 14th, 11th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Haley Family

Monday, June 15th, No Mass 1 Kings 21:1-16 Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 16th, 8:00 +Michael Ivagnilio

6:30 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th, 8:00 +Leo Dahm

Thursday, June 18th, 8:00 + Michael Bonahoom

Friday, June 19th, 8:00 +Aurelio DeLaCruz

Saturday, June 20th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Don Scheiber

Sunday, June 21st, 12th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Special Intention of Ginny Hatfield

**Upcoming Calendar Events:**

Tuesday, June 16th, Parish Council 6:30pm

Saturday, June 20th, Parish Knight at the TinCaps 6:35pm

Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day

\*\*\*Monday, June 22nd-Friday, June 26th NO MASSES\*\*\*

Friday, July 3rd, Adoration following Mass

Friday, July 3rd, Ladies Meet up

Saturday, July 4th, 250th Anniversary of Independence

Tuesday, July 7th, Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 14th, Parish Council 6:30pm

Thursday, July 16th, Community Dinner 5pm-out

Friday, July 17th & 18th Piercetons Days

Saturday, July 18th Piercetons Days Parade 12pm

Saturday, July 25th Hot Dog& Ice Cream Social following Mass

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter:**

### **Give the gift of a happier marriage this Summer!**

Give, and receive, the gift of a more passionate, connected, and loving marriage. Enroll today!

Attend at:

**Lindenwood Retreat Center, Plymouth IN**  
**June 26-28th**

Overnight stay Friday and Saturday as well as all meals are included. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Apply at [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org), or contact Jeff and Brenda at: [application@wmme-nl.org](mailto:application@wmme-nl.org) or 260-484-1664.

## **Due in Autumn: Cast out into the Deep**

Men 15-35 are invited to a summer discernment experience with priests and seminarians. Spend the day kayaking, hiking, praying, and exploring God's call for your life in the beauty of creation. Cost is \$10 RSVP to [cbonahoom-nix@diocesefwsh.org](mailto:cbonahoom-nix@diocesefwsh.org) by July 3rd.

## **Your Used Stamps and Postcards can**

### **Help Spread the Light of Christ:**

On average, 50 used commemorative stamps can generate enough money to provide a healthy lunch at schools run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross around the world. That's the impact you can make when you save the canceled commemorative or unusual stamps and postcards from your mail and send them to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Stamp Ministry. If you have a stamp or postcard collection you'd be willing to donate, it can do even more! Money raised through the sale of these items supports our Ministry With the Poor, where small projects have life-changing impact. Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.

[www.cscsisters.org/stamp-ministry/](http://www.cscsisters.org/stamp-ministry/)

## **Parish Volunteers Wanted:**

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happens after Mass on Sunday. Contact the office for more info. The Parish Council would love to welcome more Saturday Mass parishioners to the council. We are always looking for more usher/greeters, gift bearers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers or choir members. So we invite you to share your gifts with the Lord. If you would like to volunteer to help at Mass please contact the office at [office@sfxpiercetn.org](mailto:office@sfxpiercetn.org).

## **Piercetn Days:**

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help construct our float for the Piercetn Day parade Saturday, July 18th at 12pm, (construction will happen the week prior to the parade) and volunteers to walk or ride in the parade. There is also a bin in the vestibule for candy donations. Theme is : Stars, Stripes, & 250 candles. Please contact the office or a parish council member.

## **ST. AUGUSTINE MEN'S GROUP:**

If you struggle with addiction to pornography or sexual struggles, you are invited to be made new. With groups meeting in Fort Wayne and South Bend, the lives of men have been transformed because of their willingness to change, to be honest, and to seek connection not only with God but with their fellow brothers through the Saint Augustine Men's Group. Meetings focus on the positive and what we can do to overcome our daily struggles. Discover a path to true freedom by visiting [diocesefwsh.org/augustine](http://diocesefwsh.org/augustine) or e-mailing [staugustinefwsh@gmail.com](mailto:staugustinefwsh@gmail.com)

## **FAITH FORWARD: CONNECTING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:**

Parishes around the diocese are participating in Newman Connection's Faith Forward movement — a national initiative helping graduating high school seniors stay connected to their Catholic faith as they move on to college, the military, or the workforce. By sharing their post-graduation plans, seniors can be personally connected to a Catholic campus ministry, military chaplain, or young adult parish near their next destination. If you are a graduating senior — or the parent or grandparent of one — please learn more sign up today at [signupnc.newmanministry.com](http://signupnc.newmanministry.com).

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