

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 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

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

Parish & Financial Councils: Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

For job openings in the diocese visit: <https://diocesefwsh.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: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalms Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Reading 2 Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

REFLECTIONS.... from Father Daniel

The theme of this Sunday is Persecution. This is the theme that binds together all three readings. The light of God disturbs those who prefer to live in darkness and they inevitably react by opposition. Persecution often troubled the lives of the prophets. The first reading reminds us of the prophet Jeremiah. In the Gospel, Jesus says that persecution is a kind of cloak that his disciples will have to wear if they are to be firm in their beliefs. The second reading compares Adam with Christ and confirms that in the struggle between good and evil, good will always triumph.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will.” The point of Jesus' saying about the sparrow is that these birds were among the most insignificant creatures that people in Jesus' time and place could imagine, because they were very common in the Holy Land, very cheap, but so small they yielded very little meat. For this reason, Jesus tried to reassure his followers by teaching them that God is watching over them. Jesus holds up the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. Jesus reminds them that his loving Father, who exercises care for insignificant creatures like sparrows, will surely care for them. In this way the tiny sparrow becomes an image of hope. When we become confused, frustrated and fearful, we may find clarity and a hope in this image. Remember, a lion never looks back when small dogs bark.

Like the prophets, the disciples, and the psalmist who bears insult and becomes an outcast for serving the Lord, we may at times feel alone and abandoned by God. Yet we must remember that God is ever faithful. As prophet Jeremiah proclaims, “The Lord is with me like a mighty champion.” True discipleship carries risk. In living by and witnessing to the message of Jesus Christ, we risk ridicule, rejection and isolation by those who cannot accept Jesus' message of love. Yet, by risking these things, by remaining faithful, we win what is truly important: a privileged place in God's kingdom. When Jesus tells us not to fear, he's telling us not to worry and to put our trust in him that things will come out alright in the end. “We know that all things work for good there who love God.” (Roman 8:28)

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$228 Envelopes: \$1,640

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Boxed Foods!

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, June 27, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lectors: Angie Burkhardt

Sunday, June 28, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Pat Landrigan

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

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

Monday, June 22nd, No Mass 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 23rd, No Mass 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24th, No Mass Jeremiah 1:4-10 Luke 1:5-17

Thursday, June 25th, No Mass 2 Kings 24:8-17 Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 26th, No Mass 2 Kings 25:1-12 Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Fr. Edward Erpelding

Sunday, June 28th, 13th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Mario Martinez

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day

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

Thursday, June 25th, Ladies Night @Biblical Gardens 6pm

Tuesday, June 30th, No Weekday Mass

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

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

Friday, July 17th & 18th Piercetons Days

Saturday, July 18th Piercetons Days Parade 12pm(lineup@11am)

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

Sunday, August 2nd, Ladies Outing to Notre Dame

Tuesday, August 11th, Parish/Financial Council 6:30pm

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. We pray for the repose of the soul of retired priest, Fr. Edward Erpelding who recently passed away in our diocese.

Parish Volunteers Wanted:

Looking for a way to volunteer or participate more in the parish? We are still in need of a few more counter volunteers for collections for the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month. Counting 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@sfxpiercetown.org.

Get Your Parish Shirt:

The parish council is currently taking orders for parish shirts. Shirts are \$12 for YS-AXL (add \$2 per upsize up to 6XL) Final day to order is the last weekend in June. You can order by stopping by the table after weekend Masses, filling out an order form and putting your payment in an envelope and throwing it in the collection basket, or stopping by the parish office during Tuesday office hours. Payment is due at time of ordering. You may pay by check or cash. Checks should be made out to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Piercetown Days:

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help construct our float for the Piercetown 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 (line up will happen at 11am on July 18th). 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. Don't forget to order your parish shirt and wear it to walk in the parade.

Auction Items Wanted:

The parish council would like to offer some raffle prizes during the Hot Dogs and Ice Cream Social in July. They are looking for items to give away. Did you order two of something and can't return it? Do you own a business and would like to put together a gift basket? Or offer a gift certificate for services? Contact the parish office or parish council member before July 19th to get your item(s) on the list.

Special Thank You:

The Parish would like to thank the Ladies Fellowship group for their assistance with the Father's Day gift for our parish fathers. The new idea was proposed during a parish council meeting that the dads of our parish might like chocolate better than flowers and the ladies stepped up to assist by helping wrap and handout the special Chocolate bars. Thank you to Tracy Gaunt for designing our special wrapper.

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 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.

Mail to:

Sisters of the Holy Cross, Stamp Ministry
200 Rosary Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Questions?

Call 574-284-5675 or www.ccsisters.org/stamp-ministry/

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, or contact Jeff and Brenda at: application@wmme-ni.org or 260-484-1664.

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 diocesefwswb.org/augustine or e-mailing staugustinefwswb@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.

Flowers on the Altar in Memory of:

Earl Helms

Michael Saffko

Thomas Kubic

Michael Iavagnilio

Raymond White

Michael Bonahoom

Alexander Rienks

Charles R. Clements

Tom List

Robert Hoffman

Juan Castaneda

Agapito DeLaCruz Sr.