

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://diocesetfwsb.org/hn/>

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

Readings for: 13th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Reading 2 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

REFLECTIONS:.... from Father Daniel

The theme of this Sunday is: The Glass of Water Given to the Prophet. The first reading and the second part of the Gospel of today tell us about a problem which is our attitude towards those who devote their lives to the proclamation of salvation. The second reading could be seen under this light too since it speaks of entry into the new life of baptism. This sacrament demands generosity towards those who have pledged their lives to the Gospel.

Welcoming a stranger is difficult. Sometimes even welcoming friends is a challenge. Jesus said whoever receives you receives me and whoever receives me the one who sent me. The Apostles were Jesus' agents or representatives when they were sent out, and precisely, Jesus is talking about open-hearted hospitality extended to his disciples as ministers of the Gospel. Jesus knew about hospitality and he knew about being sent away unwelcome. He ate in many homes, and he was driven away from more than one place. Jesus wants us to make room for Him and for holy people. We have a choice to welcome or to drive away, to open our hearts or to close them. In our welcoming one another, we welcome Jesus, who won for us the victory over sin and death. If we open our hearts, like the Shunammite woman who went beyond mere hospitality to add a room to her house for the prophet Elisha, we "will not want for reward." This shows us why the Church exists, why we must listen to what the Church teaches. The Church is God's agent established by Christ to teach us and guide us. Pope Leo XIV said, "The Church is 'mother and teacher' not by supremacy, but through service; she accompanies the growth of freedom, taking on the mission of the Divine Master so that everyone 'may have life, and have it abundantly.'" Please, help people, even when you know they can't help you back.

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 priests, Fr. Edward Erpelting & Fr. Ronald Riedert, who recently passed away.

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$ 912 Envelopes: \$1,080 Poor & Needy: \$170

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

INTRODUCING VIBRANT CATHOLIC

This July, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will launch Vibrant Catholic, a new quarterly magazine that will inspire faith, deepen formation, and highlight the life of the Church throughout our diocese. The magazine will feature stories of Christian witness, catechetical resources, diocesan news, Spanish-language content, and a message from Bishop Rhoades.

As the diocese transitions from the Today's Catholic weekly print newspaper to a more mission-focused communications model, Vibrant Catholic will help strengthen unity and support evangelization across our local Church.

The magazine will be mailed free of charge to households that support the Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift and would like to receive Vibrant Catholic, please consider participating in the Appeal. Every gift supports our shared mission!

To learn more, visit

diocesefwsb.org/vibrant-catholic-announcement

JOIN THE DIOCESAN SOCCER TOURNAMENT!

Middle and high school students entering grades 8–12 are invited to participate in a parish team Soccer Tournament on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the West Noble High School Soccer Fields in Ligonier. Gather a team from your parish, youth ministry, or group of friends for a day of faith, fellowship, and friendly competition. The cost is \$25 per player, which includes a custom team shirt. To register a team or learn more, contact Seminarian Michael Hickey at mhickey@saintmeinrad.edu by July 3.

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) **THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKEND TO ORDER!** 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.

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.cscsisters.org/stamp-ministry/

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@diocesefwsb.org by July 3rd.

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.wwme.org, or contact Jeff and Brenda at: application@wwme-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 diocesefwsb.org/augustine or e-mailing staugustinefwsb@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 signupnrc.newmanministry.com

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 4th, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Volunteer

Lectors: Volunteer

Sunday, July 5th, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Volunteer

Lector: Volunteer

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, June 27th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Fr. Edward Erpelding

Sunday, June 28th, 13th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Mario Martinez

Monday, June 29th, No Mass Acts 12:1-11 [Matthew 16:13-19](#)

Tuesday, June 30th, No Mass Amos 3:1-8: 4:11-12 [Matthew 8:23-27](#)

Wednesday, July 1st, 8am Mass + Mario Martinez

Thursday, July 2nd, 8am Mass The DeLaCruz Family

Friday, July 3rd, 8am Mass + Loretta Dahm

Following Mass Adoration

Following Adoration Ladies meet up

Saturday, July 4th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Leo Dahm

Sunday, July 5th, 14th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Alton & Dorothy Brown

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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