

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: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Zechariah 9:9-10

Palm Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Reading 2 Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

REFLECTIONS:.... from Father Daniel

The theme of this Sunday is: God Reveals Himself to the Poor. The Gospel shows Jesus "Gentle and humble", that is, on the side of the poor and oppressed. He rejoices because it is to them that the Father has revealed his message of salvation. In the first reading, we find the words of the prophet announcing a Messiah who is poor and humble. These appear to be words that describe Jesus. The second reading can be linked to the theme because it speaks of the Spirit who can only be received by the poor, by those who are "humble of heart".

Jesus liked children, and they seem to have liked him. The disciples tried to send them away, but Jesus rebuked them. In today's Gospel, Jesus lets us in on a secret. He says that the children (ie., the ordinary people who bear the stresses of everyday life) understand what the "learned and clever" can't quite grasp. "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you." A simple message, one that a child or a christian would believe.

Adult solutions to problems are much more complex. Adults want to control every situation, and take stress management classes. But children take naps, they play, when something hurts them they cry. Children, have an easier time than adults do admitting that some things are out of their control, and that Jesus can refresh and renew them. To recognize Our Savior, to rejoice and shout for joy, we must be like children.

The Kansas City nine-year-old boy had worked after school and on weekends for nearly a year earning enough to purchase a racing bike with a 10-speed gear set-up. His joy quickly turned to sorrow when, the day after he tried out the racer, it was stolen. Rather than lament his misfortune, the youth was running errands the next day to save for another bike. Moreover, he ran an ad in the Kansas City Star Newspaper with these words: "To the teenage boy who rode off with my red 10-speed bike... May you enjoy the bike I worked and saved so hard for." Where do you find refreshment? How do you relax in the middle of life's tensions? St. Theresa of Lisieux said, "My little way is the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute self-surrender."

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$ 436 Envelopes: \$ 1,285 Peter Pence: \$185

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Soups/

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.

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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.

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Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran, Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Megan Cruise, Dan Gagnon & Maggie Elpusan. We pray for the repose of the soul of retired priests, Fr. Edward Erpelding & Fr. Ronald Rieder, who recently passed away.

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 11th, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lectors: Chris Lemmon

Sunday, July 12th, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Rhonda Jubinville

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, July 4th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Leo Dahm

Sunday, July 5th, 14th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Alton & Dorothy Brown

Monday, July 6th, No Mass Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 **Matthew 9:18-26**

Tuesday, July 7th, 8:00 Mass + Keith Franks

Wednesday, July 8th, 8am Mass + Shirley Wine

Thursday, July 9th, 8am Mass + Dimitri Campbell

Friday, July 10th, 8am Mass + H Sanchez Family

Saturday, July 11th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Linda Dager

Sunday, July 12th, 15th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Agapito DeLaCruz Family

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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