

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://diocesetwbs.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: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Reading 2 Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

REFLECTIONS:...from Father Daniel

Theme of this Sunday: God's Patience and our Impatience. We instinctively divide ourselves into good and evil, friends and enemies. The consequences of such a distinction is intolerance and a desire to solve immediately whatever tensions arise from them. Some ask God to intervene and judge and punish others. The readings today tell us that God does not do things like that. The first reading teaches us that he uses his power not to punish us, but to save us, he wants all of us to do likewise. The Gospel tells us to accept with peace of mind the presence of evil in the world, and invites us to recognize the weeds in our own hearts. It assures us that the love of God will one day destroy it. The second reading speaks of the Spirit that prays for us, beseeching the Father to destroy all evil. This prayer will certainly be heard.

In today's Gospel, all three parables explicitly propose to tell us what the kingdom of God is like, and Jesus tells us about the presence of evil. God is patient with the behavior of those who ignore his laws. He gives people time to reform their lives, just as Jesus is patient with sinners. We really can't see into the heart of another, but if we see someone who seems to us that they need God in their life, pray for them. That way we would be sharing in God's patience, who waits for us to turn our lives over to Him.

When the German Christian reformers and founders of the protestant Lutheran Church, Martin Luther (1483-1546, former Catholic Priest) criticized Erasmus of Rotterdam for remaining in the Catholic Church despite its corruption, Erasmus answered him: "I put up with this Church, in the hope that one day it will become better, just as it is constrained to put up with in the hope that one day I will become better." The Church is a human Church full of shortcomings. This is no excuse for wrongdoing; it is simply a statement of fact. St. Augustine said, "If we do not fall into certain sin we owe it to the grace of God."

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$ 410.15 Envelopes: \$ 1,790 Venezuela: \$791

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

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.

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 25th, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lectors: Angie Burkhardt

Sunday, July 26th, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred DeLaCruz

Lector: Greg Rostochak

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, July 18th, 12pm Pierceton Days Parade

3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Janet lavagnilio

Sunday, July 19th, 16th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 +Thomas Fortman

Monday, July 20th, No Mass **Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Mathew 12:38-42**

Tuesday, July 21st, 8:00 Mass Living & Deceased Members of
the Landrigan & Weaver Families

Wednesday, July 22nd, 8am Mass + Harold Landrigan

Thursday, July 23rd, 8am Mass + Andres Martinez

Friday, July 24th, 8am Mass Intention of Raymond Grimes

Saturday, July 25th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dimitri Campbell

5:00 Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 26th, 17th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Raymond White

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

Sunday, August 2nd, Donuts & Coffee Following Mass

Sunday, August 2nd, Ladies Outing to Notre Dame

Sunday, August 9th, Shoes & Dos 2-4pm

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

Sunday, August 30th, RE Registration Following Mass

Sunday, September 6th, Last 7:30 Mass of Season

Monday, September 7th Labor Day

Sunday, September 13th, Annual Breakfast Following Mass

Sunday, September 13th, Religious Education starts

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

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
signuptime.newmanministry.com

Parish Announcements:

This week we welcome Fr. Pius for our weekday Masses on Tuesday & Wednesday as he fills in for Father Daniel. Weekday Mass goesers please convey our gratitude for his assistance for us. Your Annual Bishop's Appeal cards should have arrived in the mail. Thank you to everyone who has already turned them in. Our Goal this year is: \$10,170.26.

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@stfxdiocetion.org.

Annual Bishop's Appeal:

The Annual Bishop's Appeal goal this year is: \$10,170.26. You should receive your pledge card in the mail soon, if you haven't already. Please note if you wish to meter your donation out to the full 12 months, it is advised that you go to the website as soon as possible and enter your pledge at: <https://www.osvhub.com/diocesefwsb/giving/funds/bishops-appeal-2026-27/pledge>. You will select St. Francis Xavier as your Organization at the top. For those making 1 time donations or pledges broken up into less increments, feel free to begin returning your cards at your earliest convenience.

Piercetown Days:

The Parish Council, on behalf of the parish, would like to extend their gratitude to all those who donated candy, helped construct our float, contributed items and materials for our float, and bought shirts and walked in the parade. Don't forget to join us next Saturday for the Annual Hot Dogs and Ice cream Social.

Auction/GiveAway 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.

Community Dinner Wrap up:

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to July's Drive Thru Community Dinner. Thanks to your efforts over 200 meals were served. The next dinner will be in September.

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

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