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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, Anytime by request

Parish Office Hours Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

The first reading and the Gospel are linked by the theme of hospitality. Ever ready and gratuitous hospitality is a sign of service to our neighbors. The kind generosity shown by Abraham towards his visitors is a good example. The story of Martha and Mary stresses that service, even service to Christ, cannot be separated from hearing his word. St. Paul is a model of service to his fellows. This is what we might take away from the second reading.

When Jesus said “Mary has chosen the better part”, was he saying taking time to pray is better than feeding a hungry person? I don't think Jesus is saying that either. We need to do both. St. Luke Gospel is telling us we need balance. We need to do good things for others, but we need to take time just to sit at our Lord's feet and communicate with him. He wanted to feed us with a food that would last, food for eternity, with his wisdom and truth.

Three-quarters of the youths interviewed expressed regret that they did not have more time and money to devote to a cause for helping others. One 15-year-old boy summed up the feelings of many when he gave this as his reason for helping others: “I feel I simply must-because of a little voice in me called my conscience.” St. Francis of Assisi gently rebuked his Franciscan brother who refused to give an alms to a beggar. “My dear brother, when you see a beggar; you are looking at an image of Our Lord and His poor Mother. When you see a sick person, remember the infirmities Jesus bore for us.” And St.

Mother Teresa said, “If you take Jesus at His word, the next time you see a needy person, it's Him.” Remember. People will forget what you said, and people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

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

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.

Parish Hall: Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn't conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info. Suggested Donation \$50.00

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$446

Envelopes: \$1,635

Readings for 16th Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Reading 1 [Genesis 18:1-10a](#)

Psalms [Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5](#)

Reading 2 [Colossians 1:24-28](#)

Gospel [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, July 19, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Alexander & Gladys Rienks

Sunday, July 20, 16th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Raymond White

Monday, July 21, No Mass [Exodus 14:5-18](#)

[Matthew 12:38-42](#)

Tuesday, July 22, 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the

Landrigan & Weaver Families

Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 + Jim & Karen Wiseman

Thursday, July 24, 8:00 + Max Lotz

Friday, July 25, 8:00 + Kent Wildman

Saturday, July 26, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Peter Kuzma

5:00 Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 27, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Joe Smyjunas

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Friday, August 1st, Adoration 8:30am

Friday, August 1st, Women's Fellowship Meet-up 8am

Friday, August 1st – Saturday, August 2nd Pierceton Days

Sunday, August 3rd, Donuts & Coffee Following 9am Mass

Sunday, August 3rd, Community Do's & Shoes 2-5pm(elementary)

Tuesday, August 5th, Knights of Columbus Mass & Potluck 6:00pm

Sunday, August 10th, Confirmation @Sacred Heart 2pm

Tuesday, August 12th, Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Friday, August 15th, Solemnity of the Assumption

Blessed Virgin Mary Masses 8am & 6pm

Friday, August 15th, TinCaps Parish Knight Out 7:05pm

Saturday, August 23rd, Heirloom Tomato Festival 10-4pm

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 26, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lector: Chris Lemmon

Sunday, July 27, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred DeLaCruz

Lector: Rhonda Jubinville

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of

Carolyn Perry, William (Liam) Bindley, Sharon DeLong& Maggie

Elpusan.

Parish Announcements:

We are still in need of a few more counters for collections for the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month. Counting happens after Mass on Sunday.

Contact the office for more info.

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus have an Exemplification Mass and Potluck Tuesday, August 5th at 6pm for all the new knights. We look forward to seeing everyone that purchased tickets for the TinCaps Knight. Even if you missed recruitment night, you can still join. Contact the office or Nick Walenga.

Women's Fellowship Group:

Don't forget to join your fellow women of the parish every 1st Friday for Mass/adoration then meet up for breakfast at Maria's after.

ABA Bulletin announcement:

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has begun. Donors who prefer 10 or 12 months of payments are encouraged to enter their pledge online, at <https://diocesefwsb.org/aba/> any time after July 1st. For donors wanting monthly paper reminder statements, please wait for your parishes' pledge card to arrive in the mail.

Do's & Shoes Update:

Is a local event put on by the Christian Community here in Pierceton that helps children get ready for the new school year by offering haircuts and gift certificates to help get new shoes. The Councils elected to donate \$800 on the parish's behalf. Thank you so much to the Schroeder Family who very generously added to our donation, bring the total we are sending them for the program to \$1,000. The event will take place on Sunday, August 3rd from 2-5pm at Pierceton Elementary. If you or someone you know in our community would benefit, please encourage them to attend.

Kingdom Builders:

Kingdom Builders is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a part-time Development Coordinator to support our growing mission! To learn more about these opportunities and view the job description, please email Stephanie Weigert at stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com.

Prison Pen Pal Program Isaiah 42 Ministry:

The jail ministry program at Sacred Heart Warsaw has an immediate need for pen pals for prison inmates. There are parishioners from several churches within the Diocese already serving on this ministry team. We currently have five men who are waiting to be matched to someone who will write a monthly letter and be a positive influence by offering encouragement and hope through friendship, scripture and prayer. Our pen pal program has been in place for over eight years and we currently have 32 members on the team. For safety and to protect privacy, only your first name is used and mail is always sent and received using the ministry's post office box address. If you are interested in this ministry and would like more information, please call/text Jody Burns at 574-267-6447 or e-mail jodyburns6927@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP - FORT WAYNE:

Young people in their 20's and 30's are invited to the Summer 2025 Theology on Tap Series titled "Taste of Heaven". The weekly series runs every Tuesday from July 8th - Aug. 5th. Individuals of any faith are encouraged to attend. The event takes place at Charlie's Place. Doors, food, and bar service open at 6:30 p.m. Weekly talks begin at 7:00 p.m. Come for the food and drink, fellowship, explore your faith, and invite a friend. Learn more about the series at: diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw.



HOT DOG & ICE CREAM
SOCIAL
YOU ARE
INVITED:
PLEASE JOIN THE
COUNCILS AFTER MASS, NEXT
WEEKEND, ON SATURDAY, JULY 26TH
FOR A HOT DOG, SOME ICE CREAM,
AND FELLOWSHIP!

