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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 Bible urges us to pray always, to thank God in all the situations of our life (1 Thes. 5:17-18). But what is prayer? When should we pray? How and why should we pray? The first reading and the Gospel gives us answers to these questions. We pray so that we may see the world, people and history as God sees them. We need to purify our hearts and this can only happen in prayer. The second reading tells us what the Christian is. A Christian is one who, through baptism, has become a part of the body of Christ. Being in Christ, the disciple prays like him.

The more important reason to pray is to build a relationship with God. Relationships cannot exist without communication. We could safely say the quality of our relationship with someone depends on the quality of our communication with them. Prayer is an expression of our faith. When we enter into prayer, we are entering into a dialogue as

Abraham did. We tell God what we would like, yet at the same time we recognize God is the one who has the last word, not us. That last word is our eternal happiness.

Jesus said, "Ask and you will receive." What he is saying is that no prayer is wasted. Prayer cannot fail to bring some blessing, even if it's not the thing we think we need most, or even when we do not see immediate results, God has something better in mind. Don't ever quit praying no matter what. It will always bring you great blessing and most important, it will bring you to a deeper relationship with God. Pope Francis notes, "All is not lost." Pointing to the wisdom of St. Therese of the Little Flower, he reminds us, "All it takes is one good person to restore hope." Do you have a daily prayer time and do you persevere in it? Fight your battles through prayers, and win your battles through faith. Stay strong no matter how many ups and downs you go through.

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

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

Loose:\$498.50

ABA-Goal \$9,581.85

Readings for 17th Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Psalm Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

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

Monday, July 28. No Mass Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34

Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 29, 8:00 + Germaine Kummer

Wednesday, July 30, 8:00 + Margaret Castaneda

Thursday, July 31, 8:00 The DeLaCruz Family

Friday August 1, 8:00 + Peter Kuzma

8:30 Adoration

9:30 Women's Fellowship

Saturday, August 2, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Steve Baker

Sunday, August 3, 18th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Fr. Charles Herman

Following Mass Donuts & Coffee

Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social Following Mass
Saturday, July 26th

Friday, August 1st Adoration 8:30am

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

*** Saturday, August 2nd Piercetown Days ***

Sunday August 3rd Donuts & Coffee Following 9am Mass

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

Community Do's & Don'ts (elemental);
Tuesday, August 5th : Rights of Columbia Mosa & Postcard 6:00am

Tuesday, August 3, Ningsilis OI Columbus Mass & Fouluck 6:00pm

Sunday, August 10, Confirmation @ Sacred Heart 2pm

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

Friday, August 15th, Solemnity of the

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, August 2, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lector: Angie Burkhardt

Sunday, August 3, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Mary Sutton

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of Carolyn Perry, Sharon DeLong, William (Liam) Bindley, & 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. You may begin submitting ABA pledge cards immediately.

Confirmation:

St. Francis Xavier students Brady Alderfer & Lukas Tio will receive their sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, August 10th at a 2pm Mass with Bishop Rhoades at Sacred Heart. We are asking parishioners who wish to convey well wishes and congratulations please throw any cards and such in the collection basket this weekend or next. We will also have a cake and card box at Donut Sunday on Sunday, August 3rd to celebrate the boys. Please join us in celebrating this important sacrament for these young men!

Knights of Columbus:

Knights of Columbus have a Exemplification Mass and Potluck Tuesday, August 5th at 6pm for all the new knights. TinCaps Parish Knight on Friday, August 15th (*money for this outing was due Sunday, July 13th*) 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.

Community Dinner Wrap-up:

Thank you to all the parishioners that help with the bimonthly community dinner we partner with area churches to put on. Thanks to our community's efforts and support 225 people were provided with a free meal on Thursday, July 17th. The next community dinner will be in September on 3rd Thursday of the month.

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://diocesefwsh.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:

The Parish & Financial Councils will once again be donating to the 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. This donation wouldn't be possible without your generous contributions to our Poor & Needy fund. 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: diocesefwvb.org/tot-fw.

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