

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://diocesefwsb.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: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalms Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Reading 2 Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

Theme of this Sunday: The Courage to Sell Off

Everything. The first reading and the Gospel are joined by the theme of search for treasure. For King Solomon the greatest treasure was the wisdom to enable him to govern his people well. For us the treasure is the Kingdom of God. Whoever discovers it is determined to change their whole life to have it. The second reading tells us that God directs everything so that we may have the courage to make the right choice when challenging options are put before us.

How do you find something you're not looking for? You don't. In today's Gospel parables, both men found something they were looking for and did what they had to buy it. They maintain that it is the reign of God's Kingdom that really counts. This reign is characterized as a treasure in a field or a pearl of great price. And, in order to find it, we must be looking for it. We must know what it looks like. We must learn to recognize it. We must, like Solomon, ask the Lord to give us discerning hearts. Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of heaven is worth more than all we possess. Everything we possess has an expiration date stamped on it. God's Kingdom, however, will last forever. Those who possess it know its value and are filled with joy when they find it. Both parables challenge us to be willing to sell everything we have that this treasure may be ours. Because, in the end only three things matter: how much you loved; how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you.

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$414 Envelopes: \$ 1,340

ABA Goal: \$10,170.26 **Current Pledges: \$3,420**

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**PB&J/Cereal!**

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran, Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Dan Gagnon & Maggie Elpusan.

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, August 1, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lectors: Chris Lemmon

Sunday, August 2, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Mary Sutton

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, July 25th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dimitri Campbell

Sunday, July 26th, 17th Sunday

5:00 Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Social

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Raymond White

Monday, July 27th, No Mass Jeremiah 13:1-11 Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28th, 8:00 Mass + Antonia Martinez

Wednesday, July 29th, 8am Mass + Kay Sigo

Thursday, July 30th, 8am Mass + Peter Chinworth

Friday, July 31st, 8am Mass The Constancio Family

Saturday, August 1, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dave & Kay Harter

Sunday, August 2, 18th Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Leon & Sally Long

Following Mass Donuts & Coffee

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

Tuesday, August 4th, Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

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

signupnc.newmanministry.com

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@sfxpierceon.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.

Ladies Fellowship to Notre Dame – August 2:

The Ladies Fellowship invites all Ladies to join us for a day at Notre Dame on Sunday, August 2. We will tour the beautiful Basilica and enjoy time exploring the Notre Dame campus. For those who enjoy cycling, **bicycle riders** will meet at 11:15 for a peaceful ride around the lakes and through the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

After the bike ride we will all meet outside of the Basilica before the tour at 1:15.

The Basilica Mass schedule is 10AM and Noon.

An email with the day's schedule, meeting locations, and maps will be sent to all Ladies Fellowship members. We will also look

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into organizing carpooling from the church for those who would like to ride together.

If you are not on the Ladies Fellowship email list and would like to attend, please contact Tracy Gaunt after Mass or email gaunt2017@gmail.com for more information.

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

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

United In Mission - Annual Bishop's Appeal:

The Annual Bishop's Appeal invites each of us to participate in the life and mission of the Church across our diocese. Your generosity helps strengthen our parishes and schools, provide formation for seminarians and clergy, and serve those most in need through diocesan ministries and Catholic Charities. As Bishop Rhoades reminds us, we are called to be the "salt of the earth and light of the world." Thank you for your generosity and for helping our diocese continue this mission together. **Learn more and make your gift at diocesefwsb.org/aba**

