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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

What do we think of when we think of the word "rich"? People happy, with a beautiful house, a new car, servants, who can buy what they like, go where they like? In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that those who hoard wealth are "fools", people who have got everything wrong. The first reading reflects on riches that must be left to others. The second reading speaks of the new clothes a Christian puts on. What characterizes a disciple of Christ is a new kind of relationship with riches.

In today's Gospel parable Jesus called the rich a "fool", because the farmer thought he was set for life, he had all he needed. Is Jesus saying it is sinful to be rich and successful? No! Jesus seems to be saying it is a sin if that is our main focus in life, if we build our security only on the things this world can give us, if we forget where our blessings come from. And also if our hearts are cold to the sufferings of those not so fortunate as we are. Jesus teaches us that it is one's attitude toward possessions that

matters. The danger is that one becomes possessed by possessions, rather than having God as the center of one's life.

There was a story about a monkey who reached his hand into a hole in a tree in order to grab some acorns lying inside it. But his closed fist would not fit back through the hole. He was trapped. In order to remove his hand, he had to let go of his prize. It is funny what images and stories stick in your mind. How do you strike a balance? What is your attitude toward possessions? Loving do and loving our neighbor is part of the balance. St. Thomas Aquinas who was the greatest mind that ever lived said at the end of his life that all he had written seemed to him as so much straw in comparison to a dim vision that he received of heaven.

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**Cereal & PBJ items!**

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:\$336

Envelopes:\$2,125

ABA- Goal \$9,581.85

Current cards returned: 018/167

Readings for 18th Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Reading 1 Ecclesiastes 1:2: 2:21-23

Psalms Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

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

Monday, August 4, No Mass

Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 + Bill & Ruth Weaver

6:00 K of C Exemplification Mass & Potluck

Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 + Loretta Dahm

Thursday, August 7, 8:00 + Kent Wildman

Friday August 8, 8:00 + Peter Kuzma

Saturday, August 9, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Fr. Martin Horvath

Sunday, August 10, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Our Confirmands

2:00 Confirmation Mass (at Sacred Heart)

Upcoming Calendar Events:

***** 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

Blessed Virgin Mary Masses 8am & 6pm

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

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

Sunday, September 7th, Religious Education Following Mass

Monday, September 22, RTL Banquet 6pm(doors open at 5pm)

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, August 9, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lector: Bill Johnson Sr.

Sunday, August 10, 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, 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.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Travis Stevens, child of Joshua & Dulcie Stevens who was baptized this weekend. May you continue to grow in faith and God's grace.

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 will have a cake and card box at Donut Sunday, this weekend, 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 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://diocesefwbsb.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 Piercetown 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 Piercetown 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.

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: diocesefwbsb.org/tot-fw.

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

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