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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 Lord has assured us of his salvation, and that his word will be fulfilled. In the first reading the people of Israel look back at their history and discover that God has always been faithful. This gives them courage and hope for the future. The Gospel invites us to be always vigilant, to be always ready for the Lord when he brings liberation. He may come when we least expect him. The second reading speaks of Abraham and Sarah, models of faith in God. They heeded the voice of God and responded. They believed in his salvation even when appearances suggested the contrary. They were always vigilant.

In our journey through life, there is an event that we definitely need to prepare for. That is the day we are going to meet our Lord, not just in prayer, or in the sacraments, but in a visible, unmistakable way at the end of life's journey through this life. It's a meeting most of us like to put off as long as possible. That's why our Lord warns us to prepare for it, and he uses two simple examples of wedding celebrations and a thief, because we may tend to procrastinate or just put it out of our minds altogether.

Again, the reason Jesus warns us is not to fill us with fear, but because he loves us and wants us to share in all the blessings he has for us. If we're not ready, we may miss out. Being prepared is the way we live our lives in faith and love. Faith and love are not superficial attitudes that have no substance. They are attitudes that guide us to live our life every day the way Jesus taught us. St. Catherine of Siena, a 14th Century Dominican Sister, she said, "If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze." In addition she said, "Preach the truth as if we had a million voices, for it is silence that kills the world." On your life journey, one bad chapter does not mean your story is over. Every challenge is an opportunity to grow. Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Soups!

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: \$751

Envelopes: \$1,080

ABA- Goal \$9,581.85

Current cards returned: 018/167

Readings for 19th Sunday of Ordinary Times:

Reading 1 Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Reading 2 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Luke 12:32-48

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

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)

Monday, August 11, No Mass Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 12, 8:00 + Fr. Charles Herman

6:30 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the

Landrigan & Weaver Families

Thursday, August 14, 8:00 + Joe Smyunas

Friday August 15, 8:00 Our Parish

6:00 + Leo Dahm

7:05pm Knight at TinCaps

Saturday, August 16, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Kent Wildman

Sunday, August 17, 20th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Joe Smyunas

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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, August 31st Last Summer Mass of Season

7:30am

Tuesday, September 2nd, Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30pm

Friday, September 5th, Adoration

8:30am

Friday, September 5th, Women's Fellowship Meet up

8am

Sunday, September 7th, Religious Education

Following Mass

Monday, September 22, RTL Banquet

6pm(doors open at 5pm)

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, August 16, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lector: Chris Lemmon

Sunday, August 17, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Pat Landrigan

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 our Confirmands: Brady Alderfer & Lukas Tio on the occasion of their Confirmation this weekend.

Congratulations to the 5 new Knights: Rory Karczewski, Aden Stevens, Jeff Frecker, William Stevens, & Charles Penninger that join our Pierceton Roundtable on Tuesday, August 5th, in a special Exemplification Mass. May you all be filled with the grace of God and enveloped by the Holy Spirit.

Knights of Columbus:

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 to help us reach our recruiting goal for our own council. Contact the office or Nick Walenga to find out how you can help.

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 at BlueSky Café on SR 13.

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://diocesetwysb.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.

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.

Canonization Celebration:

Celebrate the canonization of fifteen year old Saint Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint and creator of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition. Mass at 1 pm on Sunday, September 7 (date of Carlo's canonization) at Saint Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St. Huntington IN. Fr. Tony Steinacker celebrant. Following is the blessing of a classroom dedicated Saint Carlo and the Eucharistic Miracles. Refreshments, books, medals, prayer cards available.

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