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:23rd Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1	Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm	Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2	Romans 13:8-10
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: How to Correct a Person. We should all think only about ourselves. Is this correct? No, because as all the readings today tell us, we are responsible for each other. The first reading explains the idea with the story of the sentry who is expected to blow his horn when he sees danger. The Gospel suggests how to correct one who has strayed from the way. The second reading complements this theme because it presents love for the other person as the rule that must guide all our actions.

Today we are talking about sin. When we sin, we hurt ourselves for we are doing something that takes us further away from God. Most of the time our actions hurt others as well as ourselves. That's also what makes something a sin because it violates the law of love. What do we do when someone wrongs us? We experience actual hurt and there is a wound left in our souls. What can be done? How do we respond? The response outlined in today's Gospel is different from our usual response. Our response to being wronged is often enough to complain to someone else about our hurt feelings (anger, or whatever). The Gospel response calls for a certain amount of courage and is motivated by love. Our response should come out of love.

What if someone does not respond? Jesus gives four possible ways we might try to resolve the problem, and the final resort is to treat the person as a gentle or tax collector. The three-step process itself is not what is especially important. What is important is the dynamic that was behind it. The dynamic is one that can move from sin to repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus is telling us that even someone who wrongs us should be treated with love. Love does not give us a "GPS" to lead us through life, telling us where to turn, what exit to take off the express way. He does give us a compass to guide us in the right direction. We have to struggle with putting up with little annoyances, of trying to get along with one another, or when to say something , and how to say it. Pope Francis said, " Fraternal connection is one of the highest expressions of love, and also one of the most demanding." 1 Cor 13:2 says, "I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have knowledge and understand all secrets, I may

Right to Life Banquet:
The Annual Right to Life Banquet will be Monday, September 21, 2026 at the Grace College MOCC. Doors open at 5pm, dinner will be served at 6pm. The speaker this year is George Dennehy, born without arms, he plays music from his heart with his feet. When just 18 months old, he was adopted from a grim Romanian orphanage that was in dire circumstances. Tickets are $40 per person and are available from Bill Landrigan 574-551-3860.

VIBRANT CATHOLIC:
In July, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend launched Vibrant Catholic, a new quarterly magazine that will inspire faith, deepen formation, and highlight the life of the Church throughout our diocese. The magazine features 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-announcemen

Last Week's Collection:
Loose: $599.30 Envelopes: $1,580
ABA Goal: $10,170.26 ***Current Pledges: $9,430***
Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**PB&J/Cereal**!

Events Happening in the Parish Hall This Month:
Annual Parish Breakfast will be Sunday, September 13th following 9am Mass. Parishioners are invited to bring a casserole to share. Knights of Columbus will be manning the kitchen. ***Community Dinner*** will be Thursday, September 17th starting at 5pm till food runs out. Knights of Columbus will host a ***Euchre Tournament*** on Saturday, September 26th following 4pm Mass.Cost is $5 per person with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd , lowest score and a 50/50 drawing.

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@sfxpierceton.org.

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

Come celebrate Our Lady of Fatima with the Fort Wayne–South Bend Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (Blue Army) at our Annual Holy Mass & Breakfast!:

📅 **Saturday, October 3, 2026**

⛪ **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

Morning Schedule
7:30 AM – Confessions
8:00 AM – Holy Rosary & First Saturday Devotions

9:00 AM – Holy Mass with Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Fr. Glenn Kohrman & Fr. Robert Garrow

After Mass, join the **Marian Procession** to the Grand Wayne Center for breakfast and a keynote address by **Bishop Joseph N. Perry**.

🎟️ **Tickets Available Now:**
https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-october-breakfast

RSVP (optional): **christine@fatimafwsb.org**

have faith needed to move mountains, but if I have no love, I am nothing."

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

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

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, September 5, 3:00 Reconciliation
4:00 + Dave & Kay Harter
Sunday, September 6, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Times
7:30 Our Parish
9:00 +Fr. Charles Herman
Monday, September 7, No Mass 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 8, 8:00 Mass + Tom Fortman
Wednesday, September 9, 8am Mass + Joyce Wheeler
Thursday, September 10, 8am Mass + Alton & Dorothy Brown
Friday, September 11, 8am Mass Living & Deceased Members
of the Lauterbach& List
Saturday, September 12, 3:00 Reconciliation
4:00 +Leo Dahm
Sunday, September 13, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Times
9:00 Our Parish Family

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Sunday, September 6th, Last 7:30 Mass of Season
Monday, September 7th, Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8th, Parish Council 6:30pm
Sunday, September 13th, Annual Breakfast Following Mass
Sunday, September 13th, Religious Education starts
Thursday, September 17th, Community Dinner 5-Out
Monday, September 21st, Right to Life Banquet Door open a@ 5pm
Saturday, September 26th, Euchre Tournament Following Mass
Sunday, October 4th, Annual Life Chain 1:45pm-3pm

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, September 12, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner
Lectors: Chris Lemmon

Sunday, September 13, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Greg Rostochak
Lector: Dulcie Stevens