

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://diocesetwshb.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: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Isaiah 55:6-9

Palm Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Reading 2 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a

REFLECTIONS... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: God Does Not Think the Way People Do. The message of the Gospel today may confuse us. This would be a good sign because it would mean that we realize how our thoughts are different from God's. The first reading puts us on our guard against trying to pull God down to our level, pretending that his thoughts are our thoughts. But his thoughts are as far from ours as heaven is far from the earth. In the second reading we are given the example of Paul. He did not work for a reward, though he knew that he had worked harder than anybody else (1 Cor 15:10). His reward was the ability to love what God gave him.

Today's gospel parable offers us a powerful insight into the logic of God. We hear Jesus tell his disciples a parable in which people come to work at all different hours of the day but all are paid the same in the end. Jesus tells us this is what the Kingdom of heaven is like and it doesn't sound as if the Lord and Master of the Kingdom plays fair. The owner of the vineyard practiced two virtues: justice and mercy. In Justice he paid what he promised and in mercy he paid enough for each worker to be able to support his family for another day. God is not constrained by our logic. God cannot be locked into the way we do things. God may choose to be exceedingly generous. Why? It is his nature to be that way. What do you think Jesus was trying to tell us about this parable? Jesus was telling us why he was always willing to reach out to sinners or those who are slow to respond to his invitation, something he was frequently criticised for doing. He wants us to know it's never too late to find God if we wish to.

A teacher was giving a math lesson to the children of her class. She asked a little boy in her class, "If you have five dollars and you asked your father for another five dollars, how many dollars would you have? The boy answered, "five dollars." The teacher shook her head and said, "You don't know your math." "Teacher, you don't know my father" came a little boy's voice.

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 19, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Our Parish

Sunday, September 20, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00+Susan Turman

Following Mass Religious Education

Monday, September 21, No Mass Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13

6:00 Right to Life Banquet(door open at 5pm)

Tuesday, September 22, 8:00 Mass Living & Deceased members

of the Landrigan & Weaver Families

Wednesday, September 23, 8:00 Mass + Art DeLaCruz

Thursday, September 24, 8 Mass + Marion Faust

Friday, September 25, 8:00 Mass + Harold Landrigan

Saturday, September 26, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Dave & Kay Harter

Following Mass Euchre Tournament

Sunday, September 27, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 Our Parish

Following Mass Religious Education

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Monday, September 21st, Right to Life Banquet Door open at 5pm

Saturday, September 26th, Euchre Tournament Following Mass

Friday, October 2nd, Adoration Following Mass

Friday, October 2nd, Ladies Fellowship Meet-up Following Adoration

Saturday, October 3rd, Kingdom Builders Women's Conference

Sunday, October 4th, Annual Life Chain 1:45pm-3pm

Tuesday, October 6th, Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 13th, Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Friday, October 16th, Piercetown Ladies Night Meet-up 5pm

Saturday, October 17th, Women's Fellowship @ Shipshie

Saturday, October 31st, Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, September 26, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Mort

Lectors: Angie Burkhardt.

Sunday, September 27, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred DeLaCruz

Lector: Greg Rostochak

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-announcementen

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$429 Envelopes: \$1,025

ABA Goal: \$10,170.26

Current Pledges: \$9,995

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Paper Products!

Events Happening in the Parish Hall This Month:

Annual Parish Breakfast will be this Sunday, September 13th following 9am Mass. Parishioners are invited to bring a casserole to share. Knights of Columbus will be manning the kitchen and a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to a worthy cause. **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. Participants are encouraged to bring an appetizer or snack to share.

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.

Request:

We have a request from an elder parishioner for some assistance with shopping once a month. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help, for specifics. Office@sfxpierceton.org.

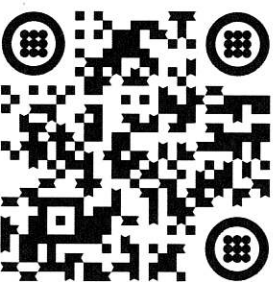
Warsaw Life Chain:

Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday afternoon, October 4, from 1:45 to 3:00 pm (rain or shine). Participants will stand along Buffalo Street and Winona Avenue in Warsaw holding non-graphic signs provided at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs can be picked up at the corner of Prairie and Buffalo Streets and the corner of Buffalo Street and Winona Avenue beginning at 1:30 pm on October 4. For more information, go to: nci4life.org. If interested in going as a group, please contact the parish office at office@sfxpiercelton.org.

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**

diocesefwswb.org/ab2a



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@fatimafwswb.org