

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: 26th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

REFLECTIONS... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: Not one Who Says, But one Who Does.

In the parable of the Gospel we see two kinds of attitudes among Christians today. To do the will of the Father does not mean performing religious rituals, but following the commandment of love. The first reading shows us the people of Israel in exile because they did not do the will of their Father. The second reading uses another example exactly the opposite of the first. Jesus does the will of his Father unto death on the cross.

In today's Gospel parable, we hear Jesus tell us of two sons. The one son refuses to work for his father, but ultimately does. The other son says he will work for his father, but ultimately does. The other son says he will work for his father, but does not. "Which of the two did his father's will?" The son who said "no" at first, then changed his mind and went to work. Jesus is comparing the second son to the elders and chief priests in the way they responded to John the Baptist. The religious leaders were all talk but no change. According to Jesus, even the worst sinners (tax collectors and prostitutes) listened to John the Baptist and repented. The responses of the two sons reflect two different journeys in faith. Some people experience God's love and say they are going to share it with others, but they never do. Other people resist God's love. They say no to the presence of God in their lives. But later on they do lead loving lives. They overcome their initial resistance to God's call – and there lies growth, grace and greatness. Again, our faith includes expressing ourselves in prayer and ritual, but it also requires that we put into action the message that Jesus has given us. If we haven't been living the way Jesus has taught us, it's never too late to change things around as the young man in the Gospel shows us. Sometimes you have to go through the worst to get to the best. Life always offers you a second chance. It's called tomorrow.

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 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

Monday, September 28, No Mass

Tuesday, September 29, 8:00 Mass +Max Lotz

Wednesday, September 30, 8:00 Mass + Elaine Hoffman

Thursday, October 1, 8 Mass Sanchez Family

Friday, October 2, 8:00 Mass + Michael Bonahoom

Adoration Following Mass

Ladies Meet-up Following Adoration

Saturday, October 3, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Loretta Dahm

Sunday, October 4, 27th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 Our Parish

Following Mass Religious Education

Following Mass Donuts & coffee

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

****Sunday, October 11th, NO RE Classes****

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

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

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

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

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, October 3, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:Rick Zydek

Lectors:Chris Lemmon

Sunday, October 4, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Mary Sutton

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:

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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.

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Tickets Available Now:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-october-breakfast>

RSVP (optional): christine@fatimafwsb.org

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