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:27th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Reading 2	Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-43

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: The Vineyard of the Lord. The first reading and the Gospel use the image of a vineyard. Israel, says Isaiah, is the vineyard that the Lord loved, but it yielded on sour grapes. Jesus takes up that same image but with a difference. Isaiah says that the vineyard will be destroyed. Jesus states that the tenants will be replaced and the vineyard will be kept. These two readings, taken together, complement each other. The short passage from the letter to the Philippians can be connected to the theme of this Sunday. Paul insists on the concrete aspect of Christian life. The mark of authenticity of faith are the works of love; fruit that all appreciate.

Jesus told the story of the Vineyard to explain why he devotes time and energy to the poor and sinners. Because the chief priests and elders have rejected God's messenger, and Jesus turns to those who will bear fruit. It seems that religious people today can be tempted with the same attitude that characterized chief priests and elders:complacency(contentment) in the underlying belief that we are God's chosen people, that we have the truth, that we have our salvation guaranteed. This complacency shows itself in narrow-mindness, lack of creativity, lack of passion and smug self-assurance. The chosen people of Jesus' era did not have a monopoly on those qualities. And, as the parable makes clear, if we do not choose to respond, God will find those who will, because we're not in charge. Jesus quotes Psalm 118 verse 22-23, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;.." It tells us, although the owner's son was rejected by the workers who thought they could steal the vineyard, they wouldn't stand a chance against the owner of the vineyard. So, don't be jealous with anyone. Don't compete with anyone. Just focus on becoming the best version of yourself. Don't give up. The beginning is always the hardest.

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, 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
Monday, October 5, No Mass Galatians 1:6-12 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday, October 6, 8:00 Mass + Lila O'Connell
6:30 Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 8:00 Mass + Laura Gillis
Thursday, October 8, 8:00 Mass +Emily Faylor
Friday, October 9, 8:00 Mass + Maurice Bokhart
Saturday, October 10, 3:00 Reconciliation
4:00 + Moe Willard
Sunday, October 11, 28th Sunday of Ordinary Times
9:00 Our Parish

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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 10, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sharon DeLong
Lectors: Angie Burkhart

Sunday, October 11, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:Greg Rostochak
Lector: Beth Walenga

Life Chains:
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 various roads holding non-graphic signs provided at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs are picked up at designated locations. For more information, go to: nci4life.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 diocesefwsb.org/aba**

Last Week's Collection:
Loose: $360 Envelopes: $820
ABA Goal: $10,170.26 ***Current Pledges: $10,995***

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**PB& J/ Cereal**

Important Dates This Month in the Parish:
The Ladies Fellowship *regular meet-up* will meet Friday, October 2nd following Adoration and Mass. ***Knights of Columbus*** will meet Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30pm. ***Religious Education*** will not meet Sunday October 11th, because of Fall Break. ***The Parish Council*** will **tentatively** meet Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30pm. ***The Ladies Fellowship*** will meet up Friday, October 16th for Pierceton Ladies Night and Have a Ladies Day Out to Shipshie on Saturday October 17th. **Trunk or Treat** will be Saturday, October 31st, 2026 from 5-7pm in the parish parking lot. There is a bin in the vestibule for candy donations and we hope to see many there to help pass out candy. Feel free to decorate your car and dress up as well.

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.