

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

408 West Catholic St.
Box 376
Pierceton, IN 46562

Office 574-594-5750

Website: www.sfxpierceton.org

Facebook: StFrancisXavierPierceton

Father Daniel Chukwuleta, Pastor

Email: father@sfxpierceton.org

Secretary: Dulcie Stevens

Email: office@sfxpierceton.org

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://diocesefwshb.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: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading 2 Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

REFLECTIONS:.... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: We Are Invited to a Banquet, Not to a Funeral. The banquet theme joins together the first reading and the Gospel. The banquet is the symbol of the happiness and joy present in the kingdom of God. The first reading tells us of a promise, the Gospel tells us of its actualization. If the banquet has already begun (with the coming of the Messiah), why do we still have so much hatred, so many wars, deaths all over the world? Yes, the feast has begun, but the Kingdom is still awaiting its full attainment. The second is also connected with this theme. We are given the example of the community at Philippi where there is authentic love and where a completely new life has really begun, the help and the gifts sent to Paul are proof of this.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel speaks of a great banquet a King prepared for his son's wedding. Those previously invited suddenly found excuses not to come to the banquet. Considering the killing of the king's servants, it appears to be some kind of rebellion against the king. However, the king was determined to celebrate his son's wedding - so he filled the banquet hall with whomever could be found. Like today's Church, God's Kingdom would be made up of a coming together of many people from various lands. The main lesson to be learned is that admission to the kingdom is not enough to guarantee getting to stay in it. God wants us to be part of his kingdom, but being part of the kingdom requires a certain response, certain expectations that the king has of us. St. Gregory the Great said, "The marriage is the wedding of Christ and his Church; the garment is someone who believes in the Church but does not have charity." The Kingdom of God is a life in love with God and neighbor. We may not always meet all that is expected of us, but our kind is merciful and forgiving if we turn to him, and he will help us if we ask.

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran, Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Dan Gagnon & Maggie Elpusan. Our Condolences go out to parishioner Steve Daeger and his family who recently lost his brother. May the family find comfort in the Lord.

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, October 10, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Moe Willard

Sunday, October 11, 28th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 Our Parish

Monday, October 12, No Mass *Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1* Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13, 8:00 Mass Living & Deceased Members

of the Landrigan & Weaver Families

Wednesday, October 14, No Mass *Galatians 5:18-25* Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15, No Mass *Ephesians 1:1-10* Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 16, 8:00 Mass + Fr. Charles Herman

Saturday, October 17, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dave & Kay Harter

Sunday, October 18, 29th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 + Ellen Barnhart

Following Mass Religious Education

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

*****NO MASSES*****

*****Wednesday October 14th & Thursday October 15th*****

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

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

Sunday, October 18th, Religious Education Following Mass

Sunday, October 25th, Religious Education Following Mass

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

Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day

Sunday November 1st, Donuts & Coffee Following Mass

Sunday, November 1st, Religious Education Following Mass

Tuesday, November 3rd, Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

Friday, November 6th, Adoration Following Mass

Friday, November 6th, Ladies Meet-up Following Adoration

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, October 17, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lectors: Bill Johnson Sr.

Sunday, October 18, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Penninger Family

Service Projects:

Don't forget to donate Candy to the **Parish's Annual Trunk or Treat** and come out and help us pass out candy during the town of Piercetons Halloween Hours on Saturday, October 31st from 5-7pm. **Religious Education** will be taking collections of items for Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas Child, they are sent to other countries during the holiday season, starting next weekend October 17/18. There is a flyer with suggested items for girls and boys and prohibited items in the bulletin. The children will stuff the boxes on November 8th in order for them to be shipped in time.

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 diocesefwvb.org/aba**



Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$323 Envelopes: \$1,438
ABA Goal: \$10,170.26 **Current Pledges: \$10,995**

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Soups!

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. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no weekday Masses on Wednesday or Thursday the week of October 11th. The Parish Council will Not meet on Tuesday, October 13th, please see the council email thread. The Ladies Fellowship** will meet up Friday, October 16th for Piercetons Ladies Night and Have a Ladies Day Out to Shipshie on Saturday October 17th. Please see flyer. **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@sfxpiercetons.org.