

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

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Readings for: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalms Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

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

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

Theme of the Sunday: The Christian and the State. A Christian has the same rights as anybody else and does not claim exemption or privilege. Like everybody, we must also pay taxes. The first reading throws light on the relationship between faith and politics. God guides history so that everything may lead to the happiness of his people. The second reading is connected to this theme; it shows how in a concrete way the Christians of Thessalonica lived out their religion.

In today's Gospel, we see the Jewish leaders launching their counter attack against Jesus, through carefully formulated questions. The Pharisees approached Jesus along with the Herodians. The Pharisees hated the Romans who were ruling Israel and were opposed to paying the tax. The Herodians were favorable toward the Romans and cooperated with them. The question put to Jesus is a trick - a dilemma: Is it lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar or not? If Jesus answers yes, he may be portrayed as a Roman Sympathizer. If he answers no, he is then a subversive.

Jesus refuses to be trapped by the question. By answering as he does, he demonstrates the relative value of all commitments in comparison to the commitment to love God. Since the coin was Roman coin and had the emperor's name and image engraved on it, it belonged to the emperor who could demand it at any time. So Jesus said, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but don't forget to give to God what belongs to God (Love, prayer, obedience and financial sacrifice). In his answer, Jesus basically allowed for limited cooperation with the Romans, but he did not allow for cheating God of what rightfully was owed to God. Because, unthinking, uncritical patriotism is simply a form of idolatry. For us to enter into His kingdom, what coin is this that Christ will ask of us on that day. It is not a coin of gold or silver. The coin that God will demand of us on that day will be good works. These we must show him that we may receive a just judgement. If coins are necessary for our temporary welfare so are good deeds necessary for our spiritual welfare.

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 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

Monday, October 19, No Mass **Ephesians 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21**

Tuesday, October 20, 8:00 Mass The Constance Family

Wednesday, October 21, 8:00 Mass + Kathy Cone

Thursday, October 22, 8:00 Mass + Earl Helms

Friday, October 23, 8:00 Mass Living & Deceased Members of

The List, Lauterbach, & Hoffman Families

Saturday, October 24, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Our Parish

Sunday, October 25, 30th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 + Susan Turman

Following Mass Religious Education

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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 24, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Mort

Lectors: Angie Burkhardt

Sunday, October 25, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred DeLaCruz

Lector: Pat Landrigan

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: \$327 Envelopes: \$1,765

ABA Goal: \$10,170.26

Current Pledges: \$10,995

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

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.