

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://diocesefwsh.org/hr/>

For more events in the diocese or to subscribe to Today's Catholic visit: <https://todayscatholic.org/> (digital subscription is free!)

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$ 187

Envelopes: \$830

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**Soup!**

Readings for: 6th Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalms Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Reading 2 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel John 14:15-21

REFLECTIONS:.... from Father Daniel

The main theme of today's readings is Jesus' promise to send the Paraclete, the Spirit of truth. The Spirit's coming will be celebrated on the feast of Pentecost. Today's Gospel spells out how we should prepare to receive the Spirit. The second reading is a practical application of this teaching in the lives of the persecuted Christians who know that the Paraclete will always be with them. The first reading shows the Apostles calling down the Spirit in the imposition of hands.

Today's Gospel assured the Apostles he was not going to abandon them. When he was no longer with them in a way in which they could see him physically, he would be with them in a spiritual way. The Father would be with them and also the Holy Spirit. He tells them to keep loving him. He tells them to keep loving him. He tells them how to know they are loving him-keep my commandments. Our love for Jesus is measured by how we keep our Lord's commandments. That will be the proof of our love. The reward of keeping his commandments is that God will reveal himself to us, we will see Jesus, we will recognize him for he will be with us and in us. We will not be orphans with no one to care for us. Christ and the Spirit and the Father will be present with us. Therefore, if we follow God's word we are loving him in the way he wants us to.

A little boy in Sunday school once asked his teacher why the ten commandments had been written on stone and not on parchment. His teacher quickly answered, "They were written in stone so that people could only keep them or break them, not bend them." The commandments are eternal. They are for our own good. He who refuses to obey cannot command.

Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran, Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Megan Cruse, Dan Gagnon & Maggie Elpusan.

Eucharistic Ministers:

It is recommissioning time for Eucharistic ministers. If you have recently completed Diocese training and would like to be added to our list or if you are interested in volunteering for our parish as a eucharistic minister, please contact the office at office@sfxpiercetn.org.

Your Used Stamps and Postcards can

Help Spread the Light of Christ:

On average, 50 used commemorative stamps can generate enough money to provide a healthy lunch at schools run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross around the world. That's the impact you can make when you save the canceled commemorative or unusual stamps and postcards from your mail and send them to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Stamp Ministry. If you have a stamp or postcard collection you'd be willing to donate, it can do even more! Money raised through the sale of these items supports our Ministry With the Poor, where small projects have life-changing impact. Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.

Mail to:

Sisters of the Holy Cross, Stamp Ministry

200 Rosary Hall

Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Questions?

Call 574-284-5675 or

www.cscsisters.org/stamp-ministry/

FAITH FORWARD: CONNECTING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:

Parishes around the diocese are participating in Newman Connection's Faith Forward movement — a national initiative helping graduating high school seniors stay connected to their Catholic faith as they move on to college, the military, or the workforce. By sharing their post-graduation plans, seniors can be personally connected to a Catholic campus ministry, military chaplain, or young adult parish near their next destination. If you are a graduating senior — or the parent or grandparent of one — please learn more sign up today at sigmapnc.newmanministry.com.

ST. AUGUSTINE MEN'S GROUP:

If you struggle with addiction to pornography or sexual struggles, you are invited to be made new. With groups meeting in Fort Wayne and South Bend, the lives of men have been transformed because of their willingness to change, to be honest, and to seek connection not only with God but with their fellow brothers through the Saint Augustine Men's Group. Meetings focus on the positive and what we can do to overcome our daily struggles. Discover a path to true freedom by visiting diocesefwsb.org/augustine or e-mailing staugustinefwsb@gmail.com

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, May 16, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lectors: Bill Johnson Sr.

Sunday, May 17, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Mary Sutton

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, May 9th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Living & Deceased Members of the

Landrigan & Weaver Families

Sunday, May 10th, 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 Our Parish

Monday, May 11th, No Mass Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 12th, 8:00 + Dorothy Wontorski

6:30 Parish Council

Wednesday, May 13th, 8:00 + Loretta Dahm

Thursday, May 14th, 8:00 + Rosie Weiss

Friday, May 15th, 8:00 + Cecil "Butch" Mudrack

Saturday, May 16th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Our Parish

Sunday, May 17th, 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 + Jerry Dager

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Sunday, May 10th, Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 12th, Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Sunday, May 17th, The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 21st, Community Dinner 5pm-till out

Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost

Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day

Sunday, May 31st, The Most Holy Trinity

Tuesday, June 2nd, Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

Sunday, June 7th, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 7th, Graduation Mass 9am

Saturday, June 20th, Parish Knight at the TinCaps 6:35pm

Saturday, July 4th, 250th Anniversary of Independence

Friday, July 17th & 18th Piercetons Days

Saturday, July 18th Piercetons Days Parade

12pm

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 add 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.

Parish TinCaps Knight:

The Knights of Columbus have organized a parish outing to the TinCaps on Saturday, June 20th. Game time is 6:35pm. Tickets are \$11.50 per person. Money for tickets is due to Rory Karczewski by May 31st. Tickets will be handed out the following weekend of June 7th. Parishioners are welcome to drop an envelope with their name, number of tickets, and payment into the collection basket, at the office, or in the mail prior to the May 31st deadline.

Graduates Mass:

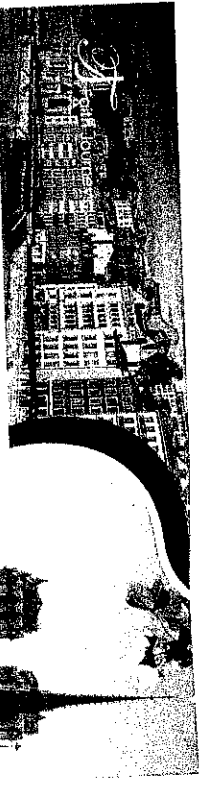
Mass for Graduates will be June 7th at 9am. If you would like to offer cards of congratulations for our Graduates Hannah Landrigan & Hunter Rostochak please feel free to throw your cards of congratulations into the collection basket. There will also be a box for cards at their Mass. If you are a new registration to the parish and have a graduate that would like to be included in the graduation Mass, please contact our DRE Sharon DeLong or the office at office@sfxpiercetons.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Give the gift of a happier marriage this Summer!
Give, and receive, the gift of a more passionate, connected, and loving marriage. Enroll today!
Attend at:

Lindenwood Retreat Center, Plymouth IN
June 26-28th

Overnight stay Friday and Saturday as well as all meals are included. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Apply at www.wwme.org, or contact Jeff and Brenda at: application@wwme-ni.org or 260-484-1664.



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