

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, Anytime by request

Parish Office Hours Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm

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://diocesefwvb.org/hr/>

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$379 Envelopes: \$1,325

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Clean out your Cupboards!

Readings for 6th Sunday of Lent:

At Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

Reading 1 Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading 2 Philipians 2:6-11

Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66

REFLECTIONS... from Father Daniel

The evangelists do not report the Passion of Jesus to play on our emotions. They show us Christ who gave up his life for the love of all people. The first reading tells us what happens to those who are faithful to the mission God has entrusted to them. The Gospel presents us with the only one who has fully realized in himself the image of servant. The second reading describes the journey of this servant from the glory of the Father to the humiliation of the death on the cross to the glorification of his resurrection. This is the path proposed to every person (believer).

How could all that we've just heard happen? The powers of evil were against him from the beginning, and finally in crucifying him they seemed to have annihilated him and put an end to his preaching and his healing and his forgiving work. But the forces of evil could only glory in their victory for just a couple of days. Jesus could have fought back, instead, he holds firm to his belief that God's way is truly the way of life, even if it costs death. It is necessary to visualize this story, to consider who Jesus was, the Lord and king of all creation, to consider how he was treated and to consider how we treat him. Reflecting on the Passion has always lifted my spirits when I was troubled.

Even before the horrendous onslaught began, Jesus announced, "My appointed time draws near." He refuses to compromise with the kingdom of darkness in any way. May it bring you that same peace, a peace only Christ can give. Let us take a moment to quietly reflect on all we've heard. Remember, Life is a journey of smiles, tears, setbacks and victories. As Pope Francis encourages us, "If following Jesus seems difficult, don't be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do."

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, April 4, 9:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Volunteers

Lectors(4): Volunteers

Sunday, April 5, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Volunteers

Lector: Volunteers

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, March 28, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Peter Kuzma

Sunday, March 29, 6th Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday

9:00 Our Parish

Following Mass Usher/Gift bearer training

Monday, March 30, No Mass **Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11**

6:30 Adult Study :Eucharist / Confession

7:00 SB Chrism Mass (St. Matthews Cathedral)

Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 + Special Intention of Ginny Hatfield

6:30 Easter Choir Practice

7:00 FW Chrism Mass(Immaculate Conception)

Wednesday, April 1, 8:00 + Sonnie Dwyer

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 + Mike Cap

Friday, April 3, 12:00 Stations of the Cross

Following Stations Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 Our Parish

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 Fr. Charles Herman

Upcoming Calendar Events:

****No Religious Education Sunday March 29th or April 5th****

Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29th, Usher & Gift Bearer Training 10am

Monday, March 30th, Mary/Purgatory & Prayer 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, March 31st, Easter Choir Practice 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 31st, **Chrism Mass FW** 7pm

Thursday, April 2nd, **Holy Thursday** 6pm

Thursday, April 2nd, **Adoration** till 8pm

Friday, April 3rd, **Stations of the Cross** 12pm

Friday, April 3rd, **Liturgy of the Word** Following Stations

Saturday, April 4th, **Easter Vigil** 9pm

Sunday, April 5th, **Easter Sunday** 9am

Tuesday, April 7th, Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

Thursday, April 9th, Financial Council 6:30pm

Saturday, April 11th, Ladies Tea Party 2pm

Tuesday, April 21st, Parish Council 6:30pm

Sunday, May 3rd, 1st Communion 9am

Sunday, May 3rd, May Crowning Following Mass

Tuesday, May 5th, Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

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

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Mail to:

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200 Rosary Hall

Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Questions?

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