

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: \$ 363 Envelopes: \$1,295 Catholic Charities: \$629.50

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**Paper Products!**

Readings for: 7th Sunday of Easter-The Ascension of Our Lord

Reading 1 Acts 1:1-11

Psalms Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

The first reading and the Gospel carry the main message: The Ascension does not mean that Jesus has gone from us. The Gospel writers want to tell us that after the resurrection of Jesus the Church began a long journey always in the company of its Master, though he was no longer visibly present. After Easter the Church, now fully grown, is no longer always looking up to heaven. The second reading completes the message and reminds us that the Christian vision of the world is not limited by the boundaries of this life.

St. Leo the Great preached on this occasion centuries ago, "Christ's Ascension is our own Ascension; Christ has gone away only to be available through the spirit in the sacraments. And because He lives with us, where the head has gone, the body hopes to follow." And St. Augustine tells us, "Today Jesus Christ our Lord went up to heaven, Let our hearts go up with Him." The Ascension of the Lord teaches us three great lessons: It shows us the full glory of the resurrection, a preview of God's plan for all of us; It tells us that Christ is still with us; and it tells us we have a job to do - to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and to teach.

When life is comfortable for us, we don't like to see things change. That was true of the Apostles too. The Apostles didn't want Jesus to leave them, but Jesus challenged them to love from comfortable familiarity with him to a new way to be with him. Sometimes Jesus challenges us to move into unfamiliar territory in little ways and sometimes in major ways. Because God has better things ahead for us. And, if we stay one with him, we shall one day share his glory. That is our hope, no matter what comes our way. The feast of Ascension reminds us of the eternal life we are called to. Pope Francis said, "You will never have a better tomorrow if you are always thinking of yesterday. Remember, step past the past and face the future."

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.

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@sfxpiercetn.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 Karzewski 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@sfxpiercetn.org.

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, May 23, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lectors: Angie Burkhart

Sunday, May 24, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred DeLaCruz

Lector: Greg Rostochak

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, May 16th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Our Parish

Sunday, May 17th, 7th Sunday of Easter-The Ascension of our Lord

9:00 +Jerry Dager

Monday, May 18th, No Mass Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19th, 8:00 + Leo Dahm

Wednesday, May 20th, 8:00 Cathy Wimmenauer

Thursday, May 21st, 8:00 + Michael Bonahoom

Friday, May 22nd, 8:00 + Father Muldoon

Saturday, May 23rd, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Art DeLaCruz

Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Sanchez Family

Upcoming Calendar Events:

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

Friday, June 5th, Adoration following Mass

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

Sunday, June 7th, Graduation Mass 9am

Thursday, June 11th, Adoration 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 16th, Parish Council 6:30pm

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

Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day

Monday, June 22nd-Friday, June 26th NO MASSES

Friday, July 3rd, Adoration following Mass

Saturday, July 4th, 250th Anniversary of Independence

Friday, July 17th & 18th Piercetons Days

Saturday, July 18th Piercetons Days

Saturday, July 25th Hot Dog& Ice Cream Social following Mass

Parish Council Meeting ReCap:

Parish Council met Tuesday, May 12th and discussed: Ladies

events-there will be a survey coming your way soon ladies. Keep an eye out for that. New parish shirts are coming soon.Keep an eye out for the sample and order form. Parish donated over \$400 in cash and additional in kind items off their wishlist for our drive for Safe Harbor.

The monetary donations will be used to buy additional items for them. There is a thank you card on the bulletin board from them. In honor of the 250th anniversary of our nation the USCCB will be consecrating the US to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11th. In honor of the anniversary USCCB is encouraging all parishes all across the country to participate in 250 hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy. St. Francis Xavier will have 3 opportunities for Adoration during the month of June & July in participation. Adoration will be Friday, June 5th following 8am Mass, Thursday, June 11th

6:30-7:30pm, & Friday, July 3rd following 8am Mass. Please join us in prayer at 1 or all of these adoration times. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation. Mark your calendar! Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 25th following Mass. The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to help head up our float for the Piercetons Day parade and volunteers to walk or ride in the parade. Please contact the office or a parish council member. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30pm.

250 Holy Hours and a Consecration:

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Piercetons Days:

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to help head up our float for the Piercetons Day parade Saturday, July 18th at 12pm and volunteers to walk or ride in the parade. Please contact the office or a parish council member.

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 diocesefwb.org/augustine or e-mailing staugustinefwb@gmail.com

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 signupnc.newmanministry.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

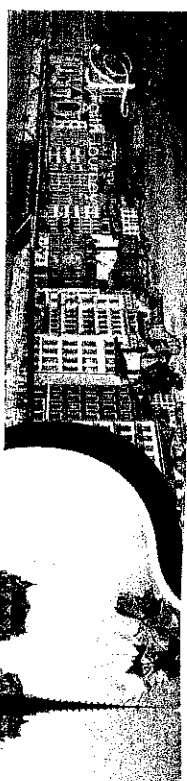
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