

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!)

Readings for: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Reading 1 Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Psalms Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel John 6:51-58

REFLECTIONS:.... from Father Daniel

The three readings today help us to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist. The first speaks to manna, an unexpected gift of God, that gave life to the people of Israel during their stay in the desert. The Gospel presents a gift immensely superior to manna. It is the bread that gives eternal life. To eat such bread means to want to be identified with Christ. The second reading tells us that the Eucharist is not bread to be eaten alone. It is broken and shared as a means and sign of unity.

There is a profound link between human and divine beauty. We can hear it in the famous words of St. Irenaeus of Lyons: "The glory of God is man alive." This feast focuses on how God sustains us with the flesh and blood of His Son, Jesus, the bread of life. It's like a doctor saying to a patient, "If you take this medicine or have this procedure you will have a good life ahead of you; if you refuse you will die in a very short time for Jesus said: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood you will not have life within you." We need faith to accept Jesus' claims that we must feed on His Body and Blood if we would have life.

Sometimes, think of energy that food gives us, I like to think of divine energy replacing the limited energy that's in a piece of bread or cup of wine when the priest says the words of Jesus: this is my body and this is the chalice of my blood. If divine energy is present, then God is present and God's life is eternal. I think the Eucharist is really a test of faith, a test that tells us we really believe in the power of Jesus and the power of his words. I believe when Jesus spoke, things happened. When he said this is my body, this is my blood, they were changed just as when he said to a dead person to rise up. St. Thomas Aquinas said, "No sacrament contributes more to our salvation than this; for it purges away our sins, increases our virtues and nourishes our minds with an abundance of all the spiritual gifts."

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.wmme.org, or contact Jeff and Brenda at: application@wmme-ni.org or 260-484-1664.

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.csesisters.org/stamp-ministry/

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$921 Envelopes: \$2,760

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

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, June 13, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lectors: Angie Burkhardt

Sunday, June 14, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Greg Rostochak

Lector: Beth Walenga

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.

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@sfxpiereeton.org.

250th Anniversary of the Birth of our Nation:

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.

Pierceton Days:

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help construct our float for the Pierceton Day parade Saturday, July 18th at 12pm, (construction will happen the week prior to the parade) and volunteers to walk or ride in the parade. Theme is : Stars, Stripes, & 250 candles. 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 diocesefwsb.org/augustine or e-mailing staugustinefwsb@gmail.com

Due in Autumn: Cast out into the Deep

Men 15-35 are invited to a summer discernment experience with priests and seminarians. Spend the day kayaking, hiking, praying, and exploring God's call for your life in the beauty of creation. Cost is \$10 RSVP to cbonahoom-nix@diocesefwsb.org by July 3rd.

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.newmannministry.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

- Saturday, June 6th, 3:00 Reconciliation
4:00 + Art DeLaCruz
- Sunday, June 7th, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:30 Our Parish
9:00 + Al Gilson
- Monday, June 8th, No Mass 1 Kings 17:1-6 Matthew 5:1-12
- Tuesday, June 9th, 8:00 + Bobby Thomas
- Wednesday, June 10th, 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Landrigan & Weaver Families
- Thursday, June 11th, 8:00 + Fr. Charles Herman
6:30 Adoration
- Friday, June 12th, 8:00 Wayne Wimmenauer
- Saturday, June 13th, 3:00 Reconciliation
4:00 Living & Deceased
Members of the Daeger Family
- Sunday, June 14th, 11th Sunday
7:30 Our Parish
9:00 Haley Family

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Sunday, June 7th, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Sunday, June 7th, Graduation Mass 9am
- Thursday, June 11th, (USCCB) Consecration the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 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
- Tuesday, July 7th, Knights of Columbus 6:30pm
- Tuesday, July 14th, Parish Council 6:30pm
- Thursday, July 16th, Community Dinner 5pm-out
- Friday, July 17th & 18th Piercetons Days
- Saturday, July 18th Piercetons Days Parade 12pm
- Saturday, July 25th Hot Dog& Ice Cream Social following Mass