

**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

**REFLECTIONS:...from Father Daniel**

Today we celebrate the solemnity of two great Apostles. Peter was chosen by the Lord to be the leader of the church and given the task to preach the Gospel especially among the Jewish communities. Paul became the chosen instrument of God to ring the Good News to the whole world. In the process of conversion, both Apostles expressed the gratuitous compassion and forgiveness of the Lord. They are our ancestors in the faith, the ones who have handed over to us the message of life. They had difficulties, but they had peace within. They were humble and let Christ lead them and overcame their fears.

As we celebrate the feast of these two great Apostles, we must not forget that Peter denied Jesus three times, although he did repent, he wept- tears are words, the heart can't say, and Paul persecuted the Church before his conversion. Yet, despite their human weakness, they were chosen by Christ for God's mission. Peter is called to tend the Lord's flock, and Paul to preach among the Gentiles. Peter was crucified upside down in Rome C 64 AD. Paul was beheaded in Rome C 67 AD. Today's feast is a great challenge to all of us. Like Peter and Paul, we too, are called to recognize Jesus in our service to one another, for in love no price is too high. Our Lord Jesus assures us that we are forgiven. All we need is to return to the Lord, as did Peter and Paul. Weak people revenge, strong people forgive, and intelligent people ignore.

**Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Cereal/ PB&J !**

**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.

**Parish Hall:** Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn't conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info.  
Suggested Donation \$50.00

**Last Week's Collection:**

Loose:\$163

Envelopes:\$1,285

**Readings for Solemnity of St. Peter & Paul, Apostles:**

**Reading 1** Acts 12:1-11

**Psalm** Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**Reading 2** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel** Matthew 16:13-19

**Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:**

Saturday, June 28, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Sandra Robb

Sunday, June 29, Solemnity of St. Peter & Paul, Apostles

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Haley Family

Monday, June 30, No Mass Genesis 18:16-33 [Matthew 8:18-22](http://www.bible.com/bible/1/Matthew/8/18-22)

Tuesday, July 1, 8:00 +Dorothy Brown

Wednesday, July 2, 8:00 +Joe Smyjunas

Thursday, July 3, 8:00 +Gerald Kessens

Friday July 4, 8:00 +Juan Castaneda

8:30 Adoration

Saturday, July 5, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Fr. Charles Herman  
 Sunday, July 6, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times  
 7:30 Our Parish  
 9:00 +Leo Dahm

## Upcoming Calendar Events:

Tuesday, July 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	K of C Recruitment Dinner	6pm
Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> ,	Fourth of July	
Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> ,	Adoration	8:30am
Sunday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	Donuts & Coffee	Following 9am Mass
Tuesday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> ,	Parish/Financial Council Meeting	6:30pm
Thursday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	Drive Thru Community Dinner	5pm-out
Saturday, July 26 <sup>th</sup> ,	Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social	Following Mass
Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	Adoration	8:30am
Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	Women's Fellowship Meet-up	8am
***Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> – Saturday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pierceton Days***		
Sunday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	Donuts & Coffee	Following 9am Mass
Tuesday, August 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30pm
Sunday, August 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	Confirmation @Sacred Heart	2pm
Tuesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	Parish Council Meeting	6:30pm

### Ministers Schedule:

**Saturday, July 5, 4:00pm**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sharon DeLong

**Lector:** Bill Johnson Sr.

**Sunday, July 6, 9:00am**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Fred De La Cruz

**Lector:** Beth Walenga

### Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of  
 Carolyn Perry, Roman Martinez, William (Liam) Bindley, & Maggie  
 Elpusan.

### Parish Announcements:

We are still in need of a few more counters for collections for the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month. Counting happens after Mass on Sunday.  
 Contact the office for more info.



### **Knights of Columbus:**

Call all men of Christ! You and your guest can join us for a Free Dinner to find out how you can help us serve our church community! Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30pm in Parish Hall. Please fill out a form and throw it in the collection basket by June 22<sup>nd</sup> (to help us with a head count for food).

### **Women's Fellowship Group:**

It was so lovely to see everyone that came out for our tour of the Biblical garden, rosary, & picnic. Don't forget to join your fellow women of the parish every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for Mass/adoration then meet up for breakfast at Maria's after. \*There will be no meet up in July.

### **ABA Bulletin announcement:**

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### **Prison Pen Pal Program Isaiah 42 Ministry:**

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