

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/

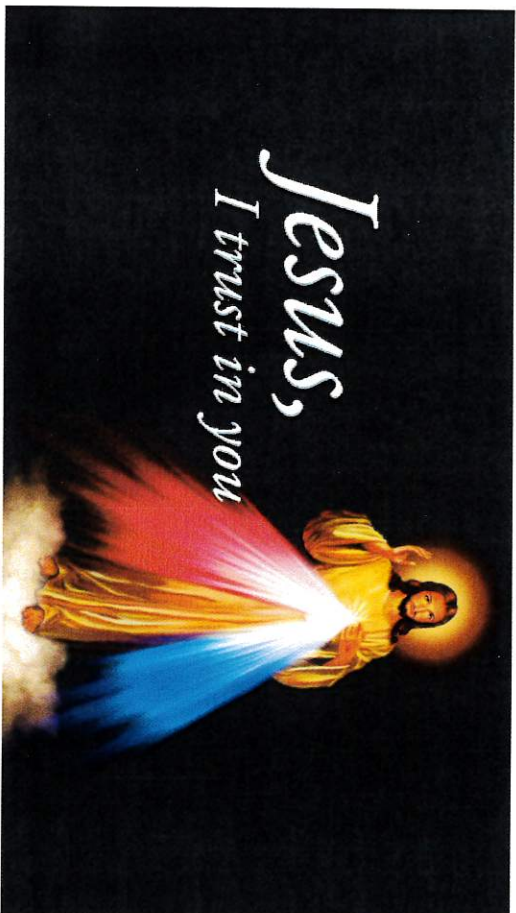
FAITH FORWARD: CONNECTING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:

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.newnamministry.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

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://diocesefwvb.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: \$ 244 Envelopes: \$950

Holy Land: \$587.67

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

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, April 18, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lectors: Bill Johnson Sr.

Sunday, April 19, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Seiss

Lector: Penninger Family

Readings for: Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading 1 Acts 2:42-47

Palm Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Reading 2 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel John 20:19-31

REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel

“Blessed are those who have not Seen.” These words of the Risen Lord are addressed to all disciples. We meet the Risen Lord in the Sunday gathering of the community. This is the theme of the Gospel which links up with the second reading, particularly the last phrase. If we cannot see the Risen Lord, there is however something else we can see: the community which, through its life, is evidence that Christ is alive and with us (first reading).

Our Gospel today begins with the account of the locked doors, and a story about doubting Thomas and how he came to faith. Yet, despite locked doors, God is present. When Jesus appeared to the Apostles he came not just to show he had risen and was alive. He came to them with the gifts of healing, peace, reconciliation and new life. The Apostles are reconciled with the One they deserted out of fear for their own lives. Even Thomas is reconciled with the One he refused to believe had risen from the dead. Jesus welcomes all and commissions them to be agents of the reconciliation of others with God and with one another. In a world torn apart by hatred and violence, all in the name of the so-called religious reconciliation may well be our most prized Easter blessing.

Sharing her Journey from an abusive life to a loving home, a twelfth grade student writes, “Because of my past and the grace and mercy my adoptive parents have shown me, I know how much one gentle merciful action can affect a multitude of lives for the better.” When we love and care for others, we become Godlike. St. Pope John Paul II said, “A Word Mercy is Love’s second name.” Take steps to be reconciled with one person in your life. Ask God, how you can help be an instrument of healing.

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.

1st Communicants and Graduates:

Our First Communion Mass will be May 3rd at 9am and our Mass for Graduates will be June 7th at 9am. If you would like to offer cards of congratulations for our Communicants Oliver Boocher & Aaron Stevens or 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 respective Masses. 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@stfxpierceon.org.

Donation Drive:

For the Month of April in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month the Parish Council is hosting a donation drive for Safe Harbor-Kosciusko Cunity Child Advocacy Center.

Safe Harbor is where kids, families and people in child abuse investigations come together. Safe Harbor is a center that provides a unique approach to the investigation of cases of abuse and neglect of children.

They are in need of some items:

- Small toys- matchbox cars, stickers, beanie babies, stuffed toys
- Boys & girls deodorant
- Small bottles of shampoo
- Small bottles of conditioner
- Small hairbrushes
- Decks of cards
- Journals
- Crayons
- Small tubes of toothpaste

*Any monetary donations will be put towards the supplies they need

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3:00 Reconciliation
4:00 +Loretta Dahm
Sunday, April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00 Our Parish

Following Mass Religious Education
Monday, April 13, No Mass **Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8**
Tuesday, April 14, No Mass Acts 4:32-37 **John 3:7b-15**
Wednesday, April 15, No Mass Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
Thursday, April 16, 8:00 Special Intentions of Ginny Hatfield
Friday, April 17, 8:00 +Leo Dahm
Saturday, April 18, 3:00 Reconciliation
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Sunday, April 19, 3rd Sunday of Easter
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Upcoming Calendar Events:

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Sunday, April 12th, Religious Education Resumes Following Mass
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Tuesday, April 21st, Parish Council 6:30pm
Sunday, April 26th, *Last Religious Education Class* Following Mass
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