

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: \$373.21 Envelopes: \$ 1,145

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-**Boxed Goods!**

Readings for: Pentecost

Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11

Psalm Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

REFLECTIONS... from Father Daniel

The Church goes all out today with a special color red, taken from the tongues of fire, a variety of readings and with a sequence on Sunday. The first reading and the Gospel talks of the descent of the Spirit. The stories of Luke and John complement each other and teach us that the Spirit is the new law, the force that leads us to do good. The Spirit is the source of unity. It pulls down barriers and wherever it enters it destroys sin. The second reading describes a consequence of the presence of the Spirit. Each of us has been given gifts by the same Spirit and they must not be a source of competition but must rather be put at the service of unity; together with God, we work to renew the face of the earth.

There are many ways the Holy Spirit is active in our lives and in our dealings with one another, but not so easy to picture. It's better to picture the Holy Spirit by what the Spirit does—just as it's easier to picture the wind by what the wind does than to picture the wind directly. The Holy Spirit is like air we breathe which we cannot live without, the light that goes on when we have an idea, the fire that burns in our heart. I hope you can see the Spirit does a lot. On Pentecost the Spirit changed the disciples from being fearful witnesses into brave and fearless preachers of Christ's victory over sin and death in the streets of Jerusalem, and Jewish residents from every nation and each understands in his or her native language. The Holy Spirit reverses the confusion of the tongues at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). May the Spirit continue to work on us into fearless witnesses of God's good news to us. Pope Francis, in his encyclical "Laudato Si", he writes: "The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge". Always remember life is like a book, some chapters will break you, some will make you smile and some will change you forever. But every page, good or bad, is part of the story that makes you who you are, so don't close the book too soon, your best chapter might be the next one.

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 Karczewski 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 30, 4:00pm***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sharon DeLong**Lectors:** Bill Johnson Sr.***Sunday, May 31, 9:00am*****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Tracy Gaunt**Lector:** Penninger Family**Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:**

Saturday, May 23rd, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Art DeLaCruz

Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Sanchez Family

Monday, May 25th, No Mass **Genesis 3:9-15, 20** John 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 26th, 8:00 + Virginia & Gene Field

Wednesday, May 27th, 8:00 +Matt Thomas

Thursday, May 28th, 8:00 + Dean Crist

Friday, May 29th, 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the

Landrigan & Weaver Families

Saturday, May 30th, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 St. Francis Community

Sunday, May 31st The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 +Sophia Long

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th, Pierceton Memorial Day Parade 11:30am

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 12pm

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

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Synod Summary:

A summary of the synod feedback can be found in this week's bulletin. Please note that the feedback was categorized into two categories: likes and needs for growth in the interest of brevity.

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

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.escsisters.org/stamp-ministry/

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.newmanministry.com.

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

Synod Summary:

Things we like

Our Parish:

1. Existing outreach
2. Music is wonderful
3. Community dinners
4. Soup & Stations
5. Small Parish, but % of participants is strong
6. Welcoming atmosphere/people stay and talk after mass
7. Return of Altar Servers

For Diocese:

1. Chrism Mass
2. Bishop's info on Facebook
3. This Synod – encouraging people to go to other parishes
4. Retreats for Confirmation
5. Rekindle the Fire is very good
6. Eucharistic Revival and Procession
7. Bishop coming to all Parishes in Diocese
8. Vocations posters & prayer cards

Areas we see for Growth/improvement

Our Parish:

1. Adoration more often – during evenings*
2. Offer more opportunities to participate in the Rosary*
3. Building projects – make the church more accessible*
4. Replace road sign *
5. Pamphlet to explain mass process to non-Catholic visitors*
6. Outreach more to fallen away Catholics are those who attendance drops off*
7. More service programs (outreach) for youth (Return of Youth Group)*
8. More apologetics for adults*
9. Send cards to sick and Flower arrangements for Funerals*

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For Diocese:

1. Diocese open house for fallen away parishioners
2. Bigger subscription drives for Today's Catholic (biannual)
3. Periodic Eucharistic procession in the Diocese
4. List of all Live stream masses
5. Attract younger families
6. More discernment open houses*
7. More faith related and inter diocese opportunities*
8. Marriage retreats*
9. More open houses for nuns and priests
10. Would like to see even more of Bishop
11. Make Diocese outreach projects more visible

Other insights for **Parish**:

1. Want Bluetooth capabilities for people with hearing issues*
2. Confessional for people who struggle with knee replacements/wheelchairs
3. Larger Vestibule for gathering*
4. Accessible bathroom on 1st floor of church*
5. Parish rummage sale (Pierceton garage sale weekend)
6. Replace road sign – add standard mass times*
7. Pamphlet to explain mass process to non-Catholic visitors*

Other insights for **Diocese**:

1. Want Bluetooth capabilities for people with hearing issues
2. Confessional for people who struggle with knee replacements/wheelchairs
3. Reach out to the individual parishes more.
4. Will the Diocese have anything for the 250th anniversary of the Country?

“*” Items are on the list or currently being actively pursued by the parish council and financial councils or office. You may have already seen the results in some cases. Please know that your ideas and thoughts were taken very seriously and even if some items can't be fulfilled or resolved immediately, we all share the vision of an active, welcoming, and vibrant parish.