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**From the Pastor's Desk**

**Happy New Year:** I wish to extend a very Happy New Year to all the parishioners of St Francis Xavier Parish, Piercetown, IN. I wish also to thank all of you for welcoming me to your parish family. I have already felt the warmth of this parish Family right from last Friday when I arrived here and was welcomed by Dulce, the Secretary, and Saturday when I celebrated my first Mass here.

It was equally very impressive to see lots of parishioners coming out to help with whatever needed to be done in the church and decorate the church and set up the Christmas Crib. We pray for peace and good health for all our parish community and wish you all a very blessed New Year. We pray that things stabilize for the better after the terrible events of 2020 which have rocked and shaken the whole world and which will go down in history as the worst year for the world within living memory. Hopefully the New Year will be better. Happy New Year, once more, to all of you.

Fr Lawrence Teteh, C.S.Sp

Masses: Saturday at 4:00, Sunday at 9:00

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holydays: check bulletin

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30

Anytime by request

**Communion to Hospitalized, Homebound, Nursing Homes:** please keep Father Lawrence informed.  
**Anointing of the Sick** is available any time, let Father Lawrence know when needed.  
**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.  
**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 wedding. Contact Father Lawrence.

**Last Week's Collection:**

Loose: \$205

Envelopes: \$1235

*Building Fund to Date: \$54,874.65*

**Readings for Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**

**Reading 1** SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

**Psalm** PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

**Reading 2** COL 3:12-21

**Gospel** LK 2:22-40

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

Saturday, December 26, 4:00 *Our Parish Family*

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
9:00 *Lila O'Connell Family*

Tuesday, December 29, 8:00 + *Anthony & Gizella Boros*

Wednesday, December 30, 8:00 + *George & Rose Racz*

Thursday, December 31, 6:00 + *Leland & Kay Schneider*

Friday, January 1, 9:00 + *Sylvia Hernandez Brady*

Saturday, January 2, 4:00 + *Shirley Labis*

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 *Our Parish Family*

**Ministers Schedule:**

*Saturday, January 2, at 4:00pm*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Anne Hill & Sandy Miner

**Lector:** Chris Lemmon

**Server:** N/A

*Sunday, January 3, at 9:00am*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Wendy Bridegam & Joe Smyjunas

**Lector:** Jason Landrigan

**Server:** N/A

**Upcoming Events:**  
TBD

**Help Needed:**

The Advent Giving Tree Project needs your assistance. We are in need of old Christmas cards. The project uses them to make gift tags for the recipient families. So please save your Christmas cards and deposit them in the basket in the back of church on the book shelf.

**Names for the January Stand for Life Newspaper Ad:**

Names for the January Newspaper Ad to be placed in the Times Union. will be collected the weekends of January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> following Masses. Donation of \$10 per family, \$5 for single, and \$1 for student are requested.

**Christmastime HOPE, Encouragement, and Carols:**

You are invited to join St. Vincent's parishioner Robert Rogers for "Christmastime HOPE, Encouragement & Carols" – an evening of hope and encouragement with song and scripture. Event will take place on Wednesday, Dec.30, at 7 p.m. and will be streamed on [saintv.org](http://saintv.org), Facebook and YouTube.

**Opportunities to Stand for Life this January:**

January 22, 2021 marks the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the tragic Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on demand in our nation. There are many opportunities in our diocese to witness to life this January and to pray for an end to abortion: prayer gatherings, a peaceful protest, a downtown march and even a drive-in rally!

Please visit <https://diocesefwsvb.org/local-marches> for a listing of all of the local pro-life events this month, as well as how to sign up for the national 9 Days for Life novena.