



December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

# Building Together

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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All Mass Times are Central Time

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Monday - December 8, 2025

7:00am Mary, Help of Christians, Mariah Hill  
6:00pm (Bilingual) St. Joseph Church, Dale

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Friday - December 12, 2025

6:00pm St. Joseph Church, Dale

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday December 24, 2025

4:00pm St. Joseph Church, Dale  
6:00pm St. Nicholas Church, Santa Claus  
10:00pm St. Joseph Church, Dale

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday December 25, 2025

8:00am Mary, Help of Christians Church, Mariah Hill  
10:00am (Bilingual) St. Joseph Church, Dale

### MASS OF HOLY INNOCENTS

Monday December 29, 2025

6:00pm St. Joseph Church, Dale

### ANTICIPATORY OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Wednesday December 31, 2025

6:00pm Mary, Help of Christians, Mariah Hill  
8:00pm (Spanish) St. Joseph Church, Dale, IN

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS

Thursday January 1, 2025

8:00am St. Joseph Church, Dale, IN

### Parish Events Calendar

#### Dec. 7 (Sunday) **Second Sunday of Advent**

SJ PC Event  
SN Advent Mission talk 3pm  
SN LL - Ladies Sodality Christmas Party 4:30pm  
SJ - Day 5 Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm

#### Dec. 8 (Monday) **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HDO)**

MHC Immaculate Conception Mass 8am  
SJ PC - Boy Scout pack meeting 5:30pm  
SJ Immaculate Conception Mass 6pm Bilingual  
SJ - Day 6 Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm  
SN Choir Practice 6:30pm

#### Dec. 9 (Tuesday) **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtla**

SJ PC Event - Danza Azteca Practice 6pm  
SJ - Day 7 Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm  
SN Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

#### Dec. 10 (Wednesday) **Our Lady of Loreto**

Quilters SJ & MHC  
SN - St. Vincent dePaul meeting 5:30pm  
SJ - Spanish Choir 6pm  
SJ - Day 8 Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm  
Faith Formation classes regular time and place  
Christmas Pageant Students at MHC 6:15pm  
\*\*Confirmation Grades 10 and 11 meet at Willowdale Village Nursing Home in place of class.

#### Dec. 11 (Thursday) **St. Damasus I**

SJ PC - Second Thursday Group 9am  
SJ - Day 9 Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm  
SN - Choir Practice 6:30pm

#### Dec. 12 (Friday) **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

SJ PC Event  
SJ - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 6pm

#### Dec. 13 (Saturday) **St. Lucy**

SJ Church Event  
SJ PC Event  
SN Advent Choir Performance 4pm

#### Dec. 14 (Sunday) **Third Sunday of Advent**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Outside my window, the earth is covered over with snow though not completely. The reading from Isaiah, says, "The Earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord." Light and darkness are often scriptural themes for good and evil. Martin Luther, a theologian of the 16<sup>th</sup> century saw our moral lives like a hay bale covered over with snow. Christ did not purify us through and through, but clothed us in the light of Christ. That is not what Isaiah is saying here. The Church and Isaiah saw God cleansing us from the impurities of sin inside and out. Isaiah prophesied a new nation, a new people, a new earth born of justice. Money and wealth are of no value to God. Only the dignity of each human being made in His image and likeness.

I am always in awe of John the Baptist. He knows Jesus but not Jesus the Christ. In his heart the Holy Spirit told him that his mission is to prepare the people for the coming of Christ. He does not know when the Christ is coming, only that we were to prepare them for it. Thus in following Isaiah's prophecy, John the Baptist calls forth justice. A change of heart is needed for all people for the Christ to be recognized, for he may even be in their midst now!

You and I stand before God today. Two thousand years after John the Baptist, we have to prepare our hearts again. Christ is here today, but do we recognize him? Has Isaiah's words been fulfilled? Does justice permeate the world around us as Isaiah writes?

Many have already put up their Christmas lights and soon to follow those who have not. Easy to be distracted from our call for justice the lights are twinkling to the sounds of music, and technology so mesmerizing to the senses. Do not sway from our call to make this Christmas a world ready for the Christ to come again. Open your hearts to others in need through the Bag of Blessings' Tree. Remember the lonely homebound, or the forgotten nursing home resident. Decorate your tree with prayers for our leaders to be drawn to the light of justice. Cleanse your hearts from the darkness of sin and let the light of Christ permeate from within so the world will not see your sin, rather your love, compassion, joy, and mercy.

May the joy of Christ be the tune in your hearts this Advent Season,

Deacon Jim



### Minister Schedule

#### **Saturday**     **December 13, 2025 SN 5:00 pm**

**Eucharistic:** Annie Oxley, Brenda Hagedorn  
**Sacristan:** Lisa Day  
**Lector:** Lynn Peter  
**Ushers:** Eric Day, Bob Grundhoefer,  
Eugene Peters, Chad Schnieders  
**Servers:** Lily Ward, Preston Ward  
**Greeters:** LaVerne Grundhoefer,  
Marsha Grundhoefer

#### **Sunday**     **December 14, 2025 MHC 7:00 am**

**Eucharistic:** Doris Gries, Samantha Gries  
**Sacristan:** Rose Pund  
**Lector:** Tammy Keller  
**Ushers:** Zerick Breivogel, Lori Gogel,  
Danny Gogel, David Kern  
**Servers:** CY & Quinn Keller, Pryce Hanselman  
**Greeters:** Dylan Gries, Erick Taylor

#### **Sunday**     **December 14, 2025 SJ 9:00 am**

**Eucharistic:** Mary Lou Gonzales, Lisa Pund,  
Martha Hagedorn, Angie Schmidt  
**Sacristan:** Kim Balbach  
**Lectors:** Aimee Arnold  
**Ushers:** Greg & Damian Arnold,  
Joe Gonzales, Volunteer  
**Servers:** Maggie Tempel, Ellie Tempel,  
Trevor Arnold  
**CLOW:** Saydee Arnold, Chelsea O'Brien  
**Greeters:** Braylen Balbach, Lisa Helming

#### **Sunday**     **December 14, 2025 SJ 11:00 am**

**Eucharistic:** Amelia Marmolejo, Cristina Martinez  
**Lectors:** Carmen Castillo, Elias Perez  
**Ushers:** Keyla Lopez, Aleida Lopez  
**Servers:** Jocelyn Dubon, Alex Rodriguez,  
Jessy Dubon

### **In Need of Your Prayers**

Jayme Woebkenberg, Mark Williams,  
David Fritz, Linda Thomas,  
Meredith Hendershot, Glen Schmitt,  
Brandy Burton

### **Advent Penance Services Schedule**

**Sunday, December 7** – St. Ferdinand Church  
at 4:00 pm EST

**Sunday, December 14** – St. Mary's, in  
Huntingburg at 4:00 pm EST

**Thursday, December 18** – St. Joseph  
Church, in Jasper at 4:00 pm EST

### **Stewardship of Treasure from 11/23/25**

*Parish Envelopes: 139*

*Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 6,242.53*

*Mail Drop: \$ 2,350.00*

*Online: \$ 850.00*

*Ira Distributions: \$ 6,635.00*

***Week Total: \$ 16,077.63***

*Budget amount needed \$10,000.00*

**Thank you for your continued support!**

#### **Mass Attendance**

SN 5:00pm: No Count

MHC 7:00am: 138

SJ 9:00am: No Count

SJ 11:00am: No Count

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have pledged to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Your support is helping our parish and the wider diocese carry out essential ministries in faith formation, vocations, outreach, and more. Our parish goal is \$133,625.00 and as of this weekend, our parish has \$ 70,474.00 pledged, with \$ 54,890.68 collected. Out 633 families there have been 154 families that have replied. If you haven't yet made your gift, scan the QR code or contact the Parish office for a pledge card. Your pledge is very much appreciated!



### ***Mass Intentions***

**Sat. Dec. 6 (5 pm)**     Timothy & Tony Woebkenberg

**Sun. Dec. 7 (7 am)**     Marilyn & Jim Seger,  
Claude & Aline Gogel

**Sun. Dec. 7 (9 am)**     Julie & Alayna Schnell,  
The Bittle & Williams Families

**Sun. Dec. 7 (11 am)**     Las almas benditas de purgatorio

**Tue. Dec. 9 (7:30 am)**     Denis & Lauretta Prechtel

**Wed. Dec. 10 (7:30 am)**     St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Thr. Dec. 11 (7:30 am)**     Clarence Daunhauer  
John & Augusta Mohr

**Sat. Dec. 13 (5 pm)**     Janet Lifke, Mary Lou Wheatley

**Sun. Dec. 14 (7 am)**     Judy Dilger Lorey,  
Bill & Roberta Jochim

**Sun. Dec. 14 (9 am)**     Charles Buechler,  
Alaudio Jun Rosal Mantad, Jr.

**Sun. Dec. 14 (11 am)**     Las almas benditas de purgatorio



**Faith Formation/Confirmation/Youth Group/  
CLOW Group**

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8 is at SJ PC  
December 10, 2025 6:15pm**

**Christmas Pageant Students Practice is at  
MHC December 10, 2025 6:15pm**

**Grades 9 & 12 is at MHC 6:15pm  
December 10, 2025**

**\*\*\*Confirmation 10th & 11th graders  
December 10, 2025 meet at  
Willowdale Nursing Home in place of  
class this week**

**3D Communications: Diocesan Director Discussions.**

This new series features short video segments from our Diocesan Directors highlighting their areas of ministry, current initiatives, and insights into the work being done across the Diocese. Our **first video**, featuring the **Office of Vocations**, is now live! New videos will be released regularly—several each month—and shared through our **Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube** channels. You can also find the full and growing collection of *3D Communications* videos on our website at:

<https://www.evdio.org/3-communications.html>



**Catholic Charities Offers Counseling Services**

If you or someone you know is seeking mental health counseling services, please contact Catholic Charities. We have state-licensed staff members available to meet your needs. We offer individual, marriage, and family counseling for both children and adults. Services can be provided in English or Spanish. Appointments are available in Evansville, Jasper, and Washington, as well as via tele-therapy. Fees are based on a sliding scale. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 812-423-5456 or visit [www.ccevanville.org](http://www.ccevanville.org).

**The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Choir**, together with singers from surrounding parishes, will present a half-hour Advent concert on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 4:15 p.m. Central time at St Nicholas Church before the 5 p.m. Mass. The concert will be free and will include choral arrangements of traditional Advent carols, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

**Hispanic Events**

Dec 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 6pm SJ and reception at Parish Center following.

Dec 21st - Posada Navidena.

Jan. 4th - Celebracion de la Epifania del Senor

St Martin I Catholic Church, of Chrisney, is having their annual 26-week raffle! Tickets are on sale through the end of the year. Tickets are \$26 for 26 chances to win \$500 in our weekly drawing (every Sunday January - June). These make great gifts for teachers, coaches, secret Santa, stocking stuffers, gifts for college students and more! Proceeds stay in our area and allow us to support the needs of students in our area, and our upcoming stained-glass restoration project!

**Advent Mission**

Deacon Mike Seibert's Advent Mission talk  
Sunday, Dec 7th at 3pm at SN

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Dec. 07, 2025 Ladies Sodality Christmas Party  
Dinner SN 4:30pm

Dec. 08, 2025 Immaculate Conception Mass  
MHC 7am / SJ Bilingual 6pm

Dec. 12, 2025 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 6pm

Dec. 13, 2025 Advent Choir performance SN 4pm

Dec. 17, 2025 Christmas Pageant @ MHC 6:15pm

**THE CATHOLIC CARTOON** by JESSICA MASTERSON

