



# Building Together

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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All Mass Times are Central Time

### 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

## DECEMBER 14, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Parish Events Calendar

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

Advent talk at MHC 3pm

SJ PC Event

MHC PC Event

#### Dec. 15 (Monday) **Advent Weekday**

SJ PC - Boy Scout pack meeting 5:30pm

SN Choir Practice 6:30pm

#### Dec. 16 (Tuesday) **Advent Weekday**

SJ PC Event

#### Dec. 17 (Wednesday) **Advent Weekday**

Quilters SJ & MHC

SN - St. Vincent dePaul meeting 5:30pm

SJ - Spanish Choir 6pm

Faith Formation No Classes

Christmas Pageant at MHC 6:15pm

#### Dec. 18 (Thursday) **Advent Weekday**

#### Dec. 19 (Friday) **Advent Weekday**

#### Dec. 20 (Saturday) **Advent Weekday**

SJ PC Event

SN Pavilion Event

#### Dec. 21 (Sunday) **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

SJ PC Event

MHC PC Event

**Have a Safe and Blessed Week!**



# ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b> 14 Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!	<b>15</b> According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany.	<b>16</b> Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Isaiah 35:4	<b>17</b> Today marks the beginning of the "O Antiphons." This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century.	<b>18</b> Use this blessing to bless the nativity scene in your home: Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.	<b>19</b> "In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, June 1, 2025	<b>20</b> Reach out to those in your community who may be alone this Christmas and invite them to Mass and to share part of your celebration.
<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 21 On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.	<b>22</b> "Looking without walking by, hating the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others, whoever they may be, with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and proves more powerful than evil and death." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, July 13, 2025	<b>23</b> Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14	<b>24</b> In the bustle of Christmas celebrations, take a moment of silence to reflect on the gift of Jesus' Incarnation and to prepare to receive his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.	<b>25</b> And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14	 <p>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</p> <p><small>Copyright © 2025, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Quote from Pope Francis, copyright © 2022, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Quotes from the <i>Lectioy for Mass for the 1st</i> the <i>Dioecesis of the United States of America</i>, second typical edition © 2001, 1988, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. Used with permission. All rights reserved.</small></p>	

**December 16, is the last day to turn in envelopes for the Christmas Flower Memorials.**  
**If you miss the date they will be in December 28, bulletin.**



### Minister Schedule

**Saturday December 20, 2025 SN 5:00 pm**  
Eucharistic: Ralph Langen, Melissa Ward  
Sacristan: Brenda Hagedorn  
Lector: Annie Oxley  
Ushers: Bill Cherolis, Bob Grundhoefer,  
Max Meyer, Volunteer  
Servers: Matthew Schlachter, Parker Ward  
Greeters: Carol Northenor,  
Charlene Peters

**Sunday December 21, 2025 MHC 7:00 am**  
Eucharistic: Ronnie Begle, Danny Buechler  
Sacristan: Rose Pund  
Lector: Stephanie Dilger  
Ushers: Jeff Dilger, Tami Nord,  
Tim Nord, Chuck Pund  
Servers: Sophia & Tanner Dilger  
Greeters: Erick Taylor, Volunteer

**Sunday December 21, 2025 SJ 9:00 am**  
Eucharistic: Kim Balbach, Katrina Cochenour,  
Rick James, Emily Weyer  
Sacristan: Sara Kern  
Lectors: Theresa Begle  
Ushers: Adie & Cindy Morrison,  
Roger Kern, John Payne  
Servers: Leo, Izzy, & Addie Kern  
CLOW: Jordan Kress, Ashley J Tempel  
Greeters: Bart & Emily Kuegel

**Sunday December 21, 2025 SJ 11:00 am**  
Eucharistic: Gela Ibarra, Guillermo Pozos  
Lectors: Marichuy Lopez, Maria Pozos  
Ushers: Victor Lara, Juana Lara  
Servers: Jizel Dubon, Joey Dubon,  
Leslie Rodriguez  
Sacristan: Gela Lara

### In Need of Your Prayers

Jayne Woebkenberg, Mark Williams,  
David Fritz, Linda Thomas,  
Meredith Hendershot, Glen Schmitt,  
Brandy Burton, Alvin Boeglin

### Advent Penance Services Schedule

**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 11/30/25

Parish Envelopes: 104

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 5,706.00

Mail Drop: \$ 2,230.00

Online: \$ 225.00

Ira Distributions: \$ .00

**Week Total: \$ 8,161.00**

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

#### Mass Attendance

SN 5:00pm: No Count

MHC 7:00am: 119

SJ 9:00am: 220

SJ 11:00am: 139

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 \$ 72,809.00 pledged, with \$ 56,725.68 collected. Out 633 families there have been 159 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. 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

**Tue. Dec. 16 (7:30 am)** Mary Sandford

**Wed. Dec. 17 (7:30 am)** Mary & Louis Philipps

**Thr. Dec. 18 (7:30 am)** Bob & Marcella Otto, Joe Otto,  
Ben Otto

**Sat. Dec. 20 (5 pm)** Richard Kempa, David Grundhoefer

**Sun. Dec. 21 (7 am)** Francis (Bencie) Nord, John Bettag,  
Zach Hulsman

**Sun. Dec. 21 (9 am)** James & Dorothy Strobel,  
Macy Schmitt.

**Sun. Dec. 21 (11 am)** Las almas benditas de purgatorio

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

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8  
December 17, 2025 No Class**

**Christmas Pageant is at MHC December 17,  
2025 6:15pm**

**Grades 9 & 12  
December 17, 2025 No Class**

**\*\*\*Confirmation 10th & 11th graders  
December 17, 2025 No Class**

**(SAVE THE DATE)**

**Youth Group Movie/Game Night/Pizza Party  
Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ SN 6pm  
Come Hungry and ready for Fun**

**K of C Soup Dinner Save the date**

Saturday January 31, 2026 at 6pm for the  
Knights of Columbus Winter Soup Dinner at  
St. Nicholas Lower Level 6pm.

**We are needing a volunteer from Dale to be  
on call for the Fire Alarm Company for  
St Joseph Church and parish center. If you  
are interested please call Devin at the parish  
office.**

**Hispanic Events**

Dec 21st - Posada Navidena.

Jan. 4th - Celebracion de la Epifania del Senor  
Epiphany of the Lord Celebration.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

Dec. 24 & 25, 2025 Christmas Eve and Christmas  
Day see Front Cover

Dec. 29, 2025 Holy Innocents Mass @ SJ 6pm

Dec. 31, 2025 Mary, Holy Mother of God Anticipation  
Mass see front cover. No Adoration

Dec. 31, 2025 Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass  
see front cover.

**We Welcome in Baptism**

Jason Dean Bolin & Kiara Rayne Bolin  
son & daughter of Joseph & Rebecca Bolin  
and

Stella Grace Wilgus,  
daughter of Kyle & Olivia Wilgus  
into our Catholic Community of  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Advent Mission**

Deacon Mike Seibert's Advent Mission talk  
Sunday, Dec 14th at 3pm at MHC  
Sunday, Dec 21st at 3pm at SJ

**Sisters of St. Benedict Invite Catholic Women to  
Come & See Weekend.** FERDINAND, IN -- The Sisters  
of St. Benedict in Ferdinand invite women who are  
discerning religious life to join them for a Come & See  
Weekend. Held from January 2 to January 4, 2026, the  
event will give single Catholic women between the ages  
of 18 and 40 the opportunity to connect with other  
women who are considering religious life, experience the  
Benedictine way of life, and get an inside look at what  
this community means to the Sisters. There will also be  
time for discussion, questions, and reflection. This  
weekend will provide community, connection, and an  
exciting chance to explore Benedictine life. To reserve  
a spot or learn more, those interested can contact Sister  
Jill Reuber at [vocation@thedome.org](mailto:vocation@thedome.org) or 812-367-1411  
ext. 2830.

Upcoming event for **single Catholic young adults  
(ages 21+) that will be held at St. John's in  
Daylight on Friday, February 13.** Join us for a fun  
evening of good food, fellowship, and faith. Please  
spread the word and encourage the single people in  
your life to attend. Registration is now open. See the  
attached flyer for more details and please reach out  
to Mary Shetler at [mshetler@evdio.org](mailto:mshetler@evdio.org) if you have  
any questions. Thank you!

**Fr. Mark O'Keefe O.S.B. and Compass Adventures  
Travel** are offering a 13-Day Pilgrimage through  
Portugal, Spain & France in December 6-18, 2026. Here  
are some additional details:  
Pilgrims will walk in the footsteps of saints, experience  
the world's most cherished Marian shrines, and immerse  
yourself in the spiritual heart of Europe on this  
unforgettable pilgrimage.

**Highlights:**

- Fatima's Basilica & Apparitions Chapel
- Salamanca's golden city & Avila of St. Teresa
- Madrid & Toledo's rich Christian heritage
- Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar (Zaragoza)
- Lourdes Grotto & candlelight procession
- Montserrat's Black Madonna
- \* Barcelona's Sagrada Familia & Gothic Quarter

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