



Building Together

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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812-937-2200 ~ Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM CT

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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 21, 2025

DECEMBER 25, 2025

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Parish Events Calendar

Dec. 21 (Sunday) Fourth Sunday of Advent

SJ PC Posada 6-9pm

MHC PC Event

Dec. 22 (Monday) Late Advent Weekday

Dec. 23 (Tuesday) Late Advent Weekday

SJ - Spanish Choir 6pm

Dec. 24 (Wednesday) Late Advent Weekday

Faith Formation No Classes

Christmas Eve - See Mass schedule

Office Closed

Dec. 25 (Thursday) The Nativity of the Lord

SJ PC Event

Office Closed

Dec. 26 (Friday) St. Stephen, the First Martyr

SN LL Event

Dec. 27 (Saturday) St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

SN LL Event

Dec. 28 (Sunday) Fifth Sunday of Advent

MHC PC Event

Have a Safe and Blessed Week!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God kept his promise to his people by sending his only Son, Jesus Christ into the world. This was his plan from the beginning of time. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Christmas is just around the door. The air is full of the good things and the not so good things - we are doing to celebrate the feast. Christmas carols, gifts, joy. Joy? Do we really feel joy these days, or does everything just turn into a few days of distraction in which we forget about our problems, our anxiety and the dissatisfaction of the rest of the year? He is the Joy to the world.

The coming of Jesus Christ is the sign of our salvation. He is God with us. We make preparations to welcome him in our hearts by cleaning the things that may hinder him born in us and among us. I want to thank those who participated in Advent Mission talk, the music and to our children and teachers who participated in the pageant. May God bless us abundantly as we near the birth of his Son.

May his peace and love dwell among us and remain with us.

Fr. Crispine Adongo



Minister Schedule

Saturday December 27, 2025 SN 5:00 pm

Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Francie Wagner
Sacristan: Stella Bennett
Lector: Chad Schneiders
Ushers: Steve Merkel, Rob Oxley, Eugene Peters, Breck Vinson
Servers: Ralph Langen, Volunteer
Greeters: Ashlee Vinson, Violet Vinson

Sunday December 28, 2025 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Sarah Denning, John Kern
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Karen Hildenbrand
Ushers: John Becher, Brandon Hanloh, Brian Hanselman, Stan Jochim
Servers: Corbin Gogel, Miah Rahman
Greeters: Chris Schlachter, Erick Taylor
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday December 28, 2025 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Brian Gehlhausen, Tina Gehlhausen, Lori Tischendorf, Cody Weyer
Sacristan: Theresa Begle
Lectors: Terry Tischendorf
Ushers: Daryl Kast, Mark Schaefer, Ray Striegel, Phil Wahl
Servers: Jacob Tischendorf, Volunteer
CLOW: Ashley A. Tempel, Leah Tempel
Greeters: Mary Striegel, Sheila Wahl

Sunday December 28, 2025 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Carina Mosqueda, Amelia Marmolejo
Lectors: Cristina Martinez, Lorena Lara
Ushers: Cristian Miranda, José Miranda
Servers: Ximena Lara, Yareissy Perez, Leslie Rodriguez
Sacristan: Gela Ibarra

In Need of Your Prayers

Jayne Woebkenberg
 Mark Williams
 Alvin Boeglin

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.

Stewardship of Treasure from 12/7/25

Parish Envelopes: 137

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 7058.00

Mail Drop: \$ 5,002.00 Online: \$ 0

Ira Distributions: \$ 0

Week Total: \$ 12,060.00

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00pm: 105

MHC 7:00am: 175

SJ 9:00am: 216

SJ 11:00am: 157

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 \$ 74,909.00 pledged, with \$ 59,725.68 collected. Out 633 families there have been 162 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. 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) Agustin Perez y Juan Antonio Ibarra

Tue. Dec. 23 (7:30 am) Herbert & Anna Mae Fleck,
Everett & Faye Oxley

Wed. Dec. 24 (7:30 am) Christmas Flowers Memorial

Thr. Dec. 25 (7:30 am) Christmas Flowers Memorial

Sat. Dec. 27 (5 pm) Janice Flannagan

Sun. Dec. 28 (7 am) Irene Hildenbrand,
Sylvester & Alveria Gries

Sun. Dec. 28 (9 am) Patricia Crews, Patricia Cochenour

Sun. Dec. 28 (11 am) Nieves Lopez y Juana Ortega

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

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8
December 24, 2025 No Class**

**Grades 9 & 12
December 24, 2025 No Class**

*****Confirmation 10th & 11th graders
December 24, 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.

Hispanic Events

Dec 21st - Posada Navidena.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

Are you a cookie or brownie baker?

I am gathering a list of anyone interested in baking
cookies and/or brownies when needed.

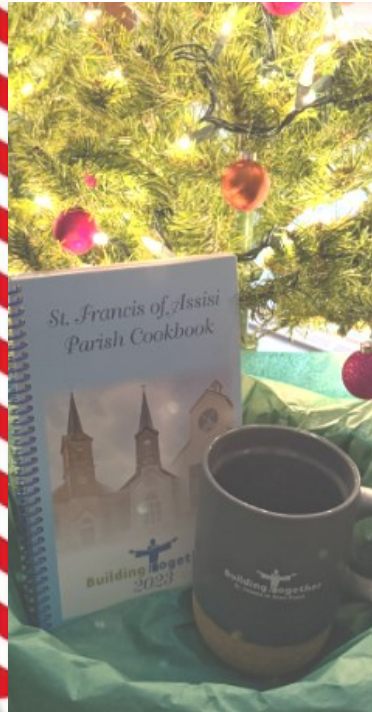
It will be helpful to pull from when occasions arise.

Please call the office 937-2200
or email tbrandes@evdio.org



Thank you in advance,
Theresa

Need last minute Christmas Gifts?



*Cookbooks
\$10*

*Mugs
\$5*

*Available in the
parish office!*

**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 or 812-367-1411

Christmas Trivia:

(answer will be in 12/28/2025 bulletin)

**Who voiced the Grinch in the 1966
television special?**