



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

8 E Maple Street Dale, IN 47523 ~ P.O. Box 684 Dale, IN 47523
812-937-2200 ~ Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM CT

MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 7:30 AM St. Nicholas (SN)

Wednesday: 7:30 AM St. Joseph (SJ)

Thursday: 7:30 AM Mary, Help of Christians (MHC)

Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Nicholas

Sunday: 7:00 AM Mary, Help of Christians [Livestreamed on our YouTube]

9:00 AM St. Joseph Church

11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph Church

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JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Parish Events Calendar

Jan. 4 (Sunday) The Epiphany of The Lord
SJ 9am Youth led Mass

Jan. 5 (Monday) St. John Neumann, Bishop

Jan. 6 (Tuesday) Christmas Weekday

Jan. 7 (Wednesday) Christmas Weekday
SJ and MHC - Quilting
Faith Formation and Confirmation classes 6:15pm
Spanish Choir Practice 6pm

Jan. 8 (Thursday) Christmas Weekday
Second Thursday Group at SJ

Jan. 9 (Friday) Christmas Weekday

Jan. 10 (Saturday) Christmas Weekday
Souper Bowl Food Drive Begins
Youth Group - SN LL 6pm

Jan. 11 (Sunday) The Baptism of The Lord
Blood Drive @ MHC Sun - 7am-noon; Mon - 1-6pm
Souper Bowl Food Drive Begins

Have a Safe and Blessed Week!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year!! With many challenges and trials, we have made it to other year by the grace of God. I am so glad that we can gather as a community once more to worship and glorify him. Wise men still seek him, the old Christmas card declares. Today we celebrate the feast day of the Epiphany of the Lord. The route of the Magi is a symbol of our path to Christ. Almost always we come from afar, across the desert of faith, surrounded by darkness. Some get disoriented, others get lost, but a few lift their eyes up to the sky and in the middle of the night discover the star, we must follow it with all hope and to persevere to the end. The Magi set on their way they asked, "Where is the King of the Jews that was just born? We have seen his star and we have come to adore him".

The magi sought the newborn King of the Jews to do him homage. We also seek the Lord. Why? Why do we seek him? We seek him because we want him to be our king. We want him to be the focus of our lives. We are not satisfied with just calling upon him when we need him in times of crisis and challenge.

We don't just call out to Jesus when a loved one is hurting, or has died, or when we have strife in our family, or when we need help at school or at work. We call out to him every day to be the center of our lives. As we start this new year may God's favor be upon our families that we may build a strong and vibrant community rooted in the Lord. I look forward to a happy and joyous year 2026. Like the magi we must go on a journey. Our lives must be a journey seeking the Presence of the Lord. We journey with the magi to those Bethlehem where we can find the Lord.

May your journey and may my journey be safe, beautiful and full of the love of God. May it be a journey of the wise. Happy New year

I remain your brother in Christ

Fr. Crispine Adongo



Minister Schedule

Saturday January 10, 2026 SN 5:00 pm

Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Annie Oxley
Sacristan: Anna Ward, Brenda Hagedorn
Lector: Joanie Cassell
Ushers: Bob Grundhoefer, Steve Merkel,
 Rob Oxley, Breck Vinson
Servers: Preston Ward, Lily Ward
Greeters: Judy Merkel, Amy Wilson

Sunday January 11, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Bryce Denning, Claire Konerding
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Stan Jochim
Ushers: Danny Gogel, Lori Gogel,
 David Kern, Chuck Pund
Servers: Sophia Dilger, Tanner Dilger
Greeters: Zerick Breivogel, Erick Taylor
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday January 11, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Theresa Begle, Adie Morrison,
 Cindy Morrison, John Payne
Sacristan: Tina Gehlhausen
Lectors: Aimee Arnold
Ushers: Damian Arnold, Greg Arnold,
 Roger Kern, Ray Striegel
Servers: Trevor Arnold, Molly Tempel
CLOW: Katrina Cochenour, Natalie Tempel
Greeters: Bart Kuegel, Emily Kuegel

Sunday January 11, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Cristina Martinez, Gela Ibarra
Lectors: Elias Perez, Yesica Miranda
Ushers: Eduardo Barco, Jose Barco
Servers: Alex Rodriguez, Jessy & Jocelyn Dubon
Sacristan: Gela Ibarra

I want to sincerely thank you for your love and care. The Christmas gifts and birthday presents were overwhelming. I feel loved and cared for. May God bless each and every one of you. Fr. Crispine

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 10 - Youth Group at SN LL 6pm
 Jan 11- Blood Drive at MHC 7am-noon Central
 Jan 12- Blood Drive at MHC 1pm-6pm Central

Stewardship of Treasure from 12/21/25

Parish Envelopes: 108

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 8,267.75

Mail Drop: \$ 0 Online: \$ 0

Week Total: \$ 8,267.75

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00pm: 132
 MHC 7:00am: 197
 SJ 9:00am: 233
 SJ 11:00am: 161

Christmas Masses

4:00pm	\$ 2,505.00	\$ 7,414.00
6:00pm	\$ 1,770.00	
10:00pm	\$ 1,357.00	
8:00am	\$ 1,509.00	
10:00am	\$ 273.00	

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 \$ 76,809.00 pledged, with \$ 62,186.52 collected. Out of 633 families there have been 167 families that have pledged. 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. Jan. 3 (5 pm) Sue Cassell Steckbauer & Pat Cassell

Sun. Jan. 4(7 am) Joe & Mary Alice Mullis

Sun. Jan. 4 (9 am) Herbert Nord, Jean Wahl

Sun. Jan. 4 (11 am) Las almas benditas de purgatorio

Tue. Jan. 6 (7:30 am) St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Wed. Jan. 7 (7:30 am) St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Thr. Jan. 8 (7:30 am) Bob & Marcella Otto, Joe Otto

Sat. Jan. 10 (5 pm) Rose Snyder, Macy Schmitt

Sun. Jan. 11 (7 am) Othmar & Alberta Begle,
 Jim & Marilyn Seger

Sun. Jan. 11 (9 am) Catherine Nord,
 Bernard & Estelle Wahl

Sun. Jan. 11 (11 am) Las almas benditas de purgatorio

If there is a funeral, the weekday Mass will be canceled for that day. Please call the office to reschedule your Mass intention.

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

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8
January 7, 2026**

**Grades 9 & 12
January 7, 2026**

*****Confirmation 10th & 11th graders
January 7, 2026**

Regular classes and places - Welcome Back!

(SAVE THE DATE)

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

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

*A special Thank You to our great catechists who coordinated and lead this beautiful event,
our hospitality ladies, choir, parents who helped, everyone who brought in cookies and hot cocoa!
Thank you all so much!*



Sherry and our Youth did a beautiful job singing! Thank you!

