



Building Together

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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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



POPE LEO DECLARES JUBILEE OF SAINT FRANCIS WITH PLENARY INDULGENCE

To mark the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 3, 1226), the Church has proclaimed a Special Year of Saint Francis from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027.

This Jubilee Year continues the grace of the recently concluded Ordinary Jubilee and invites all the faithful to live as pilgrims of hope, inspired by the life of Saint Francis—his humility, poverty, mercy, and love for Christ and peace.

During the Jubilee, the Apostolic Penitentiary, by the will of the Holy Father, grants a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father. This indulgence may also be offered for the souls in Purgatory.

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to members of the Franciscan Family and all the faithful who take part in the Jubilee by visiting a Franciscan church or any place connected to Saint Francis anywhere in the world, spending time in prayer or reflection, and praying for charity, harmony, and peace among peoples. The prayers conclude with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare, and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family.

The elderly, the sick, those confined to their homes, and caregivers may also receive the Plenary Indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers and sufferings to God, intending to fulfill the usual conditions when possible.

JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Events Calendar

Jan. 25 (Sunday) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 26 (Monday) St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops
Boy Scouts Pack Meeting SJ PC 5:30pm

Jan. 27 (Tuesday) Weekday

Jan. 28 (Wednesday) St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

SJ and MHC - Quilting
Faith Formation and Confirmation classes 6:15pm
Spanish Choir Practice 6pm

Jan. 29 (Thursday) Weekday

Deacon Mike Seibert - Study Group SJ PC 6-7pm

Jan. 30 (Friday) Weekday

Jan. 31 (Saturday) St. John Bosco, Priest
K of C Soup Dinner SN LL 6pm

Feb. 1 (Sunday) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have a Safe and Blessed Week!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I look out the window this cold wintry Sunday evening and wonder how long it will last. Though all the foliage is brown, deadened by the cold of winter, the Cedar and Pine Trees defy the deathly landscape. They are a sign of hope that death cannot conquer life. In fact after reading about our planet earth through its four and a half billion years of existence, evidence shows that life on our earth was destroyed several times. But the conifers (evergreen trees) survived every period. So indeed they are a sign of hope!

In these early Ordinary Time days, we read the stories of Jesus calling out to Peter, James, and all the other apostles: "Follow me." Jesus is calling out to us too: "Follow me!" Our church calendar is filled with people who answered the call to follow Jesus: Martin Luther King (Jan 18), St. Agnes (Jan 21), St. Francis de Sales (Jan 24), St Paul (Jan 25) St Timothy and Titus (Jan 26) are but a few of the people we remember this week. Today in the gospel we hear that Jesus traveled up the Jordan River after John was arrested into the region of Galilee. These were the back waters of the Judean countryside. There the soil was rich with souls longing for hope. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," were Jesus' clarion words. And the people responded as they were indeed longing for good news.

Today the news is always skewed by political posturing and I find very little reason to hope for a peaceful future as the fires of political posturing are constantly being fueled by "right or left" rhetoric. So I turn to the Christ because the darkness of sin did not overcome him. He alone gives me hope that God is still with us, that the kingdom of heaven he ushered in is still alive. I believe that though the cold winter landscape may appear dead, there is much life underneath. There is life out there! Each good deed we do is a leaf of green in a world deadened by sin. Christ reminds me that sowing the seeds of love and justice in winter is mine to do. However, it is God who blesses the seed with the spring rains.

I hear we have 49 young adults being Confirmed February 15. Driven by the Spirit, Jesus went forth into Galilee to give the people hope. Let us pray these 49 young adults will bring hope to their world uncovering the darkness of sin and injustice. They are our future church. They are our hope for the future. As you do that be mindful of the seeds you are sowing in the name of Christ and pray they will germinate and produce much fruit for his kingdom.

God bless your week,

Deacon Jim

Minister Schedule

Saturday January 31, 2026 SN 5:00 pm
Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Laura Kroll
Sacristan: Brenda Hagedorn
Lector: Lily Ward
Ushers: Bob Grundhoefer, Steve Merkel,
Max Meyer, Chad Schnieders
Servers: Victoria Kroll, Preston Ward
Greeters: Keith Kroll, Judy Merkel

Sunday February 1, 2026 MHC 7:00 am
Eucharistic: Ronnie Begle, Bryce Denning
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Tammy Keller
Ushers: John Becher, Brandon Hanloh,
Brian Hanselman, Chuck Pund
Servers: Cy Keller, Quinn Keller
Greeters: David Kern, Chris Schlachter
Rosary: Dana Dilger

Sunday February 1, 2026 SJ 9:00 am
Eucharistic: Theresa Begle, Brian Gehlhausen,
Terry Tischendorf, Lori Tischendorf
Sacristan: Tina Gehlhausen
Lectors: Sheila Wahl
Ushers: Damian Arnold, Greg Arnold,
Roger Kern, Phil Wahl
Servers: Molly Tempel, Jacob Tischendorf
Greeters: Kim Balbach, Emily Kuegel
CLOW: Katrina Cochenour, Natalie Tempel

Sunday February 1, 2026 SJ 11:00 am
Eucharistic: Volunteer(s)
Lectors: Volunteer(s)
Ushers: Jose Miranda, Cristian Miranda
Servers: Jocelyn Dubon, Jessy Dubon,
Alex Rodriguez
Sacristan: Gela Ibarra

In Need of Your Prayers

Jayme Woebkenberg
Mark Williams
Alvin Boeglin
Jessie (Kern) Neireiter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 31 - K of C Soup Dinner - SN LL at 6pm CST



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Angel Tree.
We were able to provide gifts to nursing home
residents and homebound parishioners.
Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Stewardship of Treasure from 1/11/26

Parish Envelopes: 122

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 14,919.81

Mail Drop: \$ 1,350.00 Online: \$ 550.00

Week Total: \$ 16,819.81

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00pm: 152

MHC 7:00am: 139

SJ 9:00am: 225

SJ 11:00am: 136

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 \$ 78,409.00 pledged, with \$ 63,369.86 collected. Out of 633 families there have been 173 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!



*For the following weeks in Father's absence,
Deacon Jim will have Communion Services
during the weekdays in lieu of Masses.*

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 24 (5 pm) Willard Dauby, Alan Widmer

Sun. Jan. 25(7 am) Ray & Sylvia Kern Family

Sun. Jan. 25(9 am) James & Dorothy Strobel
John Wahl Family

Sun. Jan. 25(11 am) Elida Hernandez, Artemio Martinez

Tue. Jan. 27 (7:30 am) Communion Service

Wed. Jan. 28(7:30 am) Communion Service

Thr. Jan. 29(7:30 am) Communion Service

Sat. Jan. 31 (5 pm) Mike Day

Sun. Feb. 1(7 am) St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sun. Feb. 1(9 am) St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sun. Feb. 1(11 am) Juana Camacho Barco

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

**** Masses will only be scheduled 3 months in advance.**

Faith Formation/Confirmation/ Youth Group/CLOW Group

Faith Formation Grades 1-8
January 28, 2026

Grades 9 & 12
January 28, 2026

Confirmation 10th & 11th graders
January 28, 2026

Regular classes and places

2026 "ONE BREAD, ONE CUP" REGISTRATION

OPEN - Grades 9-12



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Saint Meinrad



For more information email:
tbrandes@evdio.org

Study is a work of prayer. Visit **Saint Meinrad** for the **Graduate Theology Program Open House**, Feb 14–15. Tour campus, attend class, pray at liturgy, and meet professors and students. Learn more about our flexible and affordable offerings and register at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.

"How to Prepare for Lent" WTJW Catholic radio 93.1 FM will broadcast a short 12 minute interview with Fr. Bill Nicholas from St Mary Ireland between February 2-20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:00 PM ET. This interview will offer some practical tips and suggestions on preparing for Lent. It's time to prepare and Fr. Bill can help you get ready for this special season. Tune in and learn!



Title: Rest for the Weary | Artist: Gift Amarauchi Otiaku

World Day of Prayer 2026

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
Matthew 11:28–30



Program written by the World Day of Prayer
Committee of Nigeria. World Day of Prayer is
a global ecumenical movement led by
Christian women who welcome you to join in
prayer and action for peace and justice.

All Are Welcome! Date: Friday, March 6 Time: 1:30pm EST
Venue: St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, 2831 N 500 W, Jasper, IN 47546 (Ireland)
Contact: Carol Schmitt Phone Number: 812-482-7951

World Day of Prayer USA, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1374, Room F, New York, NY 10115
212-870-2466 | www.wdp-usa.org | www.facebook.com/worlddayofprayerusa

Diocesan Policy: Report and Inform

Report child abuse

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government. Toll-free 800-800-5556

Denuncie.

Toda acusación de abuso de menores debe ser reportada al Servicio de Protección al Menor (Child Protective Services, CPS), una agencia del gobierno de Estados Unidos que está localizada en el estado de Indiana.

Puede llamar gratis al: 800-800-5556.

Report and Inform

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese.

Toll-free: 866-200-3004, local 812-490-9565

To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, or to report their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service. Toll-free: 800-276-1562, or report online at ReportBishopAbuse.org

Denuncie e informe

En caso de una alegación de abuso sexual de un menor (una persona menor de 18 años) cometido por algún miembro del personal diocesano, reporte dicha alegación a las autoridades y también infórmele al coordinador diocesano de Asistencia para las Víctimas. Pueda llamar gratis al: 866-200-3004, o al número local: 812-490-9565.

Para reportar alegaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada cometida por obispos en los Estados Unidos, o para reportar su interferencia intencional en una investigación de abuso sexual, contacte al Servicio de Abuso de Obispos Católicos. Pueda llamar gratis al: 800-276-1562, o reportarlo en línea en ReportBishopAbuse.org