



# Building Together

## 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

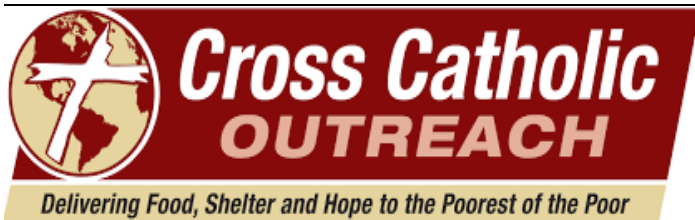
**Sunday:** 7:00 AM Mary, Help of Christians [Livestreamed on our YouTube]

9:00 AM St. Joseph Church

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

## FEBRUARY 1, 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please welcome the priest visiting our parish **next weekend, Feb 7 & 8**. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.

To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), or scan this QR code:



### Parish Events Calendar

**Feb. 1 (Sunday) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feb. 2 (Monday) The Presentation of The Lord**  
Boy Scouts Pack Meeting SJ PC 5:30pm

**Feb. 3 (Tuesday) Weekday**

**Feb. 4 (Wednesday) Weekday**  
SJ and MHC - Quilting  
Faith Formation and Confirmation classes 6:15pm  
Spanish Choir Practice 6pm

**Feb. 5 (Thursday) St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**  
Adoration SJ (6am - 6am Friday)  
Deacon Mike Seibert - Study Group SJ PC 6-7pm

**Feb. 6 (Friday) Weekday**

**Feb. 7 (Saturday) St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**  
First Saturday Devotions 7:30am rosary; 8am Mass  
SJ PC Event

**Feb. 8 (Sunday) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Have a great 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 February 7, 2026 SN 5:00 pm

Eucharistic: Lisa Day, Francie Wagner  
Sacristan: Brenda Hagedorn, Anna Ward  
Lector: Melissa Ward  
Ushers: Eric Day, Eugene Peters,  
Parker Ward, Liam Ward  
Servers: Victoria Kroll, Preston Ward  
Greeters: Stella Bennett, Keith Kroll, Charlene Peters

#### Sunday February 8, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Abby Berg, Claire Konerding  
Sacristan: Rose Pund  
Lector: Karen Hildenbrand  
Ushers: Danny Gogel, Lori Gogel,  
Tim Nord, Tami Nord  
Servers: Tanner Dilger, Sophia Dilger  
Greeters: Chris Schlachter, Erick Taylor  
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

#### Sunday February 8, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Claire Brinkman, Martha Hagedorn,  
Lisa Pund, Angie Schmidt  
Sacristan: Kim Balbach  
Lectors: Olivia Wilgus  
Ushers: Wayne Brinkman, Joe Gonzales,  
Daryl Kast, Volunteer  
Servers: Leo Kern, Ellie Tempel  
Greeters: Braylen Balbach, Susan Brinkman  
CLOW: Brooke Garrett, Chelsea O'Brien

#### Sunday February 8, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Cristina Martinez, Carina Mosqueda  
Lectors: Yesica Miranda, Diana Rico Sandoval  
Ushers: Juana Lara, Victor Lara  
Servers: Ximena, Yareissy,  
Leslie Rodriguez  
Sacristan: Gela Ibarra

### In Need of Your Prayers

*(Names will remain in bulletin for 3 weeks,  
please call the office after that if more time is needed.)*

Jayme Woebkenberg  
Mark Williams  
Alvin Boeglin  
Jessie (Kern) Neireiter

### UPCOMING EVENTS:



Thank you to everyone who supported the Advent Tree this year, you helped support Bags of Blessings in a big way. Through your generosity, the donations totaled \$2,560. Thank you!

### Stewardship of Treasure from 1/18/26

Parish Envelopes: 101

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 4,821.97

Mail Drop: \$ 1,120.00 Online: \$ 1,270.00

**Week Total: \$ 7,211.97**

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

#### **Mass Attendance**

SN 5:00pm: 120

MHC 7:00am: 126

SJ 9:00am: 194

SJ 11:00am: 118

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 \$ 63,409.86 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. 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

**Tue. Feb. 3 (7:30 am)** Communion Service

**Wed. Feb. 4 (7:30 am)** Communion Service

**Thr. Feb. 5 (7:30 am)** Communion Service

**Sat. Feb. 7 (5 pm)** Increase in vocations to the Priesthood

**Sun. Feb. 8 (7 am)** Karl & Juliana Dilger, Marie Dilger

**Sun. Feb. 8 (9 am)** Jun Rosal Manatad Jr., Lee Goeppner

**Sun. Feb. 8 (11 am)** Las almas benditas

*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  
February 4, 2026

Grades 9 & 12  
February 4, 2026

Confirmation 10th & 11th graders  
February 4, 2026

Regular classes and places

## 2026 "ONE BREAD, ONE CUP" REGISTRATION

OPEN - Grades 9-12

Conference #3 July 6-10, 2026



ONE  
BREAD  
ONE  
CUP  
Saint Meinrad



For more information email:  
tbrandes@evdio.org

rock  
your  
FAITH.

Abide  
in Me  
John 15:4

July 5-8, 2026  
St. Joseph, Jasper

Registration opens in March

All Middle School participants are welcome!  
High School Team Members are needed!

Questions:

Grace Mehringer, St. Joseph: 812-482-1805  
Emily Ketzner, Precious Blood: 812-482-4461

Annual ASH WEDNESDAY Women's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast----Wed. Feb. 18 at 6am St. Joseph Parish Center, Dale. Enjoy a brief program and a light breakfast as we celebrate the journey into the forty days of lent. This breakfast invitation is to all of the ladies of our parish as well as ladies of surrounding churches. Please call office to sign up by Feb. 8. 937-2200

"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!

## LENTEN SEASON 2026



ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 29, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 1, 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 2, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 8, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 3, 2026

LAETERE SUNDAY  
MARCH 15, 2026

HOLY SATURDAY  
APRIL 4, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 22, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2026

V U W I V C O P C S J N P H F J D F U B N B D L  
J E E S I I U O S L O V F A X S C R X P E P V E  
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C M K U N K E C N A R E V E S R E P B Y U M B M

Ashes  
Commandments  
Follow  
In debt to Him  
Obedience  
Servant  
Who am I  
Ask  
Compassion

Forgive  
Living Water  
Perseverance  
Sin  
Believe  
Eternal  
Free  
Love  
Prophet

Still Working  
Born from Above  
Faithful  
Hear  
Merciful  
Rejected  
Test