



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



Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

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, 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



For more information email:
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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

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Ashes

Forgive

Still Working

Commandments

Living Water

Born from Above

Follow

Perseverance

Faithful

In debt to Him

Sin

Hear

Obedience

Believe

Merciful

Servant

Eternal

Rejected

Who am I

Free

Test

Ask

Love

Compassion

Prophet