



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 15, 2026

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Parish Events Calendar

Feb. 15 (Sunday) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Confirmation Mass SJ, Dale at 1pm
MHC PC Event

Feb. 16 (Monday) Weekday
Presidents' Day

Feb. 17 (Tuesday) Weekday
All Ladies of SFA - Bunco Night MHC PC 6pm
Spanish Choir Practice 6pm

Feb. 18 (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday (Schedule pg.4)
SJ and MHC - Quilting
Faith Formation - No Class - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 19 (Thursday) Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Feb. 20 (Friday) Friday after Ash Wednesday
Friday Lenten Dinner at SJ PC

Feb. 21 (Saturday) Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Feb. 22 (Sunday) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have a great week!

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Living the Faith

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent”:

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It’s a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It’s a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that’s why it gets all the attention. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?” It’s almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It’s a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers.”

5. It’s about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control—it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don’t do too much. It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it’s best to keep it simple and focused. There’s a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don’t try to cram it all in one Lent. That’s a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we’re all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God’s help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we’re confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. “What a bad person I am!” But that’s the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It’s about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it’s about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God’s unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



Minister Schedule

Saturday February 21, 2026 SN 5:00 pm

Eucharistic: Laura Kroll, Keith Kroll
Sacristan: Brenda Hagedorn
Lector: Joanie Cassell
Ushers: Max Meyer, Eugene Peters,
Breck Vinson, Parker Ward
Servers: Ralph Langen, Matthew Schlachter
Greeters: Violet Vinson, Eve Vinson

Sunday February 22, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Sarah Denning, Claire Konerding
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Stan Jochim
Ushers: John Becher, Brandon Hanloh,
Brian Hanselman, Chuck Pund
Servers: Sophia Dilger, Tanner Dilger
Greeters: Zerick Breivogel, Chris Schlachter
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday February 22, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Mary Lou Gonzales, Beverly Turnock,
Nolan Weyer, Emily Weyer
Sacristan: Theresa Begle
Lectors: Aimee Arnold
Ushers: Damian Arnold, Greg Arnold,
Joe Gonzales, Daryl Kast
Servers: Trevor Arnold, Kade Tempel
Greeters: Emily Kuegel, Bart Kuegel
CLOW: Ashley A. Tempel, Leah Tempel

Sunday February 22, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Amelia Marmolejo, Carina Mosqueda
Lectors: Carmen Castillo, Miriam Martinez
Ushers: Keyla Lopez, Aleida Sandoval
Servers: Jizel Dubon, Leslie Miranda, Joey Dubon
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.)*

Karen Painter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 17 - Ladies Bunco Night @ MHC PC 6pm Central
Feb 18 - Ladies Ash Wednesday Ecumenical
Breakfast @ SJ PC 6am Central
Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Masses (Schedule on pg. 4)
Feb 20 -Lenten Dinners at SJ PC

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee, the
Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses
said throughout the world today,
for all the holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the Universal Church,
those in my own home,
and within my family. Amen.*

Stewardship of Treasure from 2/1/26

Parish Envelopes: 128

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 6,679.53

Mail Drop: \$ 2,875.00 Online: \$ 350.00

Week Total: \$ 9,904.53

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00pm: 120

MHC 7:00am: 101

SJ 9:00am: 189

SJ 11:00am: 128

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 \$ 78,809.00 pledged, with \$ 63,609.86 collected. Out of 633 families there have been 174 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.** Feb. 14 (5 pm) Jack Snyder,
Paul & Janet Dauby 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing
- Sun.** Feb. 15 (7 am) Othmar & Alberta Begle,
Jim & Marilyn Seger
- Sun.** Feb. 15 (9 am) Bob Wahl,
Dorothy & Ambrose Hopf
- Sun.** Feb. 15 (11 am) Las benditas almas del purgatorio
- Tue.** Feb. 17 (7:30 am) St. Francis of Assisi Parish
- Wed.** Feb. 18 (7:30 am) All Souls in Purgatory
- Thr.** Feb. 19 (7:30 am) Ronald & Vernita Sitzman
- Sat.** Feb. 21 (5 pm) Richard Kempa, Tom Zuzzio
- Sun.** Feb. 22 (7 am) Joanne Lehr,
Ken & Karen Hildenbrand 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing
- Sun.** Feb. 22 (9 am) Suzy Brinkman Family,
Michael Seger, Fernanda Cruz
- Sun.** Feb. 22 (11 am) Marichuy Lopez, Luis Barco,
Petra y Mario Rodriguez

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 @ SJ
February 18 - No Class - Ash Wednesday**

**Grades 9 & 12 and Confirmation
Classes have concluded for this year**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish "Lenten Fridays" 4pm-7pm CT or until sold out

- February 20 St. Joseph Church Parish Center (Dale)**
Swai Fish, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Slaw, Roll, Cookies, Drink (\$15)
- February 27 Mary, Help of Christians Parish Hall (Mariah Hill)**
Swai Fish, German Fries, Green Beans, Slaw, Brownie, Drink (\$15)
- March 6 St. Nicholas Church Lower Level (Santa Claus)**
Hosted by Knights of Columbus
Spaghetti Dinners with either Marinara or Alfredo Sauce, Caesar Salad, Bread Stick, Cookie. Dine in or Carry Out (\$10)
- March 13 St. Joseph Church Parish Center (Dale)**
*Hispanic Ministry **Dinner menu to be determined)*
- March 20 Mary, Help of Christians Parish Hall (Mariah Hill)**
Swai Fish, German Fries, Green Beans, Slaw, Brownie, Drink (\$15)
- March 27 St. Nicholas Church Lower Level (Santa Claus)**



ASH WEDNESDAY

*"From dust you came and
from dust you will return."*

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

7 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians

4 p.m. St. Nicholas

6 p.m. St. Joseph

7:30 p.m. St. Joseph (Spanish)