



Building Together

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Monday-Friday 8:00 AM 4:00 PM
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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 (SJ)
 11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph (SJ)

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Divine Mercy Celebration Sunday, April 12

2 pm-3:30 pm ET Adoration, Confession,
 Veneration of Image
 3 pm - Divine Mercy Reflection
 3:15 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3:30 pm - Benediction
 at Holy Family Parish, Jasper



Jesus entrusted this message to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. He promised that His mercy is greater than any sin. Jesus made a special promise for Divine Mercy Sunday, those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion will receive complete remission of sin and punishment, restoring the soul to the grace of baptism.

****Note:** To receive the promise by our Lord, confession and Holy Communion should be received within one week before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. One does not have to attend the service to receive this indulgence.

Holy Land Blest Art Wood Carvings

Blest Art will be here after the Saturday & Sunday Masses on April 18 and April 19 on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. On display will be hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. —Blest Art, Inc.



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Parish Events Calendar

Apr. 12 (Sunday) Second Sunday of Easter
 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Apr. 13 (Monday) Easter Weekday
 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
 Boy Scouts pk mtg SJ PC 5:30 pm

Apr. 14 (Tuesday) Easter Weekday
 Knights of Columbus at SN 6 pm

Apr. 15 (Wednesday) Easter Weekday
 SJ and MHC - Quilting
 First Communion (See pg. 4)
 Spanish Choir Practice 6 pm

Apr. 16 (Thursday) Easter Weekday

Apr. 17 (Friday)
 MH PC Rental

Apr. 18 (Saturday) Easter Weekday
 Holy Land Blest Art Wood Carvings after Mass
 MH PC Rental
 SN LL Rental

Apr. 19 (Sunday) Third Sunday of Easter
 First Communion 9 am & 11 am
 Holy Land Blest Art Wood Carvings after Masses
 SN LL Rental

Have a blessed week!

Happy Easter!

There have been things throughout my life that have piqued my interest and one of them is Scripture. Sister Anita Louise, the prioress of the Ferdinand Benedictines, wrote a reflection about the significance of our Lord's passion and resurrection. She based her reflection of the words in Genesis after Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit and were cast out of paradise. She called it, "A Sacred Second Chance." Calling to mind the words God spoke to Satan in the guise of a serpent, (Genesis 2:15), "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head while you strike at his heel." On Good Friday, Satan struck and on Easter, God struck back, sister wrote. On Good Friday, Satan avenged his defeat by St Michael, so he thought. But Jesus, the Son of God, broke the bars of death, freeing all those souls from Satan's domain. Satan could not kill Jesus the Christ. On Easter we celebrate with immeasurable joy the gift of Jesus – taking upon our sins, making us righteous with God. Thus we have been given a sacred second chance. Jesus crushed Satan's grip on humanity. To build upon the enormity of Jesus' gift, Easter is celebrated for eight days calling it the Octave of Easter meaning it is the eighth day of creation where humanity is created new!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes this new creation, this new humanity where all things are shared. Is this the way God perceives humanity in its fullness or is it just a fantasy of dreams? Many people believe it's a utopian society that is just wishful thinking. It is simply not possible in today's modern world and so they revert back to "what's in it for me?" In the Acts of the Apostles, it says the early Church grew exponentially precisely because people saw how they loved and cared for each other. I heard that this year a record number of people were baptized across the world. Satan wants us to believe he has control of the world, but we know differently. Love is stronger than death! Let us continue to celebrate with great joy to our God who gives us a sacred second chance.

On behalf of Father Crispine, Deacon Tom, and I, we want to thank all those who helped with all the festivities of the Holy Triduum including Easter Sunday. The choirs, musicians, lectors, servers, sacristans, those who decorated the churches, and those who came to each of these services. Your gift of self to our parish is so heartwarming for us. Thank You!

May our community of faith grow in the hope and knowledge of the Risen Christ.

Deacon Jim



Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 18, 2026 SN 5 pm

Eucharistic: Laura Kroll, Keith Kroll
Sacristan: Annie Oxley
Lector: Lynn Peter
Ushers: Max Meyer, Rob Oxley,
Eugene Peters, Chad Schnieders
Servers: Victoria Kroll, Spencer Kroll
Greeters: Carol Northenor, Jill Schnieders

Sunday April 19, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Danny Buechler, Chris Schlachter
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Tammy Keller
Ushers: Jeff Dilger, Tammy Nord, Tim Nord,
Chuck Pund
Servers: Corbin Gogel, Pryce Hanselman
Greeters: Doris Gries, Erick Taylor
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday April 19, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Katrina Cochenour, Martha Hagedorn,
Lisa Pund, Cody Weyer
Sacristan: Theresa Begle
Lectors: Brian Gehlhausen
Ushers: Wayne Brinkman, John Payne,
Mark Schaefer, Phil Wahl
Servers: Izzy Kern, Kade Tempel
Greeters: Ed Lutterman, Sheila Wahl
CLOW: No CLOW—First Communion

Sunday April 19, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Cristina Martinez, Guillermo Pozos
Lectors: Yesica Miranda
Ushers: Ma. Dolores Perez, Christian Miranda
Servers: Joselin Dubon, Alex Rodriquiex
Sacristan: Gela Lara

Stewardship of Treasure from 3/29/26

Parish Envelopes: 115

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$5,586.82

Mail Drop: \$1,350.00 Online: \$475.00

IRA: \$ 600.00

Week Total: \$8,011.82

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 pm: 113

MHC 7:00 am: 134

SJ 9:00 am: 248

SJ 11:00 am: —

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have pledged to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Our parish goal is \$133,625.00 and as of this weekend, our parish has \$80,159.00 pledged, with \$71,904.04 collected.

Out of 633 families there have been only 178 families that have pledged.

If you haven't yet made your gift, contact the Parish office for a pledge card.

Or you can make a check payable to CMA and bring it to the office and we will fill out a card for you.

Your pledge is very much appreciated!

Lenten Almsgiving

2nd Collection to support our local groups helping those in need.

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)
- North Spencer Community Action Center (NSCAC)
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Bags of Blessings and More.

We collected \$4,481.74; the checks will be distributed in the coming weeks.

First Holy Communion Sunday, April 19, 2026 9 am and 11 am Masses

In Need of Your Prayers

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

Jessie (Kern) Neireiter
Mike Guth

LADIES UPCOMING EVENT!

Ladies of St. Francis of Assisi
Spring Breakfast
Sunday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.

Sign up in back of MHC Church or call Cindy Gogel 812-686-8933.

More info to follow.

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 11 (5 pm) Bob & LaVerne Grundhoefer 65 Yr. Anniversary

Sun., Apr. 12 (7 am) Roman & Pauline Schum, Herb & Philomena Nord

Sun., Apr. 12 (9 am) Jaye Buse, Cisco Lloveras

Sun., Apr. 12 (11 am) Cisco Lloveras

Tue., Apr. 14 (7:30 am) Tom Zuzzio

Wed., Apr. 15 (7:30 am) Arthur Thompson

Thurs., Apr. 16 (7:30 am) Bill & Roberta Jochim

Sat., Apr. 18 (5 pm) Pope Leo and for World Peace

Sun., Apr. 19 (7 am) Jim & Marilyn Seger; Edward Hurst

Sun., Apr. 19 (9 am) Dan Etienne

Sun., Apr. 19 (11 am) Familia Martinez Barco

*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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS
APRIL 15**

English FHC Practice 6-7:15 pm @ SJ Church

Spanish - FHC Class as normal at the Parish Center



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Knights of Columbus \$500 Scholarship is awarded annually to students entering the freshman class in a college or university undergraduate program leading to an associates or bachelor's degree. Included in this, as well, are students pursuing a two-year junior college or technical school program. To be eligible, an applicant must be a member in good standing of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information or to apply, please contact the Heritage Hills High School Guidance Office or email Brian Gehlhausen at bgehlhausen@gmail.com. The application is the same one used for applying to the K of C Fourth Degree \$500 Scholarship, which the applicant must be related to a K of C member at any of the parishes in Spencer County. All applications must be filled out and submitted by **May 4**.

THANK YOU...

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
Words can't express how much we appreciate everything you have done for Mary Ann Long. The Mass was beautiful, the choir was amazing, the luncheon was perfect, and it was appreciated so much. We do miss this lovely church community. Thank you again for the care you gave Mary Ann. She is now at peace.

—Hugs, Kathy Kamp and Family

2026
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Graduation Mass
HONORING THE CLASS OF 2026

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, DALE

Sunday, MAY 17, 2026
AT 9:00 AM

RSVP: 937-2200 or tbrandes@evdio.org or scan QR

This Mass will celebrate high school, college, trade school, and military graduates!

Please check your calendars and let me know as soon as possible if you will be attending. The Knights of Columbus graciously host a delicious breakfast for this and we need to provide them an accurate guest count. Thank you!

