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**MAY 3, 2026**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS TIMES**

(All times are Central Daylight Times (CDT) unless otherwise noted)

**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

11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph

**SFA Parish Calendar**

CDT Times

**May 3 (Sunday) Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Blood Drive SJ PC

Ladies Spring Breakfast

**May 4 (Monday) Easter Weekday**

**May 5 (Tuesday) Easter Weekday**

**May 6 (Wednesday) Easter Weekday**

SJ and MHC - Quilting

Spanish Choir Practice @ SJ, 6 PM

**May 7 (Thursday) Easter Weekday**

Twenty-Four Hour Adoration @ SJ, Begins 6 AM

**May 8 (Friday) Easter Weekday**

24 Hour Adoration SJ

SJ PC Event

**May 9 (Saturday) Easter Weekday**

SN Church Event

SJ PC Event

**May 10 (Sunday) Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Mother's Day

**May 12 (Tuesday) Easter Weekday**

Knights of Columbus at SN LL, 6-7 PM

**May 14 (Thursday) Easter Weekday**

Second Thursday Group at SJ PC, 9 AM—NOON

**May 17 (Sunday) The Ascension of the Lord**

Graduation Mass at SJ, 9 AM

**May 23 (Saturday) Easter Weekday**

Farmer's Market at SN Pavilion, 7 AM—NOON

Jesus answered  
 and said to him,  
 "Whoever loves me  
 will keep my word,  
 and my Father will love him,  
 and we will come to him  
 and make our dwelling  
 with him.

Whoever does not love me does not  
 keep my words;  
 yet the word you hear  
 is not mine  
 but that of the  
 Father who sent me.  
 —John 14:23-24

The Advocate, the Holy spirit  
 that the Father will send in my  
 name—he will teach you everything  
 and remind you of all that I told you.  
 Peace I leave with you;  
 my peace I give to you.  
 —John 14:26-27

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God has called us to be brothers and sisters; we are chosen and set apart for a special mission on this earth. At baptism, we receive a special mission, however, modern man jeopardizes many securities. He considers everything relative, he is a skeptic who doesn't trust that there could be "a truth, a way" that it's worth running a risk for. It is not out of the ordinary to second guess. It's the same thing that happened to Thomas, but Christ gave him the clearest answer possible: "I am the way, the truth, and the life". Christ is the way that leads us to the Father.

Among the diverse lifestyles that people follow, how can we find one that's more real, more worthy, and more intense? Jesus answers this question as well, once again in an existential, personal way: To be rooted in Jesus and to love him. We experienced such joy two weeks ago in seeing our children receiving their First Holy Communion. Jesus assures us that he is the life.

Jesus brings us to the Father, a truth that gives us a reason to struggle, a life that prepares us for our eternal home. Our poor and weak existence is transformed by his presence in a marvelous way. This month of May is dedicated to Mary, Our Mother. May she intercede for us as we follow Jesus who is the way that leads us to heaven.

We have a mission; and our mission is not for this earth but heaven.

I remain your brother in Christ,

Fr. Crispine Adongo

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday May 9, 2026 SN 5:00 PM**  
Eucharistic: Brenda Hagedorn, Ed Hagedorn  
Sacristan: Lisa Day  
Lector: Joanie Cassell  
Ushers: Eric Day, Rob Oxley,  
Chad Schnieders, Breck Vinson  
Servers: Ralph Langen, Matthew Schlachter  
Greeters: Eve Vinson, Ashlee Vinson

**Sunday May 10, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Ronnie Begle, Marilyn Satkamp  
Sacristan: Rose Pund  
Lector: Chris Schlachter  
Ushers: John Becher, Jeff Dilger,  
Brian Hanselman, Chuck Pund  
Servers: Tanner Dilger, Miah Rahman  
Greeters: Doris Gries, Dylan Gries  
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

**Sunday May 10, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Tina Gehlhausen, Mary Lou Gonzales,  
John Payne, Angie Schmidt  
Sacristan: Kim Balbach  
Lectors: Theresa Begle  
Ushers: Roger Kern, John Mattingly,  
Mark Schaefer, Ray Striegel  
Servers: Addie Kern, Leo Kern  
Greeters: Braylen Balbach, Mary Striegel  
CLOW: Brooke Garrett, Chelsea O'Brien

**Sunday May 10, 2026 SJ 11:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Carina Mosqueda, Cristina Martinez  
Lectors: Cristina Martinez, Maria Pozos  
Ushers: Jacki Mosqueda, Adriana Mendoza  
Servers: Leslie Miranda, Leslie Rodriguez,  
Ximena Lara  
Sacristan: Gela Lara

### The Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

### 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

### Stewardship of Treasure from 4/19/26

Parish Envelopes: 97

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$5,280.91

Mail Drop: \$1,000.00 Online: \$975.00  
IRA: \$4,000.00

**Week Total: \$11,255.91**

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 138  
MHC 7:00 AM: 145  
SJ 9:00 AM: 229  
SJ 11:00 AM: 206

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

Our parish goal is \$133,625.00.  
As of this weekend, our parish has \$81,659.00 pledged,  
with \$73,727.38 collected.  
Out of 633 families there have been only  
181 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!**

### Mass Intentions

Sat., May 2 (5 PM) Jim & Marilyn Seger, Tom Zuzzio  
Sun., May 3 (7 AM) Frank & Regina-Brockman Family  
Sun., May 3 (9 AM) Bernard & Estelle Wahl, Jim & Mickey Bittle  
Sun., May 3 (11 AM) Las benditas animas del Purgatorio  
Tue., May 5 (7:30 AM) Charles Cottone  
Wed., May 6 (7:30 AM) Protection of Our Military  
Thurs., May 7 (7:30 AM) Judy Dilger Lorey  
Sat., May 9 (5 PM) All Mothers of the Parish  
Sun., May 10 (7 AM) All Mothers of the Parish  
Sun., May 10 (9 AM) All Mothers of the Parish  
Sun., May 10 (11 AM) All Mothers of the Parish

***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.  
Also, please limit Masses to 3. Thank you.***

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship  
Deadline: This Monday, May 4**

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](mailto: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 this Monday, **May 4**.

**Farmer's Market Entrepreneurs**

Fr. Crispine is once again looking for some parishioners and local entrepreneurs who are interested in participating in a Farmer's Market in Santa Claus, Indiana, located at the St. Nicholas Church Pavilion. The market's purpose is to provide income for local producers, fresh and local products for customers, and a gathering place to help create and develop a greater sense of community. It provides an opportunity for growers, bakers, crafters, and artisans to sell goods grown, baked, and created by themselves or their immediate families.

Like last year, we will be having the Farmer's Market on the third Saturday of each month, from 7 AM to noon Central Time. If you are interested in participating, please contact either the Parish Office or call/text Ralph Langen at (812) 686-0260.

Scheduled Dates:

May 23, June 20, July 18,  
August 22, and September 19

**♥ Loving Through Loss Workshop ♥**

Loss changes us: miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss, or the loss of a child at any age. Join us for a day of reflection, healing, and hope offered in partnership with Red Bird Ministries.

**June 27, 2026**, at St. John the Evangelist Parish (Daylight), 5301 Daylight Drive, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM CDT (optional Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM)

Please register for this event. Visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/evdio/forms/loving-through-loss> or contact Leslie Schaefer 812-589-3452, [leslieschaefer.redbird@gmail.com](mailto:leslieschaefer.redbird@gmail.com)

**Monte Cassino Shrine Pilgrimages**  
Service begin at 2:00 PM Central Time.

- May 3: Br. Chrysostom Sica, OSB: "Mary: Like Us"
- May 10: Br. Joel Blaize, OSB: "Regina Caeli: The Church's Easter Song to Mary"
- May 17: Br. Francis de Sales Wagner, OSB: "Our Lady of Peace"
- May 24: Br. Jude Angel Romero-Olivas, OSB: "Have You Discovered Your Gift from the Holy Spirit Yet?"
- May 31: Br. Gregory Morris, OSB: "Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit"

*O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer You my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in Your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with Your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with Your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. O lovely lily! You are for me a mirror, O my Mother!*

- St. Faustina Diary, 79

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](mailto: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!