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MAY 10 2026
SIXTH 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

Happy Mother's Day

Loving God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us and especially, today, we thank you for the gift of our mothers.

We ask your blessing upon our mothers who hugged and kissed us, who taught us love without counting the cost, who taught us to pray, who made our pain not so bad with their gentle touch, who blessed our lives with their care and compassion.



Mother's Day Roses

Spencer County Right to Life will be selling Mother's Day roses after all Masses this Mother's Day weekend.

SFA Parish Calendar

CDT Times

May 10 (Sunday) Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 11 (Monday) Easter Weekday

May 12 (Tuesday) Easter Weekday

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

St. Pancras, Martyr

Knights of Columbus at SN LL, 6-7 PM

May 13 (Wednesday) Easter Weekday

Our Lady of Fatima

SJ and MHC - Quilting

Spanish Choir Practice at SJ, 6 PM

May 14 (Thursday) Easter Weekday

St. Matthias, Apostle

Second Thursday Group at SJ PC, 9 AM—NOON

May 15 (Friday) Easter Weekday

St. Isadore

May 16 (Saturday) Easter Weekday

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

May 24 (Sunday) Pentecost Sunday

MHC Feast Day

May 30 (Saturday) Weekday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are in a section of John's gospel where it is the night before Jesus died. What does one say when death is so near? The memory of my father's death, almost forty years ago, is still fresh as we were all gathered around his bedside. He fought Alzheimer's for almost ten years and so all we could do was watch him struggle in his last few hours. After Father John anointed him, we began the rosary for they were the only words we could speak because our emotions were all over the place. But dad astonished us, as hearing those words calmed him down and he slipped from death to life in eternity during the 4th mystery. Love and hope, tears and joy overwhelmed us.

On the night before Jesus died, one can almost feel the great love he has for his friends, for he is sharing with them his true nature, the intimacy he shares with the Father. Jesus says to Phillip, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father," and Jesus also says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." His commandment is love one another as I have loved you and his most perfect show of love is the cross. In worldly eyes, it is foolish and worthless. To help them, Jesus will ask the Father to give them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to help them keep his commandment. Throughout the ages, special people have modeled that commandment to love and many of these have been unsung heroes most of their life.

Last week, as I was celebrating with Marilyn at a restaurant, a young mother with two children sat next to us. She was giving her children a treat. Finished before us, off she went guarding her children ferociously to where only she knew. Another mother with her small child came out to greet us, the child holding tight to mom's leg. Today, we celebrate priceless jewels in our lives: MOTHERS! It was not until I saw the mother of my own children that I realized what my own mother did for me. Like the Good Shepherd, mothers always have their eyes on their children, guarding them from harm. In all honesty, I doubt our children will remember their mothers in this fashion until they too have children of their own.

My own mother's death came many years later, rather quickly for us, but her eyes were fixed upon heaven long before that came. Before passing, she gave us a gift: a smile and a look that told of a mystery beyond telling. One last act of love. May God bless all mothers who have taught us how to love, who nurtured our broken hearts, who stayed up all night worrying about our safety when we were teenagers, who prayed for us when we were fearful of tests at school, who gave us up when a young man or woman captivated our hearts more than she, and who lost their own husbands and managed to live alone for many years. Love is kind, love is not jealous, nor pompous, love is patient, love is being there, always present.

God bless all who are called mother today for you give the world hope!

Deacon Jim

Ministry Schedule

Saturday **May 16, 2026 SN 5:00 PM**

Eucharistic: Francie Wagner, Kyle Wilgus
Sacristan: Stella Bennett
Lector: Chad Schnieders
Ushers: Bob Grundhoefer, Steve Merkel,
Eugene Peters, Parker Ward
Servers: Volunteer 1, Preston Ward
Greeters: Judy Merkel, Jill Schnieders

Sunday **May 17, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Jacob Berg, Abby Berg
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Karen Hildenbrand
Ushers: Stan Jochim, David Kern,
John Kern, Chuck Pund
Servers: Sophia Dilger, Tanner Dilger
Greeters: Tami Nord, Tim Nord
Rosary: Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday **May 17, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Katrina Cochenour, Brian Gehlhausen,
Tina Gehlhausen, Martha Hagedorn
Sacristan: Sara Kern
Lectors: John Schlachter
Ushers: Daryl Kast, Roger Kern,
John Payne, Phil Wahl
Servers: Izzy Kern, Matthew Schlachter
Greeters: Lisa Helming, Sheila Wahl
CLOW: Jordan Kress, Ashley J Tempel

Sunday **May 17, 2026 SJ 11:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Gela Ibarra, Guillermo Pozos
Lectors: Guadalupe Mendoza, Miriam Martinez
Ushers: Jose Lino, Josue Miranda
Servers: Jizel Dubon, Joey Dubon,
Jocelyn Dubon
Sacristan: Gela Lara

St. Anthony Prayer for Healing

O gentle and loving St. Anthony,
whose heart was ever full of human sympathy,
whisper my petition into the ears of the
sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms.
The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.
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 4/26/26

Parish Envelopes: 106

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$7,792.25

Mail Drop: \$1,985.00 Online: \$175.00

IRA: \$0

Week Total: \$9,952.25

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 122

MHC 7:00 AM: 157

SJ 9:00 AM: 220

SJ 11:00 AM: no count

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 \$74,407.38 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 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

Tue., May 12 (7:30 AM) Victims of Tragedies

Wed., May 13 (7:30 AM) Farmers of the Parish

Thurs., May 14 (7:30 AM) World Peace

Sat., May 16 (5 PM) Lois Dauby, Charles Meunier

Sun., May 17 (7 AM) The Parish Graduates

Sun., May 17 (9 AM) The Parish Graduates

Sun., May 17 (11 AM) The Parish Graduates

***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.

Encountering Jesus Christ in the Sacraments

Join us at Annunciation Parish - Christ the King Church, 3010 E Chandler Ave, Evansville, for a very special **Easter Season Parish Mission** on May 12, 13, and 14 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 6:30 to 8:00 PM each night. Our speaker will be Catholic priest, theologian, and author Fr. Christian Raab. His theme will be Encountering Jesus Christ in the Sacraments. Come to grow in your knowledge and love of the sacraments. This series will deepen your faith and transform your life. Bring a friend!

Fr. Christian Raab earned his doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of America. He currently serves as associate pastor of St. Joseph parish in Jasper, Indiana, and associate professor of systematic theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

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

Coming in Movie Theaters!

"That They May Be One"
May 19th and 20th only!

The film explores an incredible story of how the Holy Spirit has been moving across generations and denominations - calling believers back to the unity Jesus prayed for in John 17:21 "that they may all be one". You can also view the trailer and sign up for exclusive updates at thattheymaybeonefilm.com or follow us on social media: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [X](#)

Monte Cassino Shrine Pilgrimages

Service begin at 2:00 PM Central Time.

- 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"

Catholic Charities Offers Counseling Services

If you or someone you know is seeking mental health counseling, please contact Catholic Charities. Our state-licensed staff provides individual, marriage, and family counseling for both children and adults. We address a wide range of concerns and serve diverse populations, with services available in both English and Spanish. Appointments are available in Evansville, Jasper, and Washington, as well as via tele-therapy. Fees are based on a sliding scale. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 812-423-5456 or visit www.ccevanville.org.

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!