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JULY 19, 2026
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Reception for Father Crispine

*We are very grateful for Father Crispine Adongo's
eight years with us.*

*Please join us on
Sunday, July 19, 3 PM,
St. Joseph Parish Center*

*Please keep him in your prayers
as he has begun his new assignment at
St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh.*

Picnic Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you praise and thanksgiving for all that you have given us. We look forward to a day for worship, work, fellowship, and good times. Our prayer at this time of year, when we come together for the Picnic, is to ask you to bless our gathering with your beautiful sunshine. We pray for a good response from our workers, parishioners, and your whole community of faith. We ask you to guide us to do the very best to make the picnic a success. We place our faith in your hands, through Christ our Lord, Amen!

SFA Parish Calendar

(CDT Times)

July 19 (Sunday) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Crispine Reception, 3 PM, SJ PC

MHC PC Event

July 20 (Monday) Weekday

Choir Practice, 7 PM, SN Church

July 21 (Tuesday) Weekday

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

July 22 (Wednesday) Weekday

St. Mary Magdalene

Quilting at MHC PC and SJ PC

Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM

July 23 (Thursday) Weekday

St. Bridget, Religious

July 24 (Friday) Weekday

St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

MHC PC Event

July 25 (Saturday) Weekday

St. James, Apostle

MHC PC Event

July 26 (Sunday) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJ PC Event

Have a blessed week!

Dear Parish Community of St. Francis of Assisi:

A birthday is far more than cake and candles. It is a moment to pause, bless life, and give thanks for every step taken over the past year.

On July 17, I turned 43. And from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank God for the countless blessings He has bestowed upon me—for another year of existence, for the grace of having been sent to this beautiful parish of St. Francis of Assisi, and for so many undeserved gifts I have received.

Yet I must confess that this birthday came with a mixture of awe and nostalgia. I cannot grasp how time has raced by, especially in these recent years. So many of my loved ones are no longer here: my father departed in 2020, and others whom I thought would remain by my side forever have also left.

And yet, this is precisely the beauty of life: nothing remains frozen. Over these past weeks, as I have listened to the parables during Sunday Mass, I have come to understand that our lives closely resemble what Jesus teaches us: **we are like the soil used by the Sower**—at times hardened, at times fruitful—but always ready to receive the seed of God. At the same time, **we are that very seed**: called to germinate, to grow, and to bear fruit, even when the soil contains thorns or stones, yet always trusting in the Sower.

Getting to Know the Bible: The Gospel of Matthew

This month we invite you to discover the first Gospel of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew. Although it is not the oldest (that would be Mark), tradition tells us that it was written by Matthew, that tax collector who one day left his counting table to follow Jesus.

Matthew's Gospel has **28 chapters** and is organized as follows:

Prologue (chapters 1–2): The infancy of Jesus, his genealogy, and the accounts of his birth.

Section 1 (3–7): The announcement of the Kingdom of God, with the Beatitudes at the heart of the message.

Section 2 (8–10): Jesus' miracles and the sending of the twelve apostles.

Section 3 (11–13): The parables, where Jesus reveals the mystery of the Kingdom (like the Parable of the Sower).

Section 4 (14–18): Teachings on the Church, forgiveness, and life in community.

Section 5 (19–25): The discourse on the end times and the coming of the Son of Man.

Epilogue (26–28): The passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and his final command: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Right now, in our Sunday liturgy, we are journeying through **Section 3**: the parables. How beautiful it is to discover that the Kingdom of God is not a distant theory, but a reality that grows in small things, in everyday life, in every heart that opens wide.

In the upcoming bulletins, I will continue sharing facts and insights to help us know and love God's Word more deeply. For, as St. Jerome reminds us, *"ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."*

May the seed of the Gospel find good soil in each one of us.

A fraternal embrace in Christ,

Padre Martin Estrada

Ministry Schedule

Saturday July 25, 2026 SN 5:00 PM

Eucharistic: Mary Sue Johnson, Ralph Langen
Sacristan: Lisa Day
Lector: Laura Kroll
Ushers: Eric Day, Max Meyer,
 Eugene Peters, Breck Vinson
Servers: Keith Kroll, Spencer Kroll
Greeters: Eve Vinson, Ashlee Vinson

Sunday July 26, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM

Eucharistic: Sarah Denning, Claire Konerding
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Stephanie Dilger
Ushers: Jeff Dilger, Lori Gogel,
 Danny Gogel, Stan Jochim
Servers: Pryce Hanselman, Miah Rahman
Greeters: Zerick Breivogel, David Kern
Rosary: Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday July 26, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM

Eucharistic: Brian Gehlhausen, Mary Lou Gonzales,
 Angie Schmidt, Kyle Wilgus
Sacristan: Beverly Turnock
Lectors: Theresa Begle
Ushers: Joe Gonzales, John Mattingly,
 Adie Morrison, Cindy Morrison
Servers: Maggie Tempel, Ellie Tempel
Greeters: Ray Striegel, Mary Striegel
CLOW: Leslie Begle, Ashley A Tempel

Sunday July 26, 2026 SJ 11:00 AM

Eucharistic: Cristina Martinez, Gela Ibarra
Lectors: Marichuy Lopeaz, Yessica Miranda
Ushers: Edna Lara Leonel Martinez
Servers: Cruz: Alex Rodriguez
 Altar: Allison Francisco
 Libro/Campanas: Jenifer Miranda
Sacristan: Gela Lara

Prayer

Father, we abide in you. We remain in you and you in us.
 We become one body in Christ. Jesus we trust in you.
 Come Holy Spirit, come and pray in us.
 May your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven!

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
Mary Becher	Johnny Leffert
Gary Johnson	

Stewardship of Treasure from 7/5/26

Parish Envelopes: 120

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$9,313.30

Mail Drop: \$1,770 Online: \$150

IRA: \$455

Week Total: \$11,688.30

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 124

MHC 7:00 AM: 149

SJ 9:00 AM: 220

SJ 11:00 AM: 128

Diocese Charities Collection This Month

(Purple Envelope)

The **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters in natural disasters and famine. Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

For more information, visit: <https://www.crs.org>

Mass Intentions

Sat., July 18 (5 PM) † Sarah Blackwell

Sun., July 19 (7 AM) † Carolyn Meyer and
 Deceased Family Members

Sun., July 19 (9 AM) † Bernard and Estelle Wahl,
 † David VanHoosier

Sun., July 19 (11 AM) Las Almas del Purgatorio

Tues., July 21 (7:30 AM) † Charles Cottone

Wed., July 22 (7:30 AM) † Bill and Roberta Jochim

Thurs., July 23 (7:30 AM) † Clarence Daunhauer

Sat., July 25 (5 PM) † Jerome Meunier

Sun., July 26 (7 AM) † Edward Hurst, Doretha Boeglin

Sun., July 26 (9 AM) † Julie and Alayna Schnell

Sun., July 26 (11 AM) Las Almas del Purgatorio and
 Cristina Martinez

*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.
 † = Deceased*

Thank You

We the families of Eleanor (Nora) Schaeffer, would like to thank Father John Brosmer and Deacon Jim Woebkenberg for all the guidance, support, and for the celebration of the Mass. Also to the choir for the beautiful music. Thank you to those who brought a dish and helped with the preparation and cleanup of the luncheon. We appreciate everything you've done of us. —Sincerely, The Schaeffer Families

Thank you from CASA

We would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$1,000 to Spencer County CASA. These funds will allow us to continue our work with the abused and neglected children in Spencer County. We greatly appreciate your support of the work we do!
— Beth Ficker, Executive Director, Spencer County CASA

Old Fashioned Church Bingo

Holy Family Sodality is hosting bingo on Sunday, July 19 from 2-4 p.m. EST at Holy Family Parish, 950 E Church Avenue, Jasper. Join us in Fellowship Hall for Bingo, Raffle Prizes, ½ Pot, and Attendance Prize. Snacks and Refreshments will be provided. The public is invited. Must be 18 or older to play.

Parents and High School Class of 2026!

Connect your students to Catholic college ministry as they move to the next phase of life. Newman Connection is a nationwide ministry that connects students to a Catholic campus ministry. By registering, campus ministries will reach out directly to students in the fall to help them get connected to faith resources on their particular campus. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/seniors-newman-connection. Questions? Email Sharon Shumate at sshumate@evdio.org

Star Spangled Musicale



Featuring the **Choirs of the East Deanery** including **St. Francis of Assisi Choir** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 950 E Church Avenue, Jasper, Indiana, on Friday, July 24, 6:30 PM EDT.

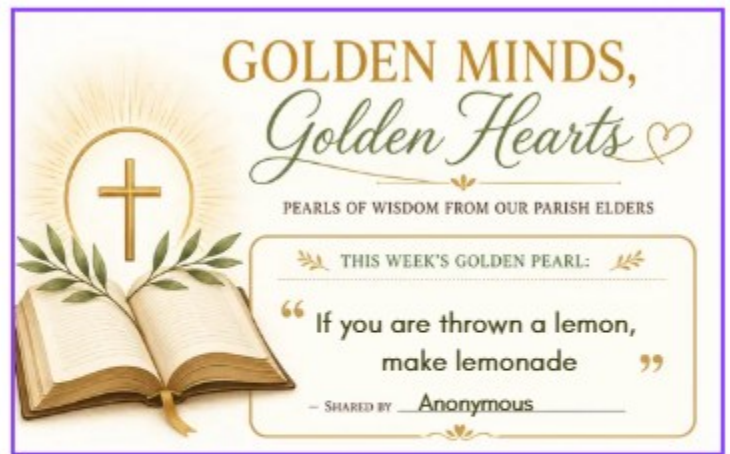
Join us for an evening of Patriotic Melodies as we celebrate the 250th Birthday of the United States of America! Following the performance, all are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Young Adults Bowling

Saturday, July 25: Jasper Bowling at Eastown Lanes, 7pm . Join the GroupMe for Jasper Catholic Young Adults: <https://web.groupme.com/signin> for more event updates.

First Aid and CPR Training

Tuesday, July 28 - 5:30pm—7:30pm CDT at SJ Parish Office, Confraternity Room. Cost: Teachers and Students \$5 for card, all others \$20 for card, or \$5 without card. Limited spots available so **register by July 24**. Call (812) 631-3892.



"Do you have a golden pearl to share?
Maybe a lesson that you wish someone had shared with you when you were younger? Can be signed Anonymous"

Drop it in the collection basket
or email: tbrandes@evdio.org

Upcoming Picnics

St. Boniface Church in Fulda Annual Summer Picnic

August 2

9:30am—2:30pm CDT

Delicious Food—Music—Bingo—Fun & Entertainment

Mariah Hill Picnic / SFA Parish

Sunday, August 9

Fried Chicken Dinners 10 AM-2 PM CDT

Mariah Hill Soup, Mexican Food, Hamburgers,

Baked Goods, Ice Cream, Raffle at 3 PM CDT,

Quilts, Country Store, Games of Chance,

Live Music, Face Painting, and Children's Games

Christ the King Church Picnic

St. Ferdinand Campus August 23

Divine Providence Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Open Hours:

(All Hours are EST)

3 AM on 1st, 2nd, 3rd Tuesday

1 AM on 2nd, 4th Wednesday

3 AM on 3rd Wednesday

1 PM on 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday

11 PM on 4th, 5th Saturday

Address: 1385 W 6th Street, Jasper, IN (from Hwy 56 turn on Lechner Lane. On the grounds of Precious Blood Catholic Church) If you can spend some time with Jesus, Please contact Mona Wagner 812-309-8033 or email dp@adorationmanager.com