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AUGUST 2, 2026
EIGHTEENTH 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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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/ Mariah Hill Picnic Workers List

A workers list was emailed to parishioners on July 16. There is also a copy in back of church to view.

SFA Parish Calendar

(CDT Times)

August 2 (Sunday) 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
MHC PC Event

August 4 (Tuesday) Weekday
St. John Vianney, Priest

August 5 (Wednesday) Weekday
Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Quilting at MHC PC and SJ PC
Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM

August 6 Thursday) Transfiguration of the Lord
Twenty-Four Hour Adoration at SJ, 6 AM - 6 AM Fri.

August 7 (Friday) Weekday
St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs
St. Cajetan, Priest

August 8 (Saturday) Weekday
St. Dominic, Priest

August 9 (Sunday) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SFA/Mariah Hill Picnic

Have a blessed week!

Dear brothers and sisters:

Another month comes to an end, and August arrives full of hope and new beginnings. For many of our children, this is the month they head back to school; for Jack Tunier, it's his ordination as a deacon; and for our friend Grant Doyle, it's the start of his journey of discernment at the seminary. Let us accompany each of them with our prayers as they begin such an important chapter in their lives.

Speaking of gatherings, this month we have a very special date: the picnic at Mariah Hill on August 9. I hope many of us can join in, because it's so much more than just a meal—it's a beautiful opportunity to share as a family and as a community that heritage and tradition that have been celebrating in this place for many years. And you know the food is always varied and delicious, so let's enjoy it!

Interestingly, this Sunday's Gospel gives us the image of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Jesus feeds more than five thousand people with just five loaves and two fish, and he does it using what the disciples had right at hand. In the same way, may the Lord multiply his graces over each one of us, not only on the day of the picnic but always that we may share what we have that the Lord multiply them.

Getting to Know the Bible: The Gospel of Matthew

This week we continue reading the Gospel of Matthew together. We are about to enter the first major section, which covers chapters 3 to 7, and presents the announcement of the Kingdom of God with the Beatitudes at its heart.

In Matthew 3:1-12, we hear the voice of John the Baptist in the desert, calling for conversion and urging us to prepare the way, because the Kingdom is near. Then, in 3:13-17, we see Jesus coming to the Jordan to be baptized; the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." In 4:1-11, Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted by Satan, but overcomes every temptation through the strength of Scripture.

After that, in Matthew 4:12-25, he begins his ministry in Galilee, calls his first disciples—Peter, Andrew, James, and John—and travels throughout the region, teaching and healing the sick. Then we come to the heart of this section where Jesus reveals the identity of the disciple (Mt 5:1–7:29). Here we find the Beatitudes, teachings on almsgiving, prayer with the Our Father, the invitation to live without anxiety, the Golden Rule, and that powerful image of the two foundations with which he closes his great teaching.

What Matthew is telling us through all of this is that the Kingdom of God is not a distant idea, but a reality that begins today, in our everyday lives. He invites us to let God's Word take root deep within us, so that we are not like that house built on sand, but on solid rock.

In Christ,

Padre Martin Estrada

Ministry Schedule

Saturday August 8, 2026 SN 5:00 PM

Eucharistic: Brenda Hagedorn, Ed Hagedorn
Sacristan: Lisa Day
Lector: Annie Oxley
Ushers: Eric Day, Bob Grundhoefer,
 Rob Oxley, Breck Vinson
Servers: Ralph Langen, Matthew Schlachter
Greeters: LaVerne Grundhoefer, Marsha Grundhoefer

Sunday August 9, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM

Eucharistic: Chris Schlachter, Dan Waninger
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Stephanie Dilger
Ushers: Zerick Breivogel, Jeff Dilger,
 Brian Hanselman, Chuck Pund
Servers: Sophia Dilger, Pryce Hanselman
Greeters: David Kern, Erick Taylor
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday August 9, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM

Eucharistic: Theresa Begle, Martha Hagedorn,
 Angie Schmidt, Emily Weyer
Sacristan: Beverly Turnock
Lectors: Brian Gehlhausen
Ushers: Daryl Kast, Chad Schnieders,
 Ray Striegel, Phil Wahl
Servers: Ellie Tempel, Maggie Tempel
Greeters: Jill Schnieders, Sheila Wahl
CLOW: Brooke Garrett, Chelsea O'Brien

Sunday August 9, 2026 SJ 11:00 AM

Eucharistic: Gela Ibarra, Carina Mosqueda
Lectors: Miriam Martinez, Guadalupe Mendoza
Ushers: Erica Perez, Yareissy Perez
Servers: Jesse Dubon, Jocelyn Dubon,
 Armani Francisco
Sacristan: Gela Lara

Saint Raphael, Healing Angel

St. Raphael, we ask for the healing of (name) and of everyone in need. We lift them up in prayer to the throne of grace to request the gift of recovery. Thanks be to God. 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	Mary Becher
Johnny Leffert	Gary Johnson
Jerome Hildenbrand	Gene Oliver

Stewardship of Treasure from 7/19/26

Parish Envelopes: 117

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$4,714.61

Mail Drop: \$0.00 Online: \$0.00

IRA: \$0.00

Week Total: \$4,714.61

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 181

MHC 7:00 AM: 144

SJ 9:00 AM: 195

SJ 11:00 AM: 181

Bread of Life

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
 whoever comes to me will not hunger and
 whoever believes in me will not thirst.

—John 6:35

Mass Intentions

Sat., Aug. 1 (5 PM) † Tom Zuzzio

Sun., Aug. 2 (7 AM) † Hilbert Gogel, † Dave and Elaine Burress

Sun., Aug. 2 (9 AM) † Marilyn Harper

Sun., Aug. 2 (11 AM) Las almas benditas del purgatorio

Tues., Aug. 4 (7:30 AM) Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

Wed., Aug. 5 (7:30 AM) † Albert and Donna Hagedorn

Thurs., Aug. 6 (7:30 AM) † James and Judith Seger

Sat., Aug. 8 (5 PM) For a Successful Picnic

Sun., Aug. 9 (7 AM) For a Successful Picnic

Sun., Aug. 9 (9 AM) † Jim and Mickey Bittle

*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

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please nominate two St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners you feel would be good candidates to be on the Parish Council. **Please turn in by Nov. 29th.** Please print clearly.

Name _____

Name _____

Thank you. Please keep our current council members in your prayers.

MHC Church Sign Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to put weekly messages on the church sign at Mary, Help of Christians Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 812-937-2200.

Picnic Raffle Tickets

You can return your sold and unsold tickets to the office or bring them to the picnic on August 9. We have more tickets in the parish office if you need some.

Simon Brute Award

Please take a moment and nominate someone or a couple who has committed and dedicated their lives as a model of stewardship to the parish. You can find the nomination form in the July 26 bulletin as an insert or call the parish office.



**ST. BONIFACE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Fulda, Indiana

**Annual Summer
Picnic**

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 2, 2026
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. CDT**

DELICIOUS FOOD

- **Food Court** serving starts at 9:30 a.m.
- **Fulda's Famous Soup** by the bowl or gallon
Please bring your own gallon containers.
- **Fried Chicken or Roast Beef Dinners** served 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Home-cooked and served in air-conditioned dining hall.

RAFFLES - MUSIC - FUN - ENTERTAINMENT

- **Grand, Special Quilt, and Half Pot Raffles**
- **Live Music** by the Sweetwater Band
- **Bingo, Themed Baskets, Quilts, and Kountry Kitchen**
- **Family Fun Center** *FREE* inflatables, games, and treats for all ages!
- **Tours of the Historic Church** at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- **Organ Concert** in the Historic Church at 12:00 p.m.

HANDICAP PARKING located on the north side of the church.
SHUTTLE SERVICE available from the parking areas to the picnic grounds.

sbccatholic.church/summer-picnic
St. Boniface Parish Center - 11715 E. County Road 1550 N., Fulda, Indiana
License Number: 002411 IGC Reference Number: 165168



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish

MARIAH HILL
picnic

Sunday August 9, 2026

Located on Hwy 62 East of Dale & West of St. Meinrad

LOTS OF GREAT FOOD!

- Mariah Hill Soup
(Bulk Containers not furnished)
- Hamburgers
- Mexican Food
- Ice Cream
- Fresh Baked Goods
- Fried Chicken

**Grand Raffle starts at
3:00 PM CDT**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- Live Music
- Face Painting
- Children's Games
- Handmade Quilts
- Game of Chance
- Country Store
- Raffle

Fried Chicken Dinners
Serving: 10 AM-2 PM CDT
in Air Conditioned Dining Hall

Upcoming Picnics

St. Bernard Summer Social
August 16, 11 AM CDT - 3 PM CDT

Christ the King Church Picnic
St. Ferdinand Campus August 23, Dinners 10:45 AM EST

Pope's August Intention

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.