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AUGUST 9, 2026
NINETEENTH 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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Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you
praise, for all life and all
holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom,
she who bore the Christ in her
womb was raised body and
soul in glory to be with him in
heaven.
May we follow her example in
reflecting your holiness and
join in her hymn of endless
love and praise.

SFA Parish Calendar

(CDT Times)

August 9 (Sunday) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SFA/Mariah Hill Picnic

August 11 (Tuesday) Weekday

St. Clare, Virgin

Knights of Columbus at SN LL, 6-7 PM

August 12 (Wednesday) Weekday

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Quilting at MHC PC and SJ PC

Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM

August 13 Thursday) Weekday

Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Second Thursday Group at SJ, 9 AM-Noon

August 14 (Friday) Weekday

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

**August 15 (Saturday) The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

MHC PC Event

August 16 (Sunday) 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MHC PC Event

August 21 (Friday) Weekday

SJ PC Event

**August 22 (Saturday) The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

SJ PC Event

Have a blessed week!

Dear brothers and sisters:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how Jesus walks on the water and Peter asks him to do the same. Jesus grants his request, but when Peter feels the force of the wind, fear seizes his heart and he begins to sink.

It is easy to criticize Peter for his lack of faith, but it is worth considering what was going on in his heart. He and the other disciples had just finished distributing the bread and fish that Jesus had multiplied to feed thousands of people. They must have been exhausted and, above all, amazed at such a great miracle. And still with their hearts pounding, the wind was blowing against them in the boat and the waves were tossing it about. To make matters worse, they think they see a ghost. Peter was tired and overwhelmed by so many emotions in such a short time.

Yet, at the most critical moment, when he feels the water swallowing him up, Peter cries out with all his strength: "Lord, save me!" And Jesus, without hesitation, reaches out his hand, takes hold of him, and brings him back to the boat, safe and sound.

That is how we are, too. In life, we face problems, illnesses, anxieties, and uncertainties that make us feel like we are sinking. We may feel overwhelmed by so many things going on in our lives. How often fear paralyzes us and worries weigh more heavily than our own faith. But the good news is that, like Peter, we are called not to remain silent. We are invited to cry out from the depths of our weakness: "Lord, save me!" And He, faithful and merciful, will reach out his hand to rescue us. He may not always calm the storm immediately, but he will always hold us up so that we do not drown.

Getting to Know the Bible: The Gospel of Matthew

This week we are reading Matthew, chapters 8 through 10. In these pages, Jesus shows his divine power by healing the sick, calming a storm, and sending out his twelve apostles to preach. Chapters 8 and 9 present nine miracles that reveal his authority over diseases, demons, nature, and death. He begins by healing a leper, then the servant of a Roman centurion, and then Peter's mother-in-law and many other sick and possessed people. Later, he calms the storm, heals two demon-possessed men in Gadara, forgives and heals a paralyzed man, calls the tax collector Matthew, and gives instructions about fasting. Finally, he heals a woman who had been ill for twelve years, raises Jairus's daughter, restores sight to two blind men, and heals a mute man.

In chapter 10, Jesus chooses the twelve apostles and sends them out to preach the Kingdom of Heaven, asking them to go without luxury and warning them that they will suffer persecution for their faith. This section teaches us that Jesus has the power to overcome any evil and that we only need faith to be witnesses of his work. And that is precisely what we see in Peter: he stepped out of the boat, dared to walk toward Jesus, and although fear overcame him, he did not stay sunk. He cried out and was rescued. That is what our faith is about: it is not about not being afraid, but about continuing to walk toward Him even when we are afraid, and learning to cry out "Lord, save me!" in the midst of the storm.

In Christ,
Padre Martin Estrada

Ministry Schedule

Saturday August 15, 2026 SN 5:00 PM

Eucharistic: Leigh Ann Wahl, Mary Zuzzio
Sacristan: Stella Bennett
Lector: John Schlachter
Ushers: Bill Cherolis, Max Meyer,
 Rob Oxley, Chad Schnieders
Servers: Spencer Kroll, Victoria Kroll
Greeters: Susan Cherolis, Keith Kroll

Sunday August 16, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM

Eucharistic: Ronnie Begle, Madison Ebert
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Stan Jochim
Ushers: John Becher, Dylan Gries,
 Tami Nord, Tim Nord
Servers: Tanner Dilger, CY Keller
Greeters: Doris Gries, Erick Taylor
Rosary: Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday August 16, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM

Eucharistic: Katrina Cochenour, Beverly Turnock,
 Cody Weyer, Kyle Wilgus
Sacristan: Sara Kern
Lectors: Aimee Arnold
Ushers: Damian Arnold, Greg Arnold,
 Wayne Brinkman, John Payne
Servers: Trevor Arnold, Izzy Kern
Greeters: Claire Brinkman, Susan Brinkman
CLOW: Ashley J Tempel, Volunteer

Sunday August 16, 2026 SJ 11:00 AM

Eucharistic: Cristina Martinez, Guillermo Pozos
Lectors: Cristina Martinez, Diana Rico Sandoval
Ushers: Rafael Ibarra, Pedro Lara
Servers: Diego Lara, Alisson Francisco,
 Leslie Miranda
Sacristan: Gela Lara

Prayer to our Heavenly Mother

Most Holy Mother, we place (name) in your loving arms.
 Please intercede with your Divine Son, asking Him to give his
 healing touch upon sickness and pain. We give you thanks in
 advance. 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 Jerome Hildenbrand
 Gene Oliver

Stewardship of Treasure from 7/26/26

Parish Envelopes: 129

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$7,478.27

Mail Drop: \$1,830 Online: \$1870

IRA: \$0.00

Week Total: \$11,178.27

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 151

MHC 7:00 AM: 189

SJ 9:00 AM: 220

SJ 11:00 AM: 137

Blessed are they
 who hear the word of God
 and observe it.

—Luke 11:28

Mass Intentions

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

Sun., Aug. 9 (11 AM) La Almas del Purgatorio

Tues., Aug. 11 (7:30 AM) † Tom Zuzzio

Wed., Aug. 12 (7:30 AM) † Wilfred Gress

Thurs., Aug. 13 (7:30 AM) † Bill and Roberta Jochim

Sat., Aug. 15 (5 PM) † Augusta Dauby, † Tom Zuzzio

Sun., Aug. 16 (7 AM) † Judy Dilger Lorey, † Carolyn Meyer

Sun., Aug. 16 (9 AM) † Bernard and Estelle Wahl

Sun., Aug. 16 (11 AM) Las Almas del Purgatorio, Pablo Barco

*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*



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.

Farmers Market August 22

Come and visit the Farmers Market at the St. Nicholas Pavilion from 7 AM-Noon.

Evening of Music by Chris Brunelle

Everyone is warmly invited to hear a well-known Catholic musician on September 15, **7:00 pm EST**
Location: Divine Mercy Parish / St. Anthony of Padua Church, 4444 S Ohio Street, St. Anthony, IN

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. Nominations need to be turned in no later than Sunday, August 16, 2026.

Thank you

We the families of Donna Hagedorn, would like to thank Padre Martin Estrada and Deacon Jim Woebkenberg for all the guidance, support, and for the spiritual 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.

-Sincerely, The Hagedorn Families

Wisdom Day

The upcoming East Deanery Wisdom Day at Jasper, St. Joseph Parish Center, will be held on Monday, September 21. The day will begin with registration and hospitality in the St. Joseph Parish Center from 8:30 EST until 9:15. The program will be held from 9:15 EST until approximately 2:15.

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.