



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

AUGUST 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS LOCATIONS

St. Joseph Church, 8 E Maple Street, Dale, IN 47523

Mary, Help of Christians Church, 6827 E County Rd 1930 N,
Mariah Hill, IN 47556

St. Nicholas Church, 180 N Holiday Blvd., Santa Claus, IN
47579

MASS TIMES

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

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—St. Joseph (Spanish/Español)

Tuesday: 7:30 AM—St. Nicholas

6:00 PM—St. Joseph (Spanish/Español)

Wednesday: 7:30 AM—St. Joseph

Thursday: 7:30 AM—Mary, Help of Christians

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 PM St. Nicholas

Sunday: 8:30 to 9:00 AM St. Joseph

First Saturday of the month: 7:30 to 8:00 AM

Mary, Help of Christians

(Or by appointment call the office)

GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!

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MATTHEW 15:21-28

"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you
as you wish." (Matthew 15:28)

WHAT THIS TEACHES US



PERSEVERANCE

She refused to give up,
even when faced with
silence and rejection.



HUMILITY

She did not demand
anything, but entrusted
herself completely to
His mercy.



FAITH

She believed that even
the smallest touch of
Christ's grace was
enough to change
everything.

Jesus came first to
Israel, fulfilling God's
promises, but through
Him the mercy of God is
opened to every nation
and every people.

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“LORD, HELP ME.”
(MATTHEW 15:25)
Sometimes, those three words
are the most powerful prayer
we can offer.”

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

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.

Parish Office

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PADRE MARTIN'S PAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to reflect on who Jesus is for us. In the passage, Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" — a question that shows his interest in what they have heard and perceived about him. But then he goes to the heart of the matter: "But you, who do you say that I am?"

That same question resonates for each of us today. It's not about repeating what others have said to us — parents, grandparents, catechists, priests, or friends — although their testimonies are valuable and have planted seeds of faith in us. It's about answering from what we have lived, from our personal experience with him: in prayer, in the sacraments, in listening to His Word, and also in daily life, in the simple moments where His presence draws near.

In this journey, catechists have a fundamental role. They are companions and witnesses who help us take firm steps in faith. That is why I want to express my sincere gratitude to Stephanie Wollenmann, for all the time, dedication, and care she has given to guiding the catechesis of our parish. From the bottom of my heart, thank you very much.

And with great joy we welcome Jamie Tapley, who takes on the role of our new CRE and Youth Ministry. We receive her with gratitude and enthusiasm, wishing her all the best in this beautiful mission she now begins.

Getting to Know the Bible: The Gospel of Matthew

This week we study Matthew 14 to 18, where Jesus teaches us about the Church, forgiveness, and life in community, progressively revealing who he is and what it means to follow him.

Jesus reveals himself as the Son of God through miracles like the multiplication of the loaves and fish, which foreshadows the Eucharist, and by walking on water, showing his dominion over nature. Peter walks toward him as long as he keeps his faith, but when he doubts he begins to sink, teaching us that without faith and without keeping our eyes on Jesus, we too sink in our difficulties. The disciples end up confessing: "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Then, Jesus establishes his Church upon Peter. When he asks "Who do you say that I am?", Peter responds: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus declares: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church," giving him the keys of the Kingdom with authority to teach, govern, and forgive — authority that continues in the popes and bishops.

Jesus announces that he must suffer, die, and rise again, showing that the Messiah is not a triumphant king by worldly standards, but a servant who gives himself. In the Transfiguration, he reveals his divine glory and the Father proclaims: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him," strengthening the faith of the disciples.

Finally, Jesus gives teachings for living as a Church: fraternal correction and unlimited forgiveness, because God forgives us an immense debt and we too must forgive from the heart. If we do not forgive, we close ourselves off to God's mercy. In short, these chapters show us that Jesus is the Son of God, that he founded his Church upon Peter, and that following him means embracing the cross and living in community with sincere forgiveness and humility.

May the Lord, whom we recognize by name today, continue to guide our steps and our hearts.

**In Christ,
Padre Martin Estrada**

PARISH CORNER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday August 29, 2026 SN 5:00 PM

Eucharistic: Lisa Day, Ed Hagedorn
 Sacristan: Brenda Hagedorn
 Lector: Joanie Cassell
 Ushers: Bob Grundhoefer, Steve Merkel,
 Max Meyer, Breck Vinson
 Servers: Ralph Langen, Matthew Schlachter
 Greeters: Eve Vinson, Violet Vinson

Sunday August 30, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM

Eucharistic: Doris Gries, Samantha Gries
 Sacristan: Rose Pund
 Lector: Stephanie Dilger
 Ushers: Jeff Dilger, Lori Gogel,
 Danny Gogel, Chuck Pund
 Servers: Teagan Winchell, Trent Winchell
 Greeters: Dylan Gries, David Kern
 Rosary: Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday August 30, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM

Eucharistic: Lisa Pund, Nolan Weyer,
 Cody Weyer, Kyle Wilgus
 Sacristan: Beverly Turnock
 Lectors: Emily Weyer
 Ushers: Roger Kern, John Mattingly,
 Mark Schaefer, Ray Striegel
 Servers: Ellie Tempel, Maggie Tempel
 Greeters: Lisa Helming, Mary Striegel
 CLOW: Ashley A Tempel, Ashley J Tempel

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FROM 8/9/26

Parish Envelopes: 128

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$3,652.00
 Mail Drop: \$0.00
 Online: \$0.00
 IRA: \$0.00

Week Total: \$3,652.00

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN	5:00 PM:	223
MHC	7:00 AM:	114
SJ	9:00 AM:	247
SJ	11:00 AM:	101

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat., Aug. 22 (5 PM) † **Charles Cottone**
† **Sarah Blackwell**
- ✦ Sun., Aug. 23 (7 AM) † **Jack and Philly Gogel,**
† **Annie Gunselman**
- ✦ Sun., Aug. 23 (9 AM) † **Daniel Turnock**
- ✦ Tues., Aug. 25 (7:30 AM) † **Mary Ann Long**
- ✦ Wed., Aug. 26 (7:30 AM) † **John Friedman**
- ✦ Thurs., Aug. 27 (7:30 AM) † **Judy Dilger Lorey**
- ✦ Sat., Aug. 29 (5 PM) † **Charles Meunier,**
† **Mary Lou Wheatley**
- ✦ Sun., Aug. 30 (7 AM) † **Bernie Nord,**
Mike and Mary Gogel 25th Anniversary
- ✦ Sun., Aug. 30 (9 AM) † **Herb and Philomena Nord**

*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*

SFA PARISH CALENDAR

(CDT Times)

August 23 (Sunday) 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24 (Monday) Weekday

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 25 (Tuesday) Weekday

St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

August 26 (Wednesday) Weekday

Quilting at MHC PC

Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM

August 27 Thursday) Weekday

St. Monica

August 28 (Friday) Weekday

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

August 29 (Saturday) The Passion of

MHC PC Event

St. John the Baptist, Martyr

August 30 (Sunday) 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MHC PC Event

SJ PC Event

September 3 (Thursday) Weekday

Twenty-Four Hour Adoration at SJ, 6 AM - 6 AM Fri.

Have a blessed week!

EVENTS AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Come and See" **Thinking about becoming Catholic?**

You are invited to explore the Catholic Faith through our OCIA program whether you are:

- Curious about Catholicism
- Interested in becoming Catholic and receive Baptism
- Seeking First Communion or Confirmation
- Returning to the Church after many years

Join us for adult formation.

For more information, please reach out to Jamie Tapley at the parish office. We would love to meet you.

Lemon Shake-up Stand Sign Up

We have been given Lemons...Help us make lemon shake-ups. Dale Fall Fest is Sept. 10, 11 and 12. Need lots of help. If you can't help during this weekend, there are several ways to help prepare for the weekend. Ask about opportunities.

Great opportunity for Confirmation Class to get some service hours in.

Call Laura Kroll for more information:
812-686-6540.

Sign up for your shift using this QR code:



MHC Church Sign Volunteer Needed

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.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Christ the King Church Picnic

St. Ferdinand Campus August 23,
1/2 BBQ Chicken Dinners 10:45 AM EST until sold out
Drive thru ends at 11:30 AM EDT
Grand & Quilt Raffle—Drawing at 1:45 PM EDT
Car Show, Kids Games, Country Store

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocese Charities Collection This Month (Purple Envelope)

The **Solidarity Fund for the church in Africa** 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.

Priests, Deacons, and Religious Vocations **Appreciation Dinner**

The dinner will be on Tuesday, October 27, at the Huntingburg Event Center, 110 East 14th St., Huntingburg. Doors open at 5:45 PM ET. Meal at 7:00 PM ET. Cost: \$25 per person. (Note for groups: Tables seat 8 people.) **Tickets are available in the parish office on August 17.** If unable to attend or would like to make a donation, contact your local Knights of Columbus Council or Steve Luegers at 812-631-4648. Checks to be made out to: K of C P.D.&R Dinner.

Race for Vocations

Join people of all ages on October 3 to "Race for Vocations." Sign up to run or walk the YMCA half marathon or 5-miler, and wear your Race for Vocations shirt. Sign up to get updates about our Thursday evening Mass and dinner, and about the post-race tailgate for family and friends at Sts. Mary and John. For more information scan the QR code.



Wisdom Day

The upcoming East Deanery Wisdom Day will be held at St. Joseph Parish Center, Jasper, on Monday, September 21. This Wisdom Day is offered annually through the Diocese of Evansville - Office of Marriage, Family, and Life, to celebrate its over-55 population. The day will begin with an optional 8 am EDT Mass at St. Joseph Church, Jasper, "for Wisdom Day benefactors and participants" as the intention. Registration will be held in the St. Joseph Parish Center from 8:30 until 9:15 EDT. The program will begin at 9:15 and end around 2:15 Eastern Time. Includes a catered lunch, door prizes, and entertainment are all FREE. For questions or information, call Clara Fromme at 812-639-9327. For registration call Mary Lampert 812-639-0669 or Cindy Lampert at 812-827-6930. To give a donation, please contact Mel Oeding, coordinator, at 812-639-7213 or Sharon Gramelspacher 812-639-0884.



Note that the time is EDT.