



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS LOCATIONS

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

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

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 (SN)

Sunday: 7:00 AM—Mary, Help of Christians (MHC)
[Livestreamed on our YouTube]

9:00 AM—St. Joseph (SJ)

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

First Saturday of the month: 7:30 to 8:00 AM
Mary, Help of Christians

CONFESSIONS

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

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

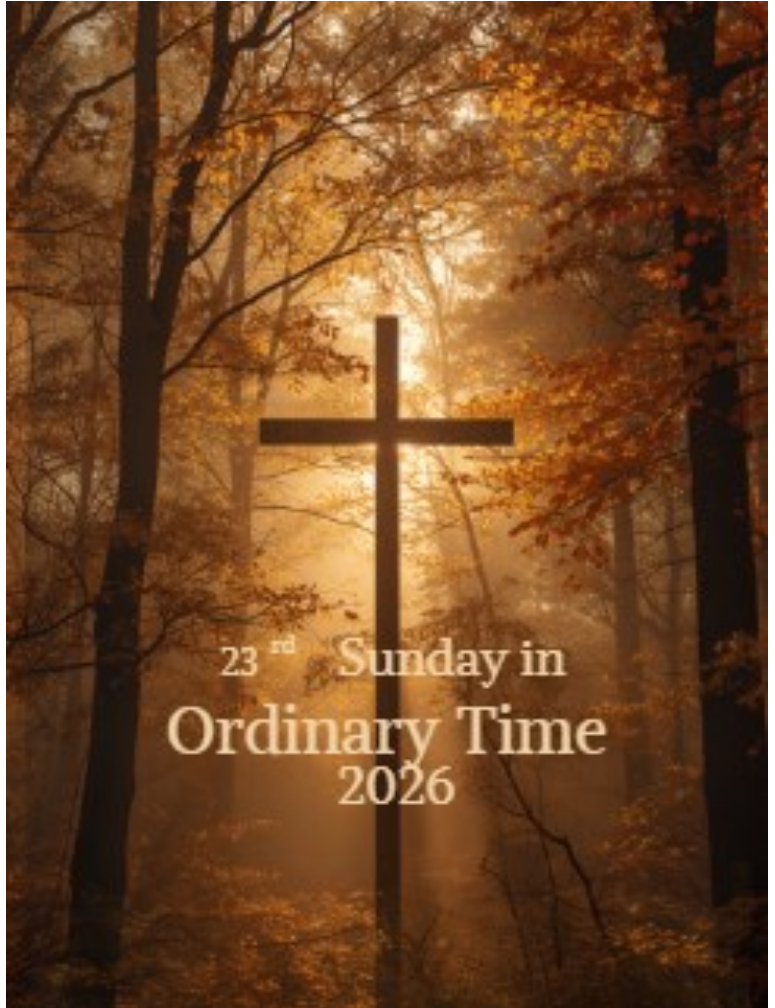
First Saturday of the month: 7:30 to 8:00 AM
Mary, Help of Christians
(Or by appointment call the office)

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM



Saint Francis of Assisi Reflection Group

Join us for a three-week reflection group as we prepare for the Feast of Saint Francis.

We will gather to discuss and reflect on the companion booklet for this special season.

When: Tuesdays—September 8, 15, and 22—following the 7:30 AM Mass.

Where: Saint Nicholas Church in Santa Claus, IN

Come for meaningful reflection, good company, and a peaceful start to your day. All are welcome!

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

PADRE MARTIN'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel brings us a beautiful and comforting promise from Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). The Lord invites us to live in unity and harmony as true children of God. For what father rejoices to see his children in conflict or divided? In the same way, our heavenly Father calls us to forgive one another, just as He forgives us.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that "he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the whole law" (Rm 13:8). Fraternal love and mutual forgiveness are the heart of our faith and the path to experiencing the living presence of Christ in our midst.

This year, we are celebrating an extraordinary Jubilee, granted by Pope Leo, on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's passing to the Father's House. This Jubilee extends from January 10, 2026, through January 10, 2027.

But what is a Jubilee? In the Old Testament, God commanded Israel to celebrate a year of jubilee every fifty years: it was a time of rest for the land, liberation of slaves, return of property, and forgiveness of debts (Lev 25:8-55).

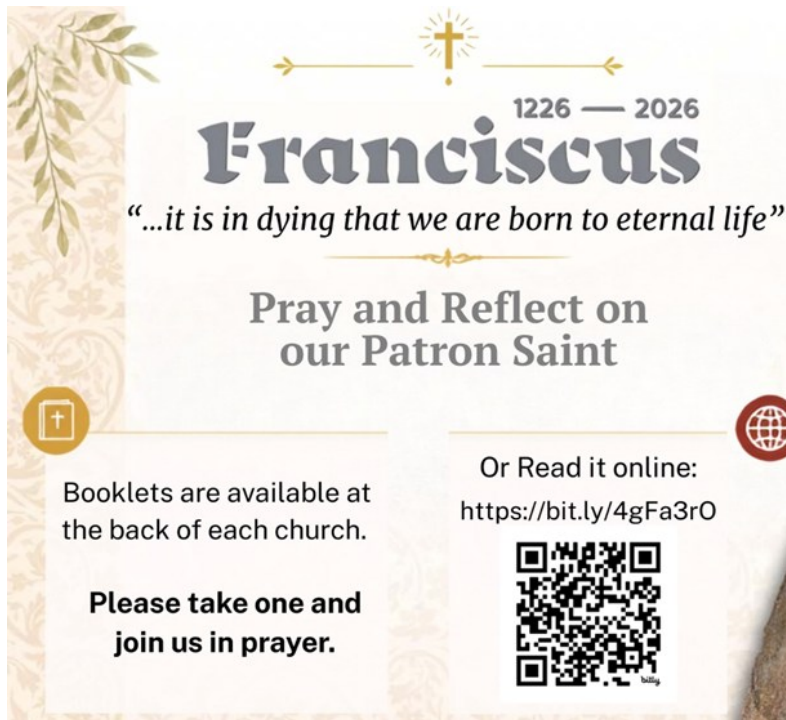
In the Catholic Church, ordinary jubilees are celebrated every twenty-five years as a time of grace, pardon, and spiritual renewal. The last one was the Holy Year "**Pilgrims of Hope**" last year. But this year, because of Saint Francis's significance, the pope invites us to live an extraordinary jubilee, to seek interior renewal by following the saint's example: peace, simplicity, and care for creation.

During this jubilee, a **plenary indulgence** is available, which removes all temporal punishment due to sin, as a sign of God's infinite mercy.

Saint Francis left us a prayer that sums up the heart of the Gospel. In it he says: "**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.**" This phrase teaches us that when we forgive from the heart those who have offended us, we open ourselves to receive God's forgiveness and mercy. Forgiveness is not an easy gesture, but it is the way that leads us to true freedom and inner peace.

May Saint Francis intercede for us and help us to be builders of unity and hope.

**In Christ,
Padre Martin Estrada**



Franciscus
1226 — 2026
"...it is in dying that we are born to eternal life"

**Pray and Reflect on
our Patron Saint**

Booklets are available at
the back of each church.

**Please take one and
join us in prayer.**

Or Read it online:
<https://bit.ly/4gFa3rO>



PARISH CORNER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday **September 12, 2026 SN 5:00 PM**

Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Ralph Langen
Sacristan: Brenda Hagedorn
Lector: Mary Zuzzio
Ushers: Bill Cherolis, Steve Merkel,
 Max Meyer, Rob Oxley
Servers: Volunteers
Greeters: Stella Bennet, Judy Merkel

Sunday **September 13, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Danny Buechler, Dan Waninger
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Tammy Keller
Ushers: Jeff Dilger, Danny Gogel,
 Lori Gogel, John Kern
Servers: CY Keller, Tyce Winchell
Greeters: Zerick Breivogel, Chris Schlachter
Rosary: Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday **September 13, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM**

Eucharistic: Mary Lou Gonzales, Adie Morrison,
 Cindy Morrison, Nolan Weyer
Sacristan: Bev Turnock
Lectors: John Schlachter
Ushers: Joe Gonzales, John Mattingly,
 Mark Schaefer, Ray Striegel
Servers: Addie Kern, Leo Kern
Greeters: Ed Lutterman, Esther Lutterman
CLOW: Brooke Garrett, Chelsea O'Brien

MASS INTENTIONS

† Sat., Sept. 5 (5 PM) † **Alaudio Rosal Manatad,**
 † **Mike Day**
 † Sun., Sept. 6 (7 AM) † **Andrew & Pauline Kern,**
 † **Kathleen Kern**
 † Sun., Sept. 6 (9 AM) † **Ervin & Eleanora Schaeffer,**
 † **Bob Wahl**
 † Tues., Sept. 8 (7:30 AM) † **Matthew Marks**
 † Wed., Sept. 9 (7:30 AM) † **Nora Weber, † Cisco Lloveras**
 † Thurs., Sept. 10 (7:30 AM) † **Donna Hagedorn**
 † Sat., Sept. 12 (5 PM) **Our Catechists and Students in**
Faith Formation
 † Sun., Sept. 13 (7 AM) † **Roman & Pauline Schum,**
 † **Herb & Philomena Nord**
 † Sun., Sept. 13 (9 AM) † **James & Dorothy Strobel,**
Suzy Brinkman Family L&D

*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)

September 6 (Sunday) 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 MHC PC Event
 SJ PC Event

September 7 (Monday) Labor Day
 Parish Office Closed
 SJ PC Event

September 8 (Tuesday) Weekday
 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Knights of Columbus at SN LL, 6-7 PM
 SJ PC Event

September 9 (Wednesday) Weekday
 St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Quilting at MHC PC
 Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM
 SJ PC Event

September 10 (Thursday) Weekday
 Second Thursday Group at SJ PC, 9 AM-Noon

September 11 (Friday) Weekday
 SJ PC Event

September 12 (Saturday) Weekday
 The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Blessing of Catechists and Students at all Masses
 SJ PC Event

September 13 (Sunday) 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Blessing of Catechists and Students at all Masses
Have a blessed week!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FROM 8/23/26

Parish Envelopes: 119

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$4,522.75
 Mail Drop: \$1,625.00
 Online: \$1,050.00
 IRA: \$0.00

Week Total: \$7,197.75

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 127
 MHC 7:00 AM: 152
 SJ 9:00 AM: 270
 SJ 11:00 AM: 178

EVENTS AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lemon Shake-up Stand Sign Up

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:



Farmers Market—September 19

Come and visit the Farmers Market at the St. Nicholas Pavilion from 7 AM-Noon. Come and visit our local farmers and artisans to check out the produce and wares available for sale!

Diocese Charities Collection This Month (Purple Envelope)

The **Catholic University of America** 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Youth Day September 27

Noon–5:30 PM CDT at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Evansville. **Registration is due Mon., September 21.** All high school students and adult chaperones should register through their parish or school. For more information scan the QR code.



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.



K of C Priests, Deacons, and Religious 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. Dinner at 7:00 PM ET. Guest speaker is **Fr. Don Ackerman** whose topic is **God has a Plan for Your Life**. He will be sharing from his vast experience of over 65 years as a priest. Open to the public. Tickets are \$25 and available at the parish office. **Tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses of Sept. 18 & 19.**

Thank you

We, the family of Judy Seger, would like to thank Father Martin Estrada and Deacon Tom Kempf for all the guidance, support, and for the spiritual celebration of the Mass. Also, thanks to the choir for their beautiful music. Thank you to those who brought a dish and helped with preparation and cleanup of the luncheon.
—The Seger Family

Pope's September Intention

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Note that the time is EDT.

St. Meinrad Fall Picnic

Sunday, September 20, 2026, on the parish grounds from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CT. Enjoy entertainment throughout the day, including live music at the outdoor dining pavilion, weather permitting. Fried chicken dinners, famous soup (by the bowl or gallon), ice cream, and a food court with hamburgers, cheeseburgers and German tenderloin sandwiches will be available for dine-in and carryout while supplies last.

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.