ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

8 E Maple Street, P.O. Box 684, Dale, IN 47523
Phone: 812-937-2200
Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM

Jubilee of Saint Francis
33 Hours of Adoration

St. Nicholas | September 29
St. Joseph | September 30
Mary, Help of Christians | October 1

Adoration after 7:30 AM Mass to 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 4:00—6:00 PM
Holy Hour & Benediction: 6:00-7:00 PM

Saint Francis of Assisi Reflection Group

Join us for a 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 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 David Fritz

PADRE MARTIN'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to all of you in the peace of the Lord. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to everyone who so generously gave their time and effort to make the **Dale Fall Fest** possible. Your dedication is a beautiful witness to the spirit of fraternity and service that unites us as the Saint Francis of Assisi community. May God abundantly reward you for all you have done.

In **this Sunday's Gospel**, Jesus invites us to forgive not merely "seven times," but "seventy-seven times." This is not about keeping count; rather, it is about learning to love and forgive with the heart of God. Jesus calls us to let go of resentment, pride, and selfishness, and to embrace the way of a generous love that always seeks reconciliation.

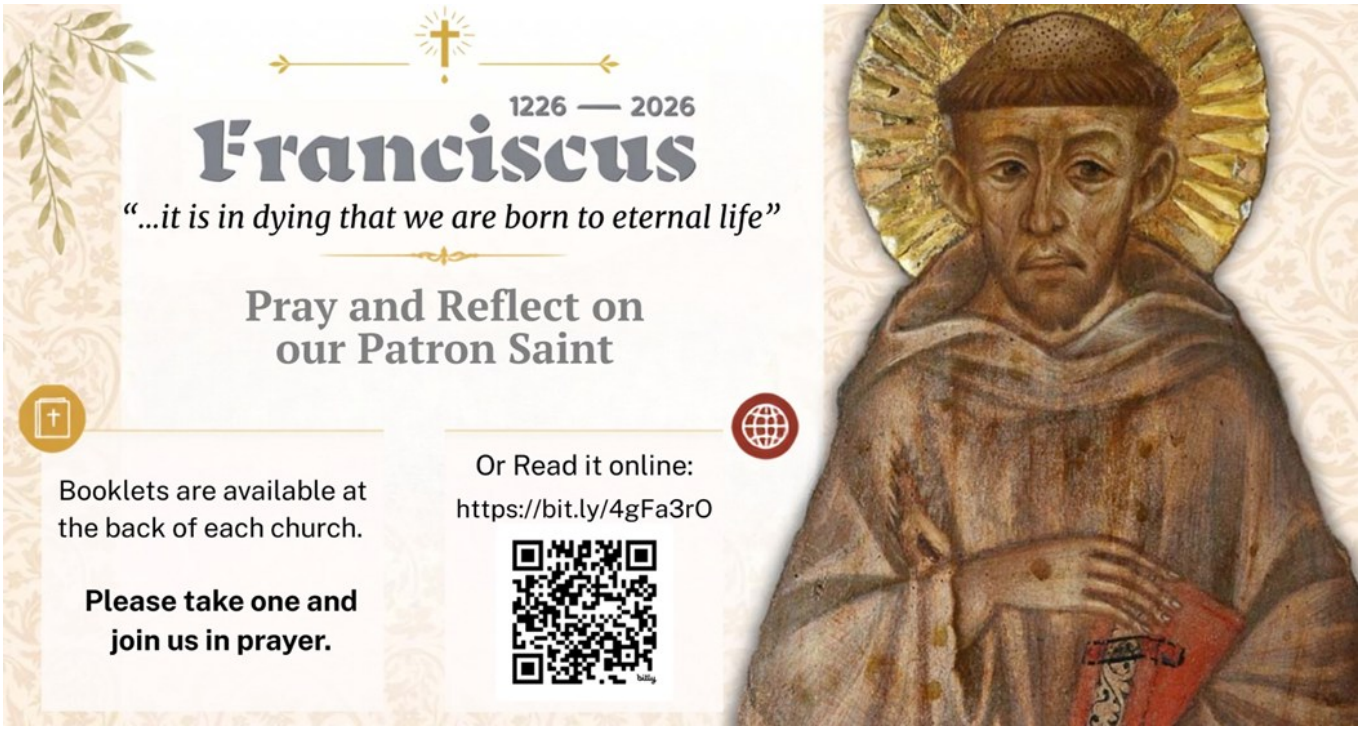
This message takes on special meaning during the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the passing of Saint Francis of Assisi. This Jubilee is a time of grace that invites us to experience God's mercy more deeply. To do so, we must take two important steps: **humbly receive God's forgiveness** for our sins and **sincerely offer forgiveness** to those who have hurt us.

For this reason, I especially invite you to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during this Jubilee Year. We will have several opportunities to celebrate this sacrament, and I hope we will take advantage of them to encounter once again our merciful God, who always awaits us with open arms.

I also invite you to ask yourselves honestly: **Whom do I need to ask for forgiveness? With whom do I need to forgive?** Perhaps we have carried wounds, resentments, or divisions for too long, allowing them to rob us of our peace. Let us have the courage to take the first step and allow God to heal the wounds of the past.

When we forgive from the heart, we make room for Christ to dwell more fully within us and to grant us a deep and lasting peace. May Saint Francis of Assisi, intercede for us and help us become, like him, instruments of peace, builders of unity, and sowers of hope.

In Christ,
Padre Martin Estrada



PARISH CORNER

Ministry Schedule

Saturday — September 19, 2026 SN 5:00 PM

Eucharistic:	Joanie Cassell, Ralph Langen
Sacristan:	Lisa Day
Lector:	Michal Horace
Ushers:	Bill Cherolis, Steve Merkel, Rob Oxley, Breck Vinson
Servers:	Keith Kroll, Spencer Kroll
Greeters:	Ashlee Vinson, Violet Vinson

Sunday — September 20, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM

Eucharistic:	Ronnie Begle, Marilyn Satkamp
Sacristan:	Rose Pund
Lector:	Stephanie Dilger
Ushers:	John Becher, Brandon Hanloh, Stan Jochim, David Kern
Servers:	Corbin Gogel, Pryce Hanselman
Greeters:	Tami Nord, Tim Nord
Rosary:	Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday — September 20, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM

Eucharistic:	Claire Brinkman, Katrina Cochenour, Lori Tischendorf, Cody Weyer
Sacristan:	Sara Kern
Lectors:	Terry Tischendorf
Ushers:	Wayne Brinkman, Joe Gonzales, Roger Kern, John Payne
Servers:	Izzy Kern, Jacob Tischendorf
Greeters:	Susan Brinkman, Jill Schnieders
CLOW:	Volunteer, Ashley J Tempel

Stewardship of Treasure from 8/30/26

Parish Envelopes: 132

Collection at all Sunday Masses:	*$5,999.14*
Mail Drop:	*$4,472.00*
Online:	*$930.00*
IRA:	*$0.00*
Week Total:	***$11,401.14***

Budget amount needed $10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN	5:00 PM:	127
MHC	7:00 AM:	180
SJ	9:00 AM:	268
SJ	11:00 AM:	121

Mass Intentions

✦ 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**
✦ Tues., Sept. 15 (7:30 AM) † **Joseph and Mary Woebkenberg**
✦ Wed., Sept. 16 (7:30 AM) † **Increase Vocations to Priesthood**
✦ Thurs., Sept. 17 (7:30 AM) **In Thanksgiving**
✦ Sat., Sept. 19 (5 PM) † **Jason Meunier, Jerry Meunier**
✦ Sun., Sept. 20 (7 AM) † **Jack and Philly Gogel,** † **Annie Gunselman**
✦ Sun., Sept. 20 (9 AM) † **Gehard (Tony) Kluemper,** † **Russ Wahl**

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 13 (Sunday) **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Blessing of Catechists and Students at all Masses

September 14 (Monday) **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

September 15 (Tuesday) **Our Lady of Sorrows**
SJ PC Event

September 16 (Wednesday) **Weekday**
St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Quilting at MHC PC
Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM
SJ PC Event

September 17 (Thursday) **Weekday**
St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
MHC PC Kitchen

September 18 (Friday) **Weekday**
MHC PC Kitchen

September 19 (Saturday) **Weekday**
St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Farmers Market at SN Pavilion, 7 AM-Noon
SJ PC Event

September 20 (Sunday) **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
MHC PC Event

September 23 (Wednesday) **Weekday**
Faith Formation Class 6:15-7:15 and Parent Meeting

Have a blessed week!

EVENTS AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
September 12 & 13

Honoring the gift of wisdom, faith and love across generations. ***They are a blessing. Let us be a blessing.*** STAY CLOSE, SHOW LOVE, SHARE FAITH. Let us visit grandparents, the elderly members of the family, and even those who have no one to visit them.

Farmers Market—September 19

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.

Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer take aluminum cans to recycling and bring the money to the office. The parish dedicates this money to our youth programs. For more information to volunteer please call the office at 812-937-2200.

Blood Drive

September 27 at St. Nicholas Lower Level from 8 AM-Noon.

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

Music with Chris Brunelle

September 15, 7:00 PM EDT
Divine Mercy Parish, St. Anthony of Padua Church,
4444 S Ohio St., St. Anthony, IN

Perpetual Adoration at Divine Providence

CHAPEL - Open Hours: 3 am on 1st Sunday; 1 pm on 5th Sunday; 6 pm on 4th Sunday; 11 pm on 2nd Sunday; 11 pm on Monday; 3 am on 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday; 1 am on 2nd & 4th Wednesday; 3 am on 3rd Wednesday; & 1 pm on 2nd & 3rd Friday. Jesus is waiting!! To sign up, please contact Mona Wagner, 812-309-8033

St. Mary's Church Picnic

September 20, 10:30 AM-4:00 PM EDT
Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken or Roast Beef Dinners, American and Latino Food Booths, Ice Cream, Country Store, Games, Quilts, Raffle, and Live Entertainment.

St. Meinrad Fall Picnic

Sunday, September 20, 2026, on the parish grounds from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CT. Fried chicken dinners, famous soup (by the bowl or gallon), ice cream, and much more.

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.