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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday

5:00pm - St. Nicholas (SN)

Sunday

7:00am - Mary, Help of Christians (MHC)
(Livestreamed on our YouTube)

9:00am - St. Joseph (SJ)

11:00am - St. Joseph (Spanish/Español)

Tuesday

7:30am - St. Nicholas

6:00pm - St. Joseph (Spanish/Español)

Wednesday

7:30am - St. Joseph

Thursday

7:30am - Mary, Help of Christians

1st Saturday of the Month

8:00am - Mary, Help of Christians

CONFESSION

Saturday | 4:30-5:00pm - St. Nicholas

Sunday | 8:30-9:00am - St. Joseph

1st Saturday of the Month

7:30-8:00am - Mary, Help of Christians

Other | By Appointment, call the Office



"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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GLP



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PADRE MARTIN'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel speaks to us about God's generosity through the parable of the workers who received the same wages, even though they began working at different times. This is how God works: He calls us at different moments and stages of our lives.

We must remain attentive to His invitation and respond generously, whether we are at the beginning of our lives or in our later years. Every one of us, without exception, can contribute to the building of God's Kingdom.

The Novena in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi is quickly approaching. I hope you will join us and participate in as many of the planned activities as possible. The complete schedule is provided below. I invite you to attend and unite with us in prayer, asking St. Francis of Assisi to intercede for our needs and for the needs of the entire world.

Novena St. Francis of Assisi Sep 26 – Oct 4

• September 26 (Saturday) — Pray for Conversion

- Mass and Novena at 5:00 pm at St. Nicholas

• September 27 (Sunday) — Pray for the Church

- Novena at all Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am

• September 28 (Monday) — Pray for Families

- Mary, Help of Christians
- Mass and Novena at 6:00 pm

• September 29 (Tuesday) — Pray for the Care of Creation

- St. Nicholas
- Mass and Novena at 7:30 am
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Confessions from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Holy Hour and Benediction from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

• September 30 (Wednesday) — Pray for Peace in the World

- St. Joseph
- Mass and Novena at 7:30 am
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Confessions from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Holy Hour and Benediction from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

• October 1 (Thursday) — Pray for the Poor

- Mary, Help of Christians
- Mass and Novena at 7:30 am
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Confessions from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Holy Hour and Benediction from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

• October 2 (Friday) — Pray for Those Who are Suffering

- St. Joseph
- Mass, Novena, and Holy Hour in Spanish at 6:00 pm

• October 3 (Saturday) — Pray for Unity among Christians

- Mary, Help of Christians
- Mass and Novena at 8:00 am
- St. Nicholas
- **October Fest** from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Mass and Novena at 5:00 pm

• October 4 (Sunday) — Pray That We May Imitate Christ

- Novena at all Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am
- Mass in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi at 9:00 am at St. Joseph
- Celebrant: Bishop Siegel
- Celebration following Mass

May this novena be a time of grace, prayer, and spiritual renewal for all of us. Following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, may we learn to live with greater simplicity, generosity, and love for God, for one another, and for all creation.

In Christ,

Padre Martin Estrada

PARISH CORNER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday September 26 | SN | 5:00pm
Eucharistic Brenda Hagedorn, Ed Hagedorn
Sacristan Annie Oxley
Lector John Schlachter
Ushers Bob Grundhoefer, Max Meyer, Rob Oxley, Chad Schnieders
Servers Keith Kroll, Matthew Schlachter
Greeters Bill Cherolis, Susan Cherolis

Sunday September 27 | MHC | 7:00am
Eucharistic Sarah Denning, Marilyn Woebkenberg
Sacristan Rose Pund
Lector Chris Schlachter
Ushers Lori Gogel, Danny Gogel, Brian Hanselman, Chuck Pund
Servers Trent Winchell, Tyce Winchell
Greeters Tami Nord, Tim Nord
Rosary Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday September 27 | SJ | 9:00am
Eucharistic Madison Ebert, Lisa Pund, Emily Weyer, Nolan Weyer
Sacristan Theresa Begle
Lector Sheila Wahl
Ushers Daryl Kast, John Mattingly, Mark Schaefer, Phil Wahl
Servers Molly Tempel, Kade Tempel
Greeters Mary Striegel, Ray Striegel
CLOW Leslie Begle, Ashley A Tempel



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

9/6/26

Parish Envelopes	156
Collection at all Sunday Masses	\$8,112.70
Mail Drop	\$1,640.00
Online Giving	\$400.00
IRA	\$0.00
Week Total	\$10,152.70

Budget Amount Needed	\$10,000.00
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19

5:00pm | † Jason Meunier
† Jerry Meunier

Sunday, September 20

7:00am | † Jack and Philly Gogel
† Annie Gunselman
9:00am | † Gehard (Tony) Kluemper
† Russ Wahl

Tuesday, September 22

7:30am | † Jerome Hildenbrand

Wednesday, September 23

7:30am | † Frances "Frankie" Drury

Thursday, September 24

7:30am | † Oscar and Elenora Wessel

Next Saturday, September 26

5:00pm | † Josh Suhrheinrich
| † David Grundhoefer

Next Sunday, September 27

7:00am | † Bill and Roberta Jochim
† Bill and Rowena Waninger
9:00am | † Julie and Alayna Schnell

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

JESSIE (KERN) NEIREITER
DAVID FRITZ

Names will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks, please call the office after that if more time is needed.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH CALENDAR

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

September 21 (Monday) - Weekday
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
SJ PC Event

September 23 (Wednesday) - Weekday
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Quilting at MHC PC
Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6pm
Faith Formation Class 6:15-7:15pm and Parent Meeting

September 26 (Saturday) - Weekday
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
SJ Church Event

September 27 (Sunday) - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SN Blood Drive, 8am-Noon, Lower Level

October 1 (Thursday) - Weekday
Twenty-Four Hour Adoration at SJ, 6:00am-6:00am Friday

October 3 (Saturday) - Weekday
Octoberfest at SN Pavilion, 11:00am-7:00pm

EVENTS AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.

Tuesday, September 22, following the 7:30 AM Mass at Saint Nicholas Church in Santa Claus, IN

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

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.

Octoberfest ½ Pot Tickets

Tickets will be sold after the next 2 weekend Masses and will be sold the day of the Fest.

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.

Blood Drive



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

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.

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 November 29. Please print clearly.

Name

Name

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Perpetual Adoration at Divine Providence

(All Hours are EST)

CHAPEL - Open Hours: 3 am on 1st Sunday; 1 pm on 5th Sunday; 6 pm on 4th Sunday; 11 pm on Monday; 3 am on 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday; 1 am on 2nd & 4th Wednesday; 3 am on 3rd Wednesday; 9 am on Thursday, 12 noon on 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Thursday, 1 pm on 2nd & 3rd Friday; 1 pm on 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday: & 11 pm on 3rd, 4th, 5th Saturday. Jesus is waiting!! Address: 1385 W 6th Street, Jasper, IN (from Hwy 56 turn on Lechner Lane. On the grounds of Precious Blood Catholic Church)

To sign up, please contact Mona Wagner, 812-309-8033 or email dp@adorationmanager.com

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.