



Building Together
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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MARCH 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

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 Church
11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph Church

Confessions offered 1 hour before Mass through Lent or by appointment.

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Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
(All Times are CDT)

Tuesday
7:30am: St. Nicholas

Wednesday
7:30am: St. Joseph

Holy Thursday
6:00pm: The Lord's Supper at SJ

Good Friday
3:00pm: Stations of the Cross at SJ
4:00pm: Stations in Spanish at SJ
6:00pm: Passion of the Lord at SJ

Holy Saturday
8:00pm: Easter Vigil at SJ

Easter Sunday Masses
7:00am at Mary Help of Christians
9:00am at St. Joseph
9:30am at St. Nicholas
11:00am (Spanish) at St Joseph

Parish Events Calendar

Mar. 15 (Sunday) Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday "Rejoice"

Blood Drive at SN 8am-Noon

Mar. 16 (Monday) Lenten Weekday
Boy Scouts PAL mtg SJ PC 5:30pm

Mar. 17 (Tuesday) Lenten Weekday
St. Patrick, Bishop

Mar. 18 (Wednesday) Lenten Weekday
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
SJ and MHC - Quilting
Spanish Choir practice 6pm
Faith Formation - Gr. 1-8 (See page 4 for additional info)

Mar. 19 (Thursday) Lenten Weekday
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mar. 20 (Friday) Lenten Weekday
Lenten Dinner - Mary, Help of Christians - 4pm
SJ PC Event

Mar. 21 (Saturday)
SJ PC Event

Mar. 22 (Sunday) Fifth Sunday of Lent
SJ PC Event

Have a great week!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week Thursday I was at a Mass at Scenic Hills sitting in the back row. The chair next to my right was vacant and a man was sitting in the next chair over. At the sign of peace I started to reach out to him but he stuck out his hand to the (person) in the empty seat. I just shrugged that off and turn to the person to my left and exchanged a sign of peace with her. Turning around I saw someone take the hand of the man to my right and guide it toward mine. When our hands met he heartedly exchanged a sign of peace with me. I realized then that he was blind. After someone helped him, we were no longer blind to each other.

Jesus cures a blind man on the Sabbath and the Pharisees quickly want to know who did this. In almost comical fashion they ask him if he knows who cured him. He was blind and could not see! Really? But eventually they do find out who gave him his sight back. But the blind man sees with an inner sight as he calls the man who cured him a prophet, a man of God. Whereas the Pharisees only see the man Jesus, and that he worked a cure on the Sabbath. Sammuell is told by God to look past the physical appearance into the heart. That is what God sees! Jesus tried to cure the blindness of the Pharisees, but they would have none of it. Some people don't want to be cured – they like what they see.

The gospel story uncovers the blindness of the Pharisees toward Jesus. Yet, we too are often blind toward those around us. In the nursing home it was only after the blind person was helped did we see each other. Perhaps that is the key to curing our blindness toward others. We need Christ through others to help us see more clearly. Today, many say that illegal immigrants are criminals. That's how the Pharisees saw Jesus by his curing on the Sabbath. The Church however, does not see illegal immigrants but people made in the image and likeness of God just as we are. Lent is a special time for us to prepare for the resurrected Jesus, but we must be cured of all our blindness in order to recognize him. Being cured of blindness opens up a whole new world of seeing things. Oh my! In heaven, the one sitting next to us at the Banquet of Life may be someone we judged criminal in our earthly life.

God bless your Lenten journey,

Deacon Jim

Minister Schedule

Saturday March 21, 2026 SN 5:00 pm

Eucharistic: Ed Hagedorn, Brenda Hagedorn
 Sacristan: Annie Oxley
 Lector: Michal Horace
 Ushers: Rob Oxley, Breck Vinson, Parker Ward, Liam Ward
 Servers: Ralph Langen, Preston Ward
 Greeters: Keith Kroll, Eve Vinson, Ashlee Vinson

Sunday March 22, 2026 MHC 7:00 am

Eucharistic: Ronnie Begle, Sarah Denning
 Sacristan: Rose Pund
 Lector: Stephanie Dilger
 Ushers: Zerick Breivogel, Jeff Dilger, Dave Kern, Chuck Pund
 Servers: Tyce Winchell, Trent Winchell
 Greeters: Tim Nord, Tami Nord
 Rosary: Dana Dilger

Sunday March 22, 2026 SJ 9:00 am

Eucharistic: Mary Lou Gonzales, Martha Hagedorn, Angie Schmidt, Cody Weyer
 Sacristan: Theresa Begle
 Lectors: Brian Gehlhausen
 Ushers: Joe Gonzales, Adie Morrison, Cindy Morrison, Phil Wahl
 Servers: Leo Kern, Addie Kern
 Greeters: Lisa Helming, Sheila Wahl
 CLOW: Ashley A. Tempel, Volunteer

Sunday March 22, 2026 SJ 11:00 am

Eucharistic: Carina Mosqueda, Cristina Martinez
 Lectors: Maria Lopez, Miriam Martinez
 Ushers: Eduardo Barco, Jose Barco
 Servers: Diego Lara, Ximena Lara, Jessy Dubon
 Sacristan: Gela Ibarra

Stewardship of Treasure from 3/1/26

Parish Envelopes: 124

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$ 10,024.50

Mail Drop: \$ 4,305.00 Online: \$ 175.00

IRA: \$ 0.00

Week Total: \$ 14,504.50

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00pm: 109

MHC 7:00am: 162

SJ 9:00am: 205

SJ 11:00am: 136

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have pledged to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

Our parish goal is \$133,625.00 and as of this weekend, our parish has \$ 80,159.00 pledged, with \$ 68,818.20 collected. Out of 633 families there have been only families that have pledged. If you haven't yet made your gift, contact the Parish office for a pledge card. Or you can make a check payable to CMA and bring it to the office and we will fill out a card for you. Your pledge is very much appreciated!

In Need of Your Prayers

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

Mike Guth
 Shannon Fuhs
 Jessie Neireiter
 Jayme Woebkenberg
 Sandy (Jochim) Dilger

Our 2nd Collection is for our Lenten Almsgiving campaign to support our local groups helping those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)
 North Spencer Community Action Center (NSCAC)
 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
 Bags of Blessings
 and More.

As of today we collected \$ 825.10

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All of these are times are CDT

Mar. 20 - Lenten Dinner - MHC 4pm

Mar. 27 - Lenten Dinner - SJ Hispanic Ministry 4pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

St. Mary's, Huntingburg - Sunday, March 15 4pm
 St. Joseph, Jasper - Monday, March 16 4:30pm
 St. Ferdinand, Ferdinand - Sunday, March 22 4pm
 St. Joseph, Jasper - Wednesday, March 25 6pm

****Note - These times are Eastern Time**

Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 14 (5 pm) Jerome "Jerry" Buxton
 Sun. Mar. 15 (7 am) Judy Dilger Lorey, Marilyn Seger
 Sun. Mar. 15 (9 am) Special Intention for someone with cancer
 Sun. Mar. 15 (11 am) Juan Manuel Escalera (aniversario luctuoso) Manuel Arias (salud)
 Tue. Mar. 17 (7:30 am) Pete, Jean, & Alan Meyer
 Wed. Mar. 18 (7:30 am) St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 Thr. Mar. 19 (7:30 am) Bill & Roberta Jochim
 Sat. Mar. 21 (5 pm) Steve Hauser
 Sun. Mar. 22 (7 am) Marcella, Bob, & Joe Otto
 Sun. Mar. 22 (9 am) Pete, Jean, & Alan Meyer
 Sun. Mar. 22 (11 am) Daniel Barenas Montiel (descanso eterno)

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.***

Faith Formation/Confirmation/
Youth Group/CLOW Group

Faith Formation
Gr. 1 & 3-8
Last Class is Mar. 18

March 25 - No Class
(Spring Break)

First Holy Communion Class
April 1

Congratulations to our
2026
St. Maria Goretti Award Recipients!
Sophia Dilger
Gwen Tempel

CHRISM MASS 2026

Tuesday, March 31

5:30 PM

Saint Benedict Cathedral

- Blessing and Consecration of Holy Oils
- Renewal of Priestly Promises
- Sacrament of Reconciliation available



St. Joseph

Feast Day: March 19

Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Unborn Children, Fathers, Workers,
Travelers, Immigrants, and a Happy Death

St. Joseph is one of the most beloved and mysterious figures in the Christian tradition, honored as the foster father of Jesus Christ and the faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though Scripture records no spoken words from him, his life speaks powerfully through his actions—marked by obedience, humility, courage, and deep trust in God's providence.

Joseph was a descendant of King David and lived in the small town of Nazareth in Galilee. By trade he was a carpenter, a humble craftsman who worked with his hands to provide for his family. When he was betrothed to Mary, he discovered that she was with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Being a just and compassionate man, Joseph initially resolved to divorce her quietly rather than expose her to shame. However, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, revealing that the child Mary carried was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would be the Savior. In faithful obedience, Joseph accepted God's will and took Mary as his wife.

As guardian of the Holy Family, Joseph protected and provided for both Mary and the Child Jesus. When an angel warned him that King Herod sought to kill the infant Jesus, Joseph immediately took his family and fled to Egypt in the night. After Herod's death, Joseph returned with Mary and Jesus to Nazareth, where he raised the Son of God in a life of simplicity, teaching Him the trade of carpentry and guiding Him in the traditions of the Jewish faith.

Christian tradition holds that Joseph died peacefully in the presence of Jesus and Mary, which is why he is honored as the patron of a happy death. Today, Catholics venerate St. Joseph as a model of faithful fatherhood, diligent work, and quiet holiness, as well as the patron of the universal Church.



Key passages of
St. Joseph in
the Bible

- Matthew 1
- Matthew 2
- Luke 1-2
- Luke 2:41-52

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March 20:
Mary, Help of Christians PC
(Swai Fish, German Fries, Green Beans, Slaw, Brownie, Drink (\$15))

March 27:
St. Joseph Church PC (Dale)
Hispanic Ministry

Stations of the Cross will be at the location of the Lenten Dinner at 5pm Central through Lent.

JOIN THE DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR THE 2026 CHRISM MASS

Please join the Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 pm (Evansville Time) at St. Benedict Cathedral. The Choir is open to singers from all the parishes of Diocese of Evansville. This is a great opportunity to come together and share in musical prayer. Members are typically in 8th grade and older. While reading music and attending all the practices are recommended, it isn't a requirement!

Practices are held in the Cathedral Church (please enter on the East side of the Cathedral (Parish Center / Handicap-Ramp Side).

Sunday, March 22 2pm to 4pm (CST)
Tuesday, March 24 6 pm -7:30 pm (CST)
Sunday, March 29 2pm - 4pm (CST)

Please contact Jeremy Korba at (812) 589-3886 or via email at jkorba@evdio.org with questions. Please invite others in your music program to join us.