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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH 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



MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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PADRE MARTIN'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may have noticed, I was away last week visiting my family in Mexico. I had not planned to make this trip, but a family emergency required me to be with them.

On Saturday, September 12, my twin nephews were born prematurely. Because it was not the right time, one of them was born with serious medical problems in his lungs and heart. The doctors gave us very little hope, and all we could do was place him in God's hands and wait to see how he responded to treatment.

Monday was especially difficult. His condition became so serious that he had to be baptized in an emergency and transferred to a hospital that was better equipped to care for him. Thanks be to God, and thanks to the prayers of so many of you, he has improved greatly. The doctors now say that he is out of danger. He still needs time to grow stronger and continue developing, but we are very grateful for the progress he has made.

I share this experience with you as a reminder of the power of prayer. When we come together in faith to pray for a person or a particular need, God hears our prayers, remains with us, and gives us strength. Jesus himself tells us: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them". (Matthew 18:20)

I also want to thank all of you who prayed for my family during these difficult days. Your prayers, kindness, and support have meant more to us than you may realize.

For this reason, I invite you to participate as fully as possible in our **Novena in Honor of Saint Francis of Assisi**. Let us come together as a community to place our needs before the Lord and ask our patron saint to intercede for us and for the whole world.

- Saturday, September 26: We will **pray for the conversion of our hearts** and for the grace to return more fully to God.
- Sunday, September 27: We will **pray for the universal Church**.
- Monday, September 28: We will celebrate a **special Mass for families** at 6:00pm at MHC. All families are warmly invited to join us.
- Tuesday, September 29: We will **pray for the care of God's creation** and give thanks for all the blessings we receive through it. There will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day at SN, followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction at 6:00pm.
- Wednesday, September 30: We will **pray for peace throughout the world**. There will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day at SJ, followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to **wear white** as a sign of our desire for peace.
- Thursday, October 1: We will **pray for the poor** during Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction at 6:00pm at MHC.
- Friday, October 2: We will offer a Spanish Mass and Holy Hour **for all those who are suffering** at 6:00pm at SJ.
- Saturday, October 3: We will celebrate our First Saturday Mass at 8:00am at MHC and **pray for the unity of all Christians**. We will also have our Octoberfest from 11:00 to 7:00pm, as well as our regularly scheduled 5:00pm Mass.
- Sunday, October 4: We will **pray for the grace to become more like Christ** in our thoughts, words, and actions. The novena prayers will be offered at all Masses. We will also be honored to welcome Bishop Joseph Siegel, who will celebrate the 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph.

May this novena be a true time of grace that deepens our prayer life and renews our commitment to participate actively in the life of the Church. Following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, may we grow in unity as a parish family, support one another in faith, and serve God and our brothers and sisters with generous hearts.

In Christ,

Padre Martin Estrada

PARISH CORNER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday October 3 | SN | 5:00pm
 Eucharistic Joanie Cassell, Mary Zuzzio
 Sacristan Anna Ward, Brenda Hagedorn
 Lector Annie Oxley
 Ushers Bob Grundhoefer, Rob Oxley, Breck Vinson, Volunteer
 Servers Matthew Schlachter, Volunteer
 Greeters Marsha Grundhoefer, LaVerne Grundhoefer

Sunday October 4 | MHC | 7:00am
 Eucharistic Leslie Begle, Bryce Denning
 Sacristan Rose Pund
 Lector Gabe Konerding
 Ushers Zerick Breivogel, Jeff Dilger, Brandon Hanloh, Brian Hanselman
 Servers Tanner Dilger, Sophia Dilger
 Greeters David Kern, Volunteer
 Rosary Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday October 4 | SJ | 9:00am
 Eucharistic Katrina Cochenour, Angie Schmidt, Lori Tischendorf, Kyle Wilgus
 Sacristan Tina Gehlhausen
 Lector Theresa Begle
 Ushers Roger Kern, Adie Morrison, Cindy Morrison, John Payne
 Servers Molly Tempel, Kade Tempel
 Greeters Emily Kuegel, Ed Lutterman
 CLOW Katrina Cochenour, Natalie Tempel



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

9/6/26

Parish Envelopes	106
Collection at all Sunday Masses	\$5,028.05
Mail Drop	\$2,370.00
Online Giving	\$400.00
IRA	\$0.00
Week Total	\$7,798.05

Budget Amount Needed \$10,000.00

PARISH CALENDAR

September 27 (Sunday) - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SN Blood Drive, 8:00am-Noon, Lower Level

Novena at all Masses - Pray for the Church

September 28 (Monday) - Weekday

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

SN LL Event

Mass and Novena at MHC, 6:00pm - Pray for Families

September 29 (Tuesday) - Weekday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Mass and Novena at SN, 7:30am - Pray for Care of Creation

Eucharistic Adoration 8:00am-6:00pm; Confessions 4-6pm;

Holy Hour and Benediction, 6:00-7:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26

5:00pm | † Josh Suhrheinrich

| † David Grundhoefer

Sunday, September 27

7:00am | † Bill and Roberta Jochim

† Bill and Rowena Waninger

9:00am | † Julie and Alayna Schnell

Tuesday, September 29

7:30am | † Leo Roos

Wednesday, September 30

7:30am | † Jerome Hildenbrand

† Frances "Frankie" Drury

Thursday, October 1

7:30am | † Clem and Marie Meyer

Next Saturday, October 3

5:00pm | † Tom Zuzzio

Next Sunday, October 4

7:00am | † Judy Dilger Lorey

† Donna Hagedorn

9:00am | † Alaudio Rosal Manatad

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.

September 30 (Wednesday) - Weekday

Mass and Novena at SJ, 7:30am - Pray for Peace in the World

Eucharistic Adoration 8:00am-6:00pm; Confessions 4-6pm;

Holy Hour and Benediction, 6:00-7:00pm

Faith Formation Class 6:15-7:15pm and Parent Meeting

October 1 (Thursday) - Weekday

Mass and Novena at MHC, 7:30am - Pray for the Poor

Eucharistic Adoration 8:00am-6:00pm; Confessions 4-6pm;

Holy Hour and Benediction, 6:00-7:00pm

October 2 (Friday) - Weekday

Mass, Novena, Holy Hour in Spanish at SJ, 6:00pm - Pray for those

Who are Suffering

October 3 (Saturday) - Weekday

Octoberfest at SN Pavilion, 11:00am-7:00pm

Mass and Novena at MHC 8:00am; SN 5:00pm - Pray for Unity among Christians

EVENTS AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blood Drive



September 27 at St. Nicholas Lower Level from 8 AM-Noon.
Walk-in welcome!

Jubilee of Saint Francis

33 Hours of Adoration
St. Nicholas | September 29
St. Joseph | September 30
Mary, Help of Christians | October 1
Adoration after 7:30am Mass to 6:00pm
Reconciliation: 4:00—6:00pm
Holy Hour & Benediction: 6:00-7:00pm

Octoberfest ½ Pot Tickets

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

The Catholic Ministries Appeal begins this weekend.

“Remain in Me, as I remain in you.” As we remain rooted in Christ, He sends us to share his love through the life of the Church. Your gift supports ministries serving people throughout the Diocese of Evansville. Prayerfully consider how the Lord is inviting you to respond, and scan the QR code to make your gift today!



Mass in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4 at SJ 9:00am with celebrant: Bishop Siegel
Pray That We May Imitate Christ

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 QR code.



Divine Mercy Healing Service

Monday, October 5, 6:00-7:15pm ET

St. Faustina’s Feast Day

St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Huntingburg
Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayers for Healing, Anointing of the Sick, Veneration of 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina

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 7:00pm 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.

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.

Thank You - Lemon Shake-Up Stand

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Lemon Shake-up over Fall Fest weekend. We appreciate all those who stepped up and took a shift, helped set up, and those that helped tear down. A special thanks to the Confirmation class for signing up for shifts. Your service hours helped make this year’s Lemon Shake-up a success. Thank you so much.
--Keith and Laura Kroll

St. Vincent de Paul Meetings

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm at SN classroom. We are looking for new members. If interested, you are invited to attend any meeting and discover what it is all about. October 18 will be the quarterly meeting starting with 7:00am Mass at MHC followed by breakfast and speaker in the parish center.

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

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for articles in bulletin is on Mondays at noon.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Community Table Free Dinner

Available to all those in need of a free meal and/or friendly, Ecumenical Fellowship. Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Doors open at 4:30pm. Dinner served at 5:30pm. Held at the Micah Center at the Dale Presbyterian Church, 10 N Main Street, Dale, IN.

Fire & Farm Expo

Sunday, October 4, 9:30am-3:00pm
St. Meinrad Community Center & Park
BBQ/Grilled Chicken & Pork Chop Dinners, Burgers, Bake Sale, Ice Cream, Kettle Corn, Kotton Kandy, and more.