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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

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

OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 27TH 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

6827 E County Road 1930 N
Mariah Hill, IN 47556



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Dale, IN 47523



ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

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Santa Claus, IN 47579

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PADRE MARTIN'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These have been days full of activity and work, but also full of blessings. Parish life, with its sometimes fast pace, gives us moments of grace that help us to remember what truly matters: that we do not walk alone, and that everything we do is out of love for God and for our brothers and sisters.

Many of you have taken part with great devotion in the novena to St. Francis of Assisi. Together, we have come to realize the importance of prayer and of joining together in celebrations of our faith. St. Francis, through his example of humility and prayerful life, invites us to look upon Christ crucified and to rebuild His Church, starting with our own hearts. Prayer, dear brothers and sisters, is not a refuge to escape from the world, but the strength that drives us to live in it with hope and charity.

One of the days that caught my attention the most was the Mass for families this past Monday. Seeing families united and in prayer was a true gift to our community. One of the most moving moments was when each participant brought their candle to the altar to pray for a loved one, for their family, or for some special need. Those lights became a beautiful symbol of our faith: we are small flames that, united, light up the darkness and form a single fire of love in Christ.

It filled me with hope to see the importance and love we give to our families and the desire to be better with God's grace. In a world that so often fragments and divides, seeing families gathered in prayer is a prophetic sign of unity. The family is the domestic church, the first place where we learn to love and to forgive. Placing our loved ones on the altar is recognizing that we cannot do it alone, that we need God's grace to heal wounds, strengthen bonds, and grow in love.

May this shared experience encourage us to keep building community. Let us not let the candle of faith go out in our homes. May St. Francis of Assisi intercede for us, and may the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our families.

In Christ,
Padre Martin Estrada



PARISH CORNER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday October 10 | SN | 5:00pm

Eucharistic Annie Oxley, Francie Wagner
 Sacristan Brenda Hagedorn
 Lector Lynn Peter
 Ushers Bill Cherolis, Bob Grundhoefer, Rob Oxley, Breck Vinson
 Servers Ralph Langen, Matthew Schlachter
 Greeters Susan Cherolis, Charlene Peters

Sunday October 11 | MHC | 7:00am

Eucharistic Samantha Gries, Claire Konerding
 Sacristan Rose Pund
 Lector Tammy Keller
 Ushers Dylan Gries, Stan Jochim, John Kern, David Kern
 Servers Trent Winchell, Tyce Winchell
 Greeters Doris Gries, Erick Taylor
 Rosary Marilyn Satkamp

Sunday October 11 | SJ | 9:00am

Eucharistic Theresa Begle, Madison Ebert, Martha Hagedorn, Cody Weyer
 Sacristan Beverly Turnock
 Lector Aimee Arnold
 Ushers Damian Arnold, Greg Arnold, John Mattingly, Mark Schaefer
 Servers Trevor Arnold, Ellie Tempel
 Greeters Lisa Helming, Esther Lutterman
 CLOW Brooke Garrett, Chelsea O'Brien



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

9/20/26

Parish Envelopes	108
Collection at all Sunday Masses	\$6,946.00
Mail Drop	\$985.00
Online Giving	\$950.00
IRA	\$0.00
Week Total	\$8,881.00

Budget Amount Needed \$10,000.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

8:00am | † Othmar and Alberta Betz
 5:00pm | † Tom Zuzzio

Sunday, October 4

7:00am | † Judy Dilger Lorey
 † Donna Hagedorn
 9:00am | † Alaudio Rosal Manatad

Tuesday, October 6

7:30am | Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood

Wednesday, October 7

7:30am | Pope Leo and his intentions

Thursday, October 8

7:30am | In Thanksgiving

Next Saturday, October 10

5:00pm | † Josh Suhrheinrich
 † David Grundhoefer

Next Sunday, October 11

7:00am | † Bill and Renola Cecil
 9:00am | † Nora Schaeffer
 † Ronnie Schaeffer

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, GENE OLIVER

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

PARISH CALENDAR

October 4 (Sunday) - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday
 Respect Life Sunday
 Novena at all Masses

Mass in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi at SJ 9:00 with Celebrant Bishop Siegel

October 5 (Monday) - Weekday

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

October 6 (Tuesday) - Weekday

St. Bruno, Priest
 Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

October 7 (Wednesday) - Weekday

Our Lady of the Rosary
 Quilting at MHC PC
 Faith Formation Class 6:15-7:15pm

October 8 (Thursday) - Weekday

Second Thursday Group at SJ PC, 9am-Noon
 OCIA at SJ Conf. Rm, 6:00-8:00pm

October 9 (Friday) - Weekday

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
 St. John Leonardi, Priest

October 11 (Sunday) - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJ PC Event

EVENTS AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our theme, "Remain in Me, as I remain in you," reminds us that a life rooted in Christ bears fruit. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider how your generosity can help strengthen ministries serving our parishes and communities. Scan the QR code below to participate today!



Red Cross Thank You

Thank you to all who came to the Red Cross blood drive and gave the gift of life. We had 20 people donate! Also, thank you to the staff and all the volunteers for their time and dedication. Next Blood Drive will be at SJ on November 22. God Bless!

Adore Him Movie at Jasper 8

Please don't miss this film! Adore Him- He is Here is a new Catholic docudrama that explores the history and transforming power of Eucharistic Adoration. The film explores what happens when Catholics rediscover the gift waiting for them in every tabernacle. Go to the film website to learn more about this powerful film and view the trailer. Showing at Jasper 8 Cinema starting Sunday Oct 4 thru Thursday Oct 8 at 7:00pm ET each evening. Take your family or call some friends!



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pilgrimage to Mexico

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage
"Am I not here, I who am your Mother?"

--Our Lady of Guadalupe

April 13-19, 2027, \$2,298 per person land only
Call Shannon Fuhs, Travel Advisor 812-630-0102



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.

Diocesan Policy: Report and Inform

Report child abuse

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government. Toll-free 800-800-5556

Report and Inform

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese. Toll-free: 866-200-3004, local 812-490-9565

To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, or to report their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service. Toll-free: 800-276-1562, or report online at ReportBishopAbuse.org

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.

Divine Mercy Healing Service / St. Faustina's Feast Day

Monday, October 5, 6:00-7:15pm ET
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Huntingburg
Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayers for Healing, Anointing of the Sick, Veneration of 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina

Fr. Bill Nicholas (St. Mary, Ireland) on the Radio

He discusses the Battle of Lepanto. Pope Pius V credited the victory to the intercession of our Blessed Mother through the rosary established the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The broadcast will be on Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 2:01pm ET and will start on Monday, Oct. 5, and finishing on Wed., Oct. 28. Please tune in to WTJW 93.1 FM to catch this 10-minute presentation.

Charity Abounds: Beauty & Christian Love in the Music

of St. Hildegard of Bingen performed by Sister Jeana Visel and Dr. Rosmary Heredos. Free concert and open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:00pm ET in the Monastery Immaculate Conception church in Ferdinand.