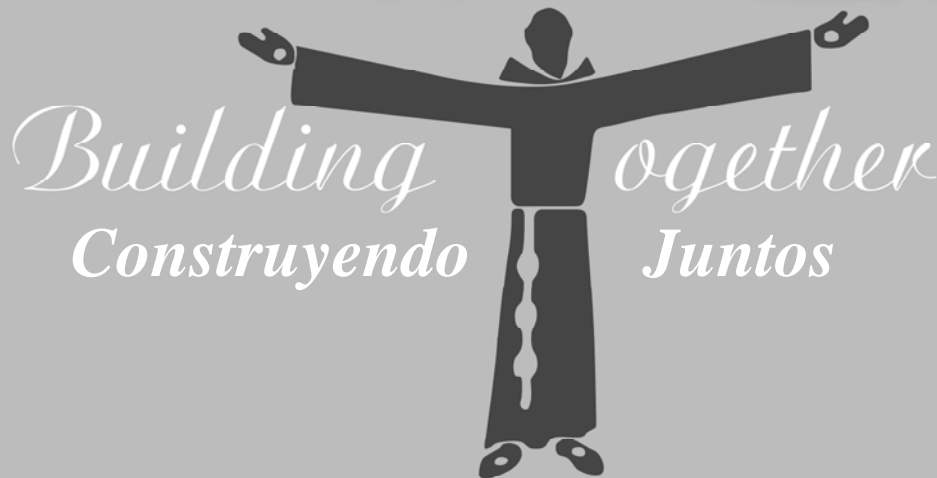


La parroquia de San Francisco de Asís
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
October 8, 2017



As a faith filled community guided by the Holy Spirit with Christ as our model and Saint Francis of Assisi as our patron, we are called together to live God's Word through Worship, Evangelization, Welcoming, and Caring of all people in building together the Kingdom of God.

Mass Times

Office Hours

Tuesday / Martes: 7:30 a.m. St. Nicholas
Wednesday / Miércoles: 5:30 p.m. St. Joseph
Thursday / Jueves:
7:30 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians
Friday / Viernes: 7:30 a.m. St. Nicholas
Saturday / Sábado: 4:30 p.m. St. Nicholas
Sunday / Domingo:
7:00 a.m. Mary, Help of Christians
9:00 a.m. St. Joseph
11:00 a.m. (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph

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| St. Joseph (Central Ofc) Monday 8:00—4:00 Tuesday 8:00-4:00 Wednesday 8:00—5:00 Thursday 8:00—4:00 Friday 8:00—4:00 | Mary, Help of Christians Monday —Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wednesday 9:00-5:00 Thursday 9:00-12:00 Friday—Closed | St. Nicholas Monday —Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wed. 9:00-12:00 Thursday—9:00-12:00 Friday—Closed |
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Reconciliation is celebrated 30 minutes before Mass Wednesday thru Saturday.

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Welcome to our Parish!

We want to extend our hearts to you and your family. If you would like to join our parish, or if someone is ill, in the hospital, homebound or if you have any other concerns, please drop the information into the collection basket at church, phone one of the offices or stop by one of the offices so that we can minister to you as a Christian Parish Family. May the peace of Jesus be with you!

From Our Music Director's Desk

Happy Feast Day!

Another big week for our parish as we celebrate our patron saint: Saint Francis of Assisi. Though the actual feast day of St Francis was last Wednesday, October 4th, we are still celebrating big time this weekend. At the beginning of all weekend Masses, we gather outside to bless the newly commissioned and installed statues of St. Francis, after which we will enter in procession into the church for our Sunday Mass. And of course, as you well know, after the 9:00am Mass, we are having a special celebration at St Joseph in the Parish Center with a luncheon as well as with activities for the kids. It's a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather together as one united community, regardless of which church location or Mass time we normally attend, and to celebrate together both our patron saint and our parish. A very special weekend indeed!

Now, as I look forward to the weeks and months ahead, I am most excited for the upcoming **Christ Renews His Parish** retreats. What a blessed opportunity for renewal these are! Not only for personal renewal... and I know that many individual graces have been showered upon those who have attended CRHP retreats in the past: great conversions and healing, among others. But it is also a wonderful time of renewal for our parish as men and women come together to grow closer in their relationship with the Lord and His Church. And, as Father John has mentioned, we have a number a new members of our parish, as well as long-time members of the parish who we might have never met before, and these weekends provide a great chance to meet them and to share with them. If you have never attended a retreat (or a CRHP retreat), then you owe it to yourself to attend. The women's retreat will be the weekend of October 28-29 and the men's retreat on Nov 4th & 5th. Both are to be held at Mary, Help of Christians in the Parish Center. So, sign up today. I promise you will not regret it.

Catholicism is not a spectator sport...

You gotta' show up.

You gotta' get in there and play the game.

A few weeks ago these words came to mind as we were in church and I thought: this is so true. It is true for Christianity in general for sure, but it is most especially true for Catholicism. And most especially when it comes to our liturgical life of prayer.

One of the greatest blessings of the Second Vatican Council was, in my mind, more so than having Mass in the vernacular language (and I love the fact that we can worship God in our own language and words), it is the Council's exhortation to "full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy." From the moment we get into our cars to go to church until the time we get back into our cars (or walk home for those who live close by), this is a blessed time to be most attentive and conscious of God's presence in our world. And the way we worship DEMANDS that we put our whole being into this act of worship that is both intimately personal and communal. We stand, we kneel and sit together... We sign ourselves, we pray, we sing, we listen to the Word of God and the prayers, we respond to them... We give ourselves to Christ who in turn gives himself up to us in Holy Communion... Our Catholic faith demands of us that we be not just spectators in the liturgy, but to FULLY ENGAGE in it... our spiritual act of worship.

And, then, we are sent off back into the world... to spread the Good News of the Gospel... to make a difference in our community and our world... But most of all to be the eyes and hands of Christ to the whole world. As St. Teresa of Avila might say: "Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world."

So, let's go ahead and do that. Go bear much fruit!

Peace and good,

Cisco

This Week

Sunday, October 8th

- St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebration SJ PC following bilingual Mass at 9:00am at St. Joseph
- No Mass at St. Joseph @ 11:00am
- Blessing of SFA statue at MHC & SJ before Masses
- Encounter & Confirmation at SN LL @ 6:30pm

Monday, October 9th

Tuesday, October 10th

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm
- Civics/Government Classes at SJ @ 6:00pm
- K of C Meeting at SN LL @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 11th

- Men's Ecumenical Breakfast at Jenk's @ 6:15am
- Faith Formation at all sites
- SFA Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:15pm

Thursday, October 12th

- Second Thursday Group at SJ @ 9:00am
- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm
- Parish Council Meeting at SJ @ 6:30pm

Friday, October 13th

- Hispanic Choir Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:00pm

Saturday, October 14th

Sunday, October 15th

- Encounter & Confirmation at SN LL @ 6:30pm

Let us Pray for our parish families who have lost loved ones. That in their time of sadness, may our support and prayers bring them some comfort.

Family of Russel Wahl,
Especially his wife, Linda
and son, Tim & Rita Wahl

Family of Jerome Meunier,
Especially his daughter, April Susnjara
and his brother, Alan Meunier
and his parents, Charles & Mary Meunier

Names in the "Pray for" box will be listed in four bulletins. If you would like your name added again, please call the office.



Nancy Schorr - Johnny Litkenhus - Louis
Ramirez - Jr. Wheatley - Trisha Martin -
Janet Dilger - Regina Forler


**white-collar
workers needed.**

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Pray for the priests and seminarians of the day listed below. Give thanks for their vocations.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Fr Donald Ackerman

Fr. Crispine Adongo

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Fr Kenneth Betz

Fr John Boeglin

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Fr John Breidenbach

Fr Raymond Brenner

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Fr John Brosmer

Fr Claude Burns

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Fr John Davidson

Fr William Dietsch

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;

Lk 11:27-28

Fr Donald Dilger

Fr Christopher Droste

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;

Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Fr Brian Emmick

Fr James Endress

St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests, bless these men with the strength and wisdom to follow God's will.

Minister Schedule

St. Nicholas — Saturday, October 14th — 4:30 p.m.

GR John & Stella Bennett
SE Ralph Langen, Bridget Flannagan, Paige Flannagan, Trey Nord
LE Nury Stevens, Faye Hagedorn
CL Pam Swader
US Al Logsdon, Lee Ringeman, **Volunteers**
GB Bill & Susan Cherolis
EM Bill Cherolis, Brenda Hagedorn, Ed Hagedorn, Susan Radke,
Volunteers
Sacristan Anna Ward

Mary, Help of Christians — Sunday, October 15th — 7:00 a.m.

GR Doris & Samatha Gries
LE Emily Reisz, Ed Balbach
CL Marilyn Satkamp
US Jim Begle, Cindy Gogel, Pat Gogel, Kenny Wessel
GB Randy Begle Family
EM John Kern, Joanne Lehr, Joyce Philipps, Christine Schlachter,
Volunteers
SE Kenley Bell, Kayden Bell, Dawson Begle, Dylan Begle
Rosary Leader Charmaine Oxford

St. Joseph — Sunday, October 15th — 9:00 a.m.

GR Ed Lutterman, Esther Lutterman, Lisa Helming,
 Jeanne Daunhauer
SE Isaiah Evans, Ty Schaefer, Ty Harper, Bronson Pund
LE Ridy Schaefer, Amy Cox
CL Ashley Tempel
US Steve Clark, Ron Schaefer, Roger Kern, John Payne,
Volunteers
EM Ron Balbach, Heath Harper, Nolan Weyer, Eve Gehlhausen,
 Sandy Fritz, Dave Fritz
Sacristan Jeanne Daunhauer

Stewardship of Treasure September 24th

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$ 7,410.94 |
| Loose Cash/Checks | \$ 716.00 |
| Children's Basket | \$ 39.75 |
| Total | \$ 8,166.69 |

Number of Envelopes Used: 164 (out of 380)

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

YTD Actuals: \$122,231.65
YTD Budget: \$130,000.00 (13 Sundays)
YTD Net: (\$7,768.35)

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| Building & Grounds | \$ 215.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 125.00 |
| St. Pierre, Haiti | \$ |
| NSCAC | \$ 85.00 |
| Catholic Charities | \$ 180.00 |
| Hurricane Relief | \$ 8,508.00 |

Total Deposit \$ 17,279.69

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal: \$132,428

Cards mailed out: 674

Total pledged to date: \$47,589 (36%)

2016 - Mass Attendance - 2017

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| 125 Sept 24 | Sat - Sept 23 - 4:30pm | 157 |
| 212 Sept 25 | Sun - Sept 24- 7:00am | 122 |
| 196 Sept 25 | Sun - Sept 24 - 9:00am | 234 |
| 131 Sept 25 | Sun - Sept 24 - 11:00am | 116 |

Mass Intentions

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| Sat, Oct 7 | 4:30 pm (SN) | Charles Gogel, David Schlachter |
| Sun, Oct 8 | 7:00 am (MHC) | Donald & Dorothy Beckman, Barbara Rexing |
| Sun, Oct 8 | 9:00 am (SJ) | Edna, Kathy & Beth Tempel, Eugene Stallman |
| Tues, Oct 10 | 7:30 am (SN) | Kathleen Mary Kohm |
| Wed, Oct 11 | 5:30 pm (SJ) | Hurricane Victims |
| Thur, Oct 12 | 7:30 am (MHC) | Emil & Marcella Schipp |
| Fri, Oct 13 | 7:30 am (SN) | Monica Witsken |
| Sat, Oct 14 | 4:30 pm (SN) | Jerry Meunier |
| Sun, Oct 15 | 7:00 am (MHC) | Jerome & Anna Mae Betz, Bill Jochim |
| Sun, Oct 15 | 9:00 am (SJ) | Estelle & Bernard Wahl, James Deller |
| Sun, Oct 15 | 11:00 am (SJ) | St. Francis of Assisi Parish |

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Community News



We are planning the return of a women's and men's **Christ Renews His Parish** retreat. We have the women's retreat scheduled for Saturday and Sunday October 28th and 29th, and the men will be Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th. Both weekends will be held

at Mary, Help of Christians parish center. I invite you to take some time and pray about your relationship with God. Do you want to grow deeper and experience the love of God? Christ Renews His Parish is an excellent program to grow in faith and friendship. We have so many new people and the retreat would be a great avenue to build a relationship with your brothers and sisters of the parish. Do not be afraid, come and rest in thee!

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

We began our Catholic Parishes Campaign on September 16th and 17th. This campaign is for the Diocesan annual budget to operate the diocese. Our portion to support the diocese this year is \$132,428.00. The last two years the finance commission has set an amount for each contributor so we can make our goal. Last year, we collected \$25,000 under our goal, and we asked for \$350.00. Some gave more and some gave less. We really need all of you to support this campaign; otherwise we have to take it out of our Sunday collections. We have to pay this fee regardless; it supports the bigger church. After the August Finance Meeting, we encourage you to give the suggested amount of \$400.00 per CPC contributor. If we all do our share, we will make our goal. We definitely would appreciate it. Trust in the Lord always, and God will take care of us. You have to try it to find out!

Public Rosary Saturday, October, 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon est: This year is the 100th anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal where our Lady performed a miracle witnessed by over 70,000 people for the conversion of sinners. Saint Louis Marie de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." The America Needs Fatima Organization's goal is to have 20,000+ Rosaries said on this day. The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph over evil! Bring your lawn chair and say the Rosary at St. Joseph's Church east lawn. Rain or shine. For more information call [812-481-1620](tel:812-481-1620).

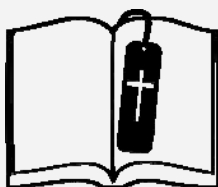


WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT



Why do Catholics have beliefs that aren't in the bible?

Everything Catholics believe is rooted in Scripture. Catholics believe the Bible contains truths but some are more obvious than others. The Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, interprets these truths using Scripture and the Tradition handed down from the Apostles. Scripture and Tradition together "mak[e] present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no 80*). Through the years, the Church, grows in knowledge of Scripture and clarifies truths that were once unclear.



BEREAVEMENT CANDLES



If you have had a family member (parents, siblings, children, spouse) to have died from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017, we will be having a ceremony remembering them on the weekend Masses of November 4/5 during Mass. Please call the main office by October 23 and let Nora know the name of the person(s) who died,

their age, the date of death, the name of the person who will be carrying the candle and which Mass they will be attending. Also during November we will be remembering the death of family members by displaying their pictures. They should be in a frame no bigger than 8 x 10. During November there, also, will be a Book at each church for you to write down any person(s) you wish for us to pray for during Mass. They do not have to have died within the time mentioned above nor do they have to be relatives.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vineyards were an essential part of the economy of Israel during the times of Isaiah and Jesus. Vineyard owners had the difficult challenge of producing a rich harvest. Our readings from Isaiah and Matthew describe God and God's creation in terms of the business of vineyards. The two stories are closely linked, as Jesus borrowed and adapted his parable from Isaiah. Using this rich imagery, we can see the vineyard as all the places of God's creation and ongoing work. The vineyard is our heart, mind, and body. The vineyard is our family, neighborhood, and parish. The vineyard is the larger Church and society, humanity and the earth itself. We are stewards in each of these vineyards, blessed to enjoy them, and held accountable for their continuing fruitfulness. We are called to join God in cultivating these vineyards, so that they may produce an abundant harvest.

HIGHLY PASSIONATE

The tales of the vineyard in Isaiah and in Matthew point to the larger story of God and God's people. We see that God is intensely passionate about us. God is deeply committed, like the landowner who diligently prepares the vineyard. God has high expectations that the vineyard produce the fruit of a just and compassionate society. God is highly disappointed and angry that the vineyard has produced bad fruit (Isaiah), or has been treated as a prize to be seized (Matthew).

There are more chapters in the larger story that also need to be told. Later in Isaiah and in Matthew, we see that God is also deeply compassionate and forgiving. Isaiah speaks of God's tender care, as a mother loves her child (Isaiah 49). In Matthew, Jesus demonstrates God's forgiveness most dramatically on the cross. God is indeed most patient and resilient. God never gives up on us. God continues to pursue us, offering us love and grace, now and always.

THE CORNERSTONE

The powerful conclusions of the two vineyard tales are meant to linger in our memories. God indeed expects much of us, to live justly and mercifully. However, we know that God is not prickly and impatient, as we might be led to imagine if we read these stories out of context. The stories do invite us to ponder again who God really is. Especially during times of difficulty or of failure in our lives, we might wonder how we might best understand the mystery of God.

The witness of the New Testament is clear. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. Look at his patience and mercy. Look at his compassion for the suffering, his passion for justice. Look also at the joy and healing experienced by those in his presence. As today's Gospel passage indicates, Jesus is the cornerstone, the starting point of coming to know our God.

Today's Readings: Is 5:1–7; Ps 80:9,12–16,19–20; Phil 4:6–9; Mt 21:33–43 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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MUY APASIONADO

Las historias de los viñedos en Isaías y en Mateo apuntan hacia una historia más amplia de Dios y del pueblo de Dios. Vemos que Dios es muy apasionado por nosotros. Dios está profundamente comprometido, como el dueño que diligentemente prepara el viñedo. Dios tiene expectativas muy altas que el viñedo produzca el fruto de una sociedad justa y compasiva. Dios (en la lectura de Isaías) está muy decepcionado y enojado que el viñedo haya producido un mal fruto, o (en la lectura de Mateo) que haya sido como un premio que deba ser confiscado.

Hay más capítulos en la historia más extensa que también necesitan ser contados. Después en Isaías y en Mateo vemos que Dios también es profundamente compasivo y muy dispuesto a perdonar. Isaías habla del cuidado compasivo de Dios, como una madre ama a sus hijos (Isaías 49). En Mateo, Jesús en la cruz demuestra de manera dramática el perdón de Dios. Por lo tanto, Dios es muy paciente y resiliente. Dios nunca se da vencido por nosotros. Dios continúa persiguiéndonos, ofreciéndonos amor y gracia, ahora y siempre.

LA PIEDRA ANGULAR

Las extraordinarias conclusiones de las dos historias de los viñedos deben significar para nosotros su permanencia en nuestras memorias. Efectivamente, Dios espera mucho de nosotros, vivir de manera justa y misericordiosa. Sin embargo, sabemos que Dios no es susceptible e impaciente, así como podemos ser guiados a imaginar si leemos estas historias fuera de contexto. Las historias nos invitan a reflexionar una vez más en quién es Dios. Especialmente durante estos tiempos de dificultad o de fracasos en nuestras vidas, quizá podemos preguntarnos cómo podríamos entender mejor el misterio de Dios.

El testimonio del Nuevo Testamento es claro. Si quieres saber cómo es Dios, mira a Jesús. Mira a su paciencia y misericordia. Mira a su compasión por el sufrimiento, su pasión por la justicia. Mira también a la alegría y experiencia sanadora de aquellos que están en su presencia. Así como el Evangelio de hoy indica, Jesús es la piedra angular, el punto de inicio para poder llegar a conocer a nuestro Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 5:1–7; Sal 80 (79):9,12–16,19–20; Flp 4:6–9; Mt 21:33–43

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Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Youth

October Schedule for Faith Formation Classes

Grades 1-4 @SN 4-5:15
Grades 1-8 @MHC 6:15-7:15
Grades 1-8 @SJ 6:15-7:15
October 4, 11, 18, & 25



ALL YOUTH

October 18th at 6:15pm
The Living Rosary

Location:
Saint Joseph Church
THIS IS IN PLACE
OF CLASS

Diocesan policy: Report and inform

The Diocese of Evansville has in place a policy that requires that any allegation of child abuse must be reported to civil authorities. If an allegation involves the sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, the Victim Assistance Coordinator must also be informed.

Sexual misconduct violates human dignity and the mission of the church. The spiritual well-being of all victims, their families, and others in the community is of particular concern to the church.

Report child abuse

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government.

CPS Toll-free: (800) 800-5556

Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

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 Victim Assistance Coordinator for the diocese:

Toll-free: (866) 200-3004

Local: (812) 490-9565

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time r

A vineyard master leased his land and expected to receive his harvest when he returned.

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16 19-20
Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Directions: Color the baskets of grapes and put an X on the empty baskets.

