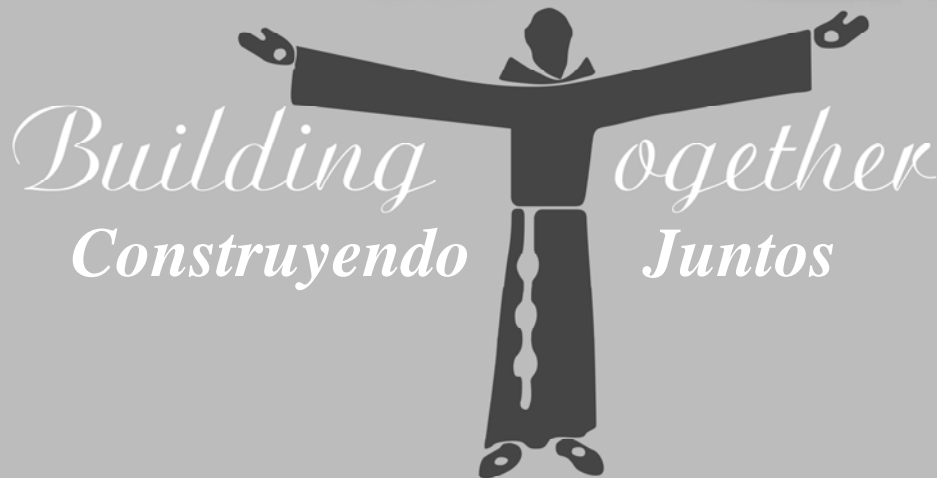


La parroquia de San Francisco de Asís
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH



3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
3er domingo del tiempo ordinario

January 21, 2018



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

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 Deacon Jim's Desk

Greetings,

I am writing this on Wednesday and it is sixty degrees outside. The frigid weather of the two weeks prior is still fresh in my mind. Perhaps when you read this it may again be frigid. Though the days may be getting longer, winter will remind us that darkness and cold are not easily snuffed out. There is more going on here than just the weather.

With the cribs put away and the lights turned off, we have to face the reality of winter. The church calls this Ordinary Time, a sort of time between time, a bridge between Christmas and Lent. The readings during this time focus on the call of discipleship. Today, Peter, Andrew, James, and John are called by Jesus. Fishing was done at night and now they are to follow Jesus in the daylight. There is more going on here than fishing.

Pope Benedict wrote that as followers of Christ we are to fish men and women out of the sea of alienation and hopelessness. The gospel does not say that Peter and the apostles were drowning in a sea of hopelessness. But certainly, like us, they too have experienced cabin fever. Most of us fish for relaxation. For Peter it was a way of life, his bread and butter. Certainly he would have felt trapped by his circumstances. Though we may wear different shoes, we too experience periods of entrapment.

It is especially these times that Jesus calls out to us to help carry our load. Peter moved from darkness to daylight, from the doldrums to hope. His suffering did not cease; he still went hungry and he still got sick. St. Mark presents his gospel from the viewpoint that suffering does not make for gloom and doom. Suffering is the path to real joy, a joy not borne from riches, wealth, or prestige, rather from the unshakable belief that you are loved by God.

Our parish of St. Francis has been born from the struggles of letting go of our identities through Mary Help of Christians, St. Nicholas, and St. Joseph. That struggle is still going on for some. However, I believe that our parish of St. Francis has been the cause of new life, new vigor, new

vitality in our faith lives. I see new friendships forming as people are coming to work in new ministries. There is an energy in our churches unlike what we had before.

Soon, Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) teams will be forming. They will be preparing for CRHPs in March. These are awesome opportunities for developing new relationships. Peter and the other three came out of the water to form relationships with the eight other apostles. After the resurrection the twelve went out and formed new relationships. That is the ever widening vision of Christ. Even though you may have participated in a CRHP before, this is now the St. Francis of Assisi CRHP! You will hear stories of men and women who struggle with change, with conversion. They have heard the call of Jesus and are coming out of the water.

Change is inevitable in our lives. Perhaps because humans have adapted so quickly to their circumstances did they survive the ecological maze of creation. Peter heard the invitation to change and look where he went with it. We too have heard the invitation. Now where are you going with it? Opportunities to go with Jesus are abundant in our parish. Latch on to one and do not look back.



This Week

Saturday, January 20th

- *Have a good week!*

Sunday, January 21st

- Blood Drive @ MHC 7am-12pm
- Encounter @ SN 6:30

Monday, January , 22nd

- Capital Campaign Meeting @ SN 6pm-7pm

Tuesday, January 23rd

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm
- Cemetery Board Meeting 6:30pm @ SJ

Wednesday, January 24th

- Religious Ed Grades Classes
- SFA Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:15pm

Thursday, January 25th

- ESL Class at SJ @ 5:30pm
- First Reconciliation @ SJ 6:15-7:15pm

Friday, January 26th

- Hispanic Choir Music Rehearsal at SJ @ 6:00pm

Saturday, January 27th

- *Have a good weekend!*

Sunday, January 28th

- Encounter @ SN 6:30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

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



Pat Sallman - Margaret Bradley - Janet

Dilger - Edna Meunier - Trisha Martin -

Brian Bledsoe - Carmen Lloveras

**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 people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm -- Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel -- This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 12 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30
Fr Jerry Pratt, Mr Juan Ramirez

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35
Fr Jeffrey Read, Fr Frank Renner

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20
Fr Homero Rodriquez, Fr James Rogers

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
Mr Philip Rogier, Fr Earl Rohleder

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34
Fr James Sauer, Fr John Schipp

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Fr Ralph Schipp, Fr Edward Schnur

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1
Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Fr Eugene Schroeder, Mr. Mike Sellers

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, January 27th - 4:30 p.m.

GR Bob and Laverne Grundhoefer
SE Ralph Langen, Owen Vinson & Avery Vinson
LE Karen Hildenbrand, Joanie Cassell
CL Ashlee Vinson
US Scott Knust, Eric Day, **Volunteers**
GB Vinson Family
EM John Bennett, Stella Bennett, Abby Hagedorn, Susan Radke,
Volunteers
Sacristan Stella Bennett

Mary, Help of Christians — Sunday, January 28th— 7:00 a.m.

GR Zeric Breivogel, Marilyn Woebkenberg
SE Caleb Hohegsang, Marcus Becher, Murray Becher, Mitchel Becher
LE Emily Reisz, Stephanie Dilger
CL Marilyn Satkamp
US Mark Greulich, David Kern, John Kern, Darrell Mullis
GB Randy Begle Family
EM Kim Hohegsang, Ryan Hohegsang, Joanne Lehr,
Marilyn Satkamp, **Volunteers**
Rosary Leader Dana Dilger

St. Joseph — Sunday, January 28th — 9:00 a.m.

GR Kim Balbach, Braylen Balbach, Jeanne Daunhauer, Tanya Eger
SE Max Etienne, Jacob Schmidt, Cody & Dylan Hagedorn
LE Brian Gehlhausen, Ridy Schaefer
CL Sherry Etienne
US Daryl Kast, Andy Lubbehusen, Cindy Morrison, Adie Morrison
2 Volunteers
EM Pat Crews, Rick James, Jack Troth, Beverly Turnock,
Emily Weyer, John Payne, **2 Volunteers**
Sacristan Kim Balbach

Stewardship of Treasure January 7th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 11,401.58
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 368.85
Children's Basket	\$ 29.00
Total	\$ 11,799.43

Number of Envelopes Used: 192 (out of 380)

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

YTD Actuals:	\$270,348.29
YTD Budget:	\$280,000.00 (28 Sundays)
YTD Net:	(\$9,651.71)

Building & Grounds	\$ 132.50
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 35.00
St. Pierre	\$ 32.50
NSCAC	\$ 185.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00

Total Deposit \$ 12,209.43

2017- Mass Attendance - 2018

190	Jan 7	Sat - Jan 6- 4:30pm	165
129	Jan 8	Sun - Jan 7- 7:00am	144
300	Jan 8	Sun - Jan 7 - 9:00am	226
60	Jan 8	Sun - Jan 7- 11:00am	63

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

Total pledged to date: \$123,741.4
Parish Goal: \$132,428
Cards mailed out: 674
Cards returned: 464 (69%)

[Please return your pledge card.](#)



Your Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC) pledge is part of your personal commitment to Christian Stewardship: giving thanks to God by returning a portion of the blessings God has given you.

Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 20 4:30 pm (SN)	Jerry Meunier
Sun, Jan 21 7:00 am (MHC)	Kathryn Meyer, Othmar & Alberta Begle
Sun, Jan 21 9:00 am (SJ)	Russ Wahl, James A. Strobel
Sun, Jan 21 11:00 am (SJ)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Tues, Jan 23 7:30 am (SN)	Clarence & Verna Nordhoff's 60th Wedding Anniversary
Wed, Jan 24 5:30 pm (SJ)	Donna Scherle
Thur, Jan 25 7:30 am (MHC)	Frank & Laura Nord Family
Fri, Jan 26 7:30 am (SN)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Sat, Jan 27 4:30 pm (SN)	Paul Mehling
Sun, Jan 28 7:00 am (MHC)	Andrew & Pauline Kern
Sun, Jan 28 9:00 am (SJ)	Roman & Marie Brosmer
Sun, Jan 28 11:00 am (SJ)	St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Community News



THANK YOU FR. JOHN - A RECEPTION FOR FR. JOHN WILL BE HELD AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH LOWER LEVEL ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, FROM 2:00-4:00PM. COME CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS TO FR. JOHN FOR BEING OUR PASTOR & SHEPHERD FOR OVER TEN YEARS!

DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PARISH MEETING

Monday, January 22, representatives from the Diocese will have a presentation on the upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign for our parish. We are in the last wave of parishes to complete this campaign. Father Bernie Etienne and maybe our new Bishop Joseph Siegel will be at St. Nicholas Lower Level to share information about the campaign. It will begin at 6:00pm. Let us keep the campaign in prayer for our diocese and our parish.

PARISH JOB OPENING: Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is in need of a part-time Administrative Assistant and Volunteer Ministry Coordinator. Applicants need to be positive, energetic, self-motivated, and able to manage multiple tasks. Applicants are also expected to have experience with Microsoft software (Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point). Bilingual Spanish/English desired, but willingness to learn also acceptable. St. Francis of Assisi Parish consists of St. Joseph, St. Nicholas and Mary, Help of Christians Churches. Please email resume to: jbrosmer@evdio.org or send to: Job Opportunity, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, PO Box 684, Dale, IN 47523.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Anniversary Dinner:

Invitations will be going out this month for our annual St. Francis of Assisi Parish Anniversary Dinner to be held in the Lower Level of St. Nicholas Parish after the 4:30 pm CT mass on Saturday, February 10th. Anyone celebrating an anniversary in 2018 in 5 year increments such as 5, 10, 15, 20 etc. or 50 years or more is invited to attend. A delicious meal is planned to help celebrate your special upcoming anniversaries. Please place RSVP cards in the collection baskets during mass or call one of the three parish offices with your name if you do not receive your invitation by the end of January. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating your anniversary with you! **Happy Anniversary!**

CONFIRMATION PICTURES ARE IN: They may be picked up during encounter sessions or at the St. Joseph parish office during regular office hours

UPCOMING WOMEN AND MEN CRHP RETREATS

We will begin the women's retreat on Saturday, March 10th and end on Sunday, March 11th. The men's weekend will be the next week, March 17th and 18th. Both weekends will be at Mary, Help of Christians Parish Center. May you take the time to pray about these retreats and consider making a weekend.

THANK YOU - Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Thank you so much for the time, energy, and money you put into making Spencer County a better, brighter place to live. May you be filled with grace, peace and light in 2018. *Theresa - NSCAC Director*

COMING SOON

Country Breakfast

February 4, from 7am-11am

Mary, Help of Christians

\$9.00 Adults

\$4.00 Children

Free for 4 & under

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a three-day experience for young people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, and for community. Adults are also welcome and encouraged to attend as they increase our witness to our faith while experiencing their own encounter with Christ.

Candidates can expect to meet others from all areas of the Diocese, find how God fits in your life, and encounter the Risen Jesus Christ. You will have time to reflect on your life, ideas, hopes, and dreams away from home, school, and/or work. You can find an application and more information at <http://www.switec.org/> The next weekend is February 17-19, 2018 at St. Mary's Church in Ireland. Future retreat weekends are July 21-23, 2018 and November 10-12, 2018. Feel free to send in applications for any of the weekends, but please know that they may fill quickly, so send in your application soon.

Invitations will be issued in a few weeks. Please use this link to see if someone from your parish is making this weekend. <http://www.switec.org/>

If you have any questions, please contact us at

tec@evdio.org

Thank you,

TEC Core Group

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Simon and Andrew, James and John were working when Jesus called them. They immediately put down their nets and followed Jesus. Can you imagine? The disciples walked away from their previous way of life and toward another, in which Jesus and his way take precedence. They put aside anything that would stand between themselves and the life of discipleship. Jonah acted similarly--he perceived the Lord's call and responded without question. He literally walked a different path, toward Nineveh. No doubt, Saint Paul's own dramatic conversion was in his mind as he wrote to the community in Corinth. The path of discipleship is about holy perspective. Do not let anything stand between you and Christ.

LEAVE BEHIND

Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. The nets were their livelihood, the most important tools for their work as fishermen. For these first disciples, their nets represented all they knew life to be about, and all it could be. Yet they put the nets aside, risking an unknown future in order to "catch people" as Jesus promised. What do you need to leave behind? Most people will not be asked to give up their livelihood in order to answer Christ's call. Yet we certainly must abandon everything that prevents us from living our lives authentically as followers of Jesus. Sometimes we must let go of the life we know in order to embrace a living, compelling, meaningful life of faith in Christ. Prayerfully examine your faith and life. Is there attachment to material possessions? Are there relationships or feelings that prevent you from living and growing in faith? Is there a negative habit that gets in the way? Let go of what stands between you and the Lord. Invite God's healing presence, forgiveness, and mercy to transform the nets--all that holds you back--and risk answering Christ's call to discipleship.

WALK TOWARD

Jonah did not simply walk away from his previous way of life. He walked toward Nineveh. The disciples did not only abandon their nets. They walked toward Jesus and to a life of discipleship. G. K. Chesterson is quoted as saying, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult." Yet Christian living is also deeply meaningful. What would happen if you truly took the call to follow Jesus to heart? It isn't only about turning away from things that are counter to the Christian way of life. As it was for Jonah, the disciples at the seashore, and Saint Paul, a true life of faith is also about walking toward God, about loving God and neighbor, about risking an unknown future filled with life and goodness, holiness and grace.

Today's Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

DEJAR ATRÁS

Simón, Andrés, Santiago y Juan abandonaron sus redes y siguieron a Jesús. Las redes eran su estilo de vida, la herramienta más importante de su trabajo como pescadores. Para estos primeros discípulos, sus redes representaban todo lo que sabían de la vida y de lo que podría ser. Aun así, ellos las hicieron a un lado, arriesgándose a un futuro desconocido para "pescar a personas" como Jesús lo había prometido. ¿Qué es lo que tú necesitas dejar atrás? A muchas personas no se les va a pedir dejar sus trabajos para poder seguir a Cristo. Sin embargo, ciertamente debemos abandonar aquello que nos previene de vivir nuestras vidas auténticamente como seguidores de Jesús. Algunas veces debemos de dejar la vida que conocemos para poder abrazar una vida con sentido y significado de fe en Cristo. Con un espíritu de oración examina tu fe y vida. ¿Hay algo que te amarre a las posesiones materiales? ¿Hay relaciones o sentimientos que te previenen de vivir y crecer en la fe? ¿Hay un hábito negativo que se interponga en el camino? Suelta aquello que se interponga entre ti y el Señor. Invita a la presencia sanadora de Dios, el perdón y la misericordia que transforma las redes, todo lo que te mantiene inmobilizado, y arriégate a responder la llamada de Cristo al discipulado.

CAMINAR HACIA

Jonás no simplemente se alejó de su anterior estilo de vida. Él caminó hacia Nínive. Los discípulos no solo abandonaron sus redes. Ellos caminaron hacia Jesús y a una vida de discipulado. G. K. Chesterson se le cita diciendo: "El cristianismo no ha intentado y encontrado anhelo; ha estado intentado y encontrado dificultad". Aun así, la vida cristiana tiene un profundo significado. ¿Qué pasaría si verdaderamente tomaras con el corazón el llamado de Jesús? No solo se trata de alejarse de aquellas cosas que son contrarias a la vida cristiana. Como lo fue para Jonás, los discípulos en la orilla del mar, y san Pablo, una verdadera vida de fe también es caminar hacia Dios, amando a Dios y al prójimo, arriesgándose a un futuro desconocido lleno con vida de bondad, santidad y gracia.

Lecturas de hoy: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20

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Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Youth

Upcoming

Faith Formation

- **Confirmation Enrollment Forms have been mailed.** Please return them no later than January 21st. If you did not receive one, and would like to enroll in our Confirmation program please contact Michelle at 812-937-2200 or mfischer@evdio.org. The Enrollment deadline is January 21st.
- **First Reconciliation for 2nd grade families** will be on Thursday January 25th at 6:15pm at St. Joseph Church
- **January Encounter Schedule**
21,28
- **January Faith Formation Schedule**
24,31

Confirmation Pictures are in. They may be picked up during encounter sessions or at the St. Joseph parish office during regular office hours

Jesus wanted Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him.
And they did! Cross out all the letters **a**, **y**, and **z** below.
Then write the letters that are left
in order onto the line on the boat.
This will spell what these four men were.

y f a i
s z h y
y e z r
m z e n

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God had a message for Jonah to tell.
Read the sentences. Then unscramble the last word in each
to find out what happened.
(If you need help, read Jonah 3:1-5, 10.)

God sent Jonah to the city of vnheiNe _____.

The people there were very ewcikd _____.

To show they were sorry they wore tccaokhsl _____.

God forgave them and showed them ecmyr _____.

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