

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday & Thurs. 8:30 am St. Francis

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's
6:00 pm St. Francis - July 4—Labor Day
Sunday | 8:30 am St. Francis
10:30 am St. Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8:00 am St Francis
Or by appointment

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's, are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

Trustees

SJ
Sheila Bleyl
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Sept. 5)

Theresa Ferguson by Richard Slezak
Tracey Martin by Roberta Dombrowski
Lucy Wilcox by Joan Raven

Sunday (Sept. 6)

Souls in Purgatory by an Anonymous Person
Wanda Marie Daly by Roxanne Aery
Healing of Jill Anastasio by Steve and Kita Murray

Monday (Sept. 7) Parish Family of SJ

Friday (Sept. 11)

Victims of 9/11 and their Families

Saturday (Sept. 12)

Theresa Ferguson by Dave & Debbie Walendziak
Tracey Martin by Pat Cardone and family

Sunday (Sept. 13)

Theresa Ferguson by Pat Prokop
George Gallagher by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nellenback, Jr.



*The red Sanctuary Lamp
which burns continuously
in the sanctuary
reminding us of the
Presence of Jesus in
the Tabernacle can
be memorialized for
your loved one.*



*This week, the candle is
burning for
Hunter Stoliher
by the Family*

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Sept. 5)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Sunday (Sept. 6)

George Pilch by The Family

Living Intention for Michelle Blackburn

by The Family

Tuesday (Sept. 8)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thurs. (Sept. 10)

Rev Stanislaus Swierzowski

Sunday (Sept. 13)

Deceased Members of the Piazza Family
by Frank & Peggy Piazza

Deceased Members of the Plumadore Family
and Amelia by Frank & Peggy Piazza

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: On this Labor Day weekend we call to mind all those whose work makes our lives better and easier, from members of our family, to people in our community, to people around the world. Even as we labor ourselves in service of one another, we are also called to labor in the vineyard to help build God's kingdom. Today's readings remind us that we are responsible for each other, that we cannot give up on others just because we disagree with them or they have hurt us. This weekend, as we appreciate and thank others for their labor, let us reconcile with those who have offended us, and so work to build up the entire kingdom of God.

GOSPEL MEDITATION— A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Labor Day Blessing

Dear God, We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work. Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend. Amen.

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Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God, We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared. Amen.

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St. Joseph

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & would like to receive communion at home or in the hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them. St. Francis' office, 863-4736 St. Joseph's office, 883-3774

St. Joseph's Altar Rosary Society Meeting is next Sunday, Sept. 13, at 9:15 am in the Church's Cry Room. If you are interested in becoming a member, please join us.

St. Joseph's Parish Census form: Please return the parish census form to help us update our parish records. You can drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. If needed, there are extra copies in the back of Church and on the shelf by the side door. Thank you.

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage: Need a retreat but can't get away? Join America's Rosary pilgrimage from home on September 26. It will be livestreamed from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Spend the day in prayer with the Dominican Friars, thousands of Catholics gathered in person and tens of thousands joining online. **Free sign up at rosarypilgrimage.org for updates.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Wednesday-SF 2 pm Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall -
Sept. 5- SF Last Summer'26 Saturday Mass at 6:00 pm
Sun., Sept. 13, SJ Altar Rosary Society Meeting @ 9:15 am
Sun., Sept. 20, Faith Formation Classes Begin
Sun., Oct. 4—SF, Raffle drawing
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair
* Save the Dates* - July 16, 17, 18, 2027 St. Joseph Festival

Prayer of Remembrance for 9-11: God of compassion, we remember the sorrow of this day. We hold in prayer the innocent lives lost. We honor the courage of first responders. We lift up families who still grieve. Lord Jesus, you embraced the Cross of human suffering. You know our fear, our pain, our loss. Let your mercy bring healing and hope. Let your love overcome hatred and division. Holy Spirit, breathe peace into our world. Strengthen us to walk the way of compassion. Make us witnesses of the Cross of Christ. May love be the last word, now and forever. Amen.
.....The Passionists of Holy Cross Province



Faith Formation Class Schedule 2026-2027

September 20, 27	October 4,18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	December 6, 13, 20
January 3, 10, 24, 31	February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21	April 4, 11, 18, 25

If you would like to help as a catechist, or have any questions, please call Bonnie Aldi at the parish office or email her at religion.sfnjsb@yahoo.com

*"Remember where your treasure is,
your heart is also." Mathew 6:21*



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Aug. 16	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 6:00/8:30
Attendance	66/126	43/242
Contribution	\$661.00 / \$1,274.00	\$229.00 / \$3,689.00
8/10—8/14 E-Giving	\$228.10	\$ 326.25
Votive Candles	\$.00	\$ 44.00

St. Francis

St. Francis is seeking a dedicated and energetic part-time Church Custodian and Handyman to maintain the cleanliness, safety and overall appearance of our church facilities. Working hours are primarily 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are looking for an individual that is reliable, punctual, has strong adherence to schedule, and proactive communicator. Please apply in person during office hours, 9:00 am—1:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

St. Francis of Assisi: Raffle tickets are being sold after both Masses. \$2,000 in prizes will be given away. Drawing will be held Oct. 4.



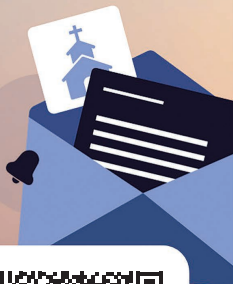
Please keep **Saturday, Oct. 10**, open on your calendars for St. Francis' "Annual Craft Fair"! We need your help! We will need crafts, raffle baskets, and new, or like-new items to help raise money for our church. Please call Carmen Durkin (518) 213-3536 or text (518) 335-5472. We are also in need of helpers during the sale. Please consider volunteering an hour or two on that day. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's or St. Francis of Assisi may do so by calling or stopping in to the parish office. *Mass cards are available for the living, deceased, healing, and special occasions.*

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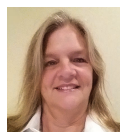
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