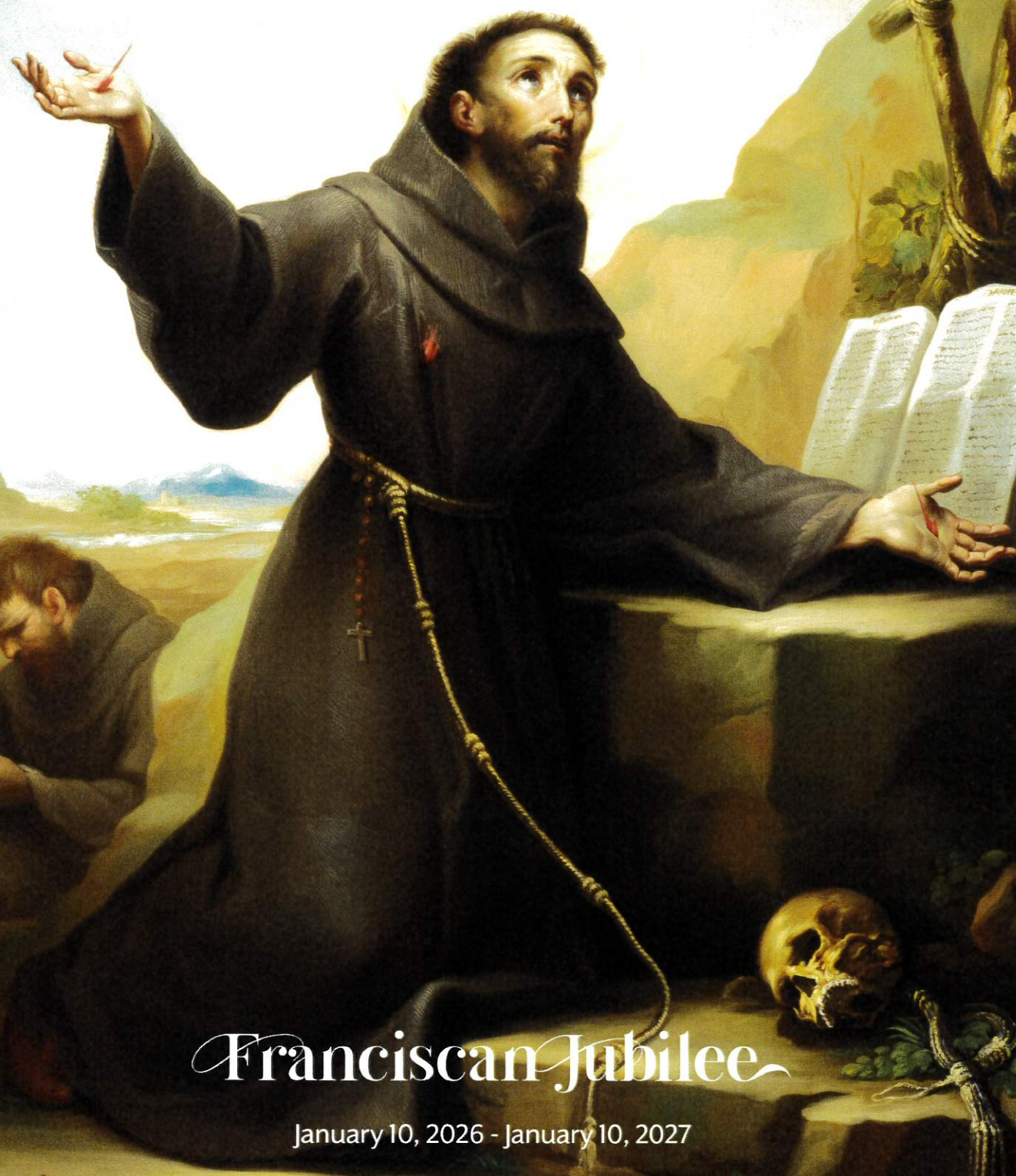


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Franciscan Jubilee

January 10, 2026 - January 10, 2027

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 4

7:30am Parishioners of St. Patrick
10:00am Phyllis Doyle

Monday, October 5

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 6

7:00pm Vicki Hinen

Wednesday, October 7

8:00am Bob and Agnes Schortgen

Thursday, October 8

8:00am John Skora

Friday, October 9

8:00am Rosina H, Annette L, Catherine N

Saturday, October 10

5:00pm Shirley Lamboley

Sunday, October 11

7:30am Jeff Trahin
10:00am Parishioners of St. Patrick

Liturgical Ministries

October 10 & 11

Lectors

5:00pm Rosemary Travis
7:30am John Lushis
10:00am Rob Kruger

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, S. Fawbush, N. Schortgen, S. Swangin
7:30am M. Butts, R. Davis, D. Strack, R. Strack
10:00am T. Frazier, S. Harber, K. Miller, S. Miller

Gifts

5:00pm Dave Burelison family
7:30am Paul Nicholson family
10:00am Chris Brown family

Ushers

5:00pm C. Keefer, E. Keefer, B. Lane, T. Lane
7:30am A. Hinen, P. Hinen, Z. Hinen, H. Strack
10:00am J. Deckena, C. Deckena, D. Frazier, K. Kammer

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Sean D, Tyler N, Matthew N, Xavier R
10:00am Harrison F, Isaac F, Julian T

Church Cleaning

October 10 Nancy Beyhan, Marketta Campbell

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Fr. Bobby's Column

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

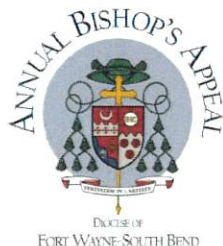
This weekend marks the 800th anniversary of the Heavenly birthday of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had a remarkable impact on the Catholic Church, not only in his time, but also in the centuries since his death. It is remarkable to think about how one man's "yes" to the Lord had such a positive effect on the Church and on the world. A quick look at the 2,000-year history of the Church will reveal that the Lord God raises up saints when His Church is in need of renewal, and St. Francis of Assisi is no exception. The Franciscan spirit of contemplative prayer along with their work to serve the poor have had far-reaching effects upon our world that continue to be felt today.

Here, in our own Diocese, the Franciscans have served in various capacities. Religious priests have served in many parishes, including Fr. Matthias Crehan, OFM, who served as pastor here briefly in 1989-1990. We have the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, both in Mishawaka, and serving at the University of St. Francis. There are the priests of the Franciscans of Mary who serve up in Angola. And I'm sure there are many others who are currently serving or have served in our Diocese throughout the years. We ask the Lord to pour out his blessings upon us through the intercession of St. Francis, that we too may boldly give our "yes" to the Lord and let Him work through us.

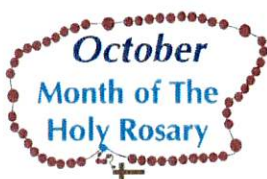
If you ever get a chance to go to Assisi, I highly recommend that you go. It's a beautiful city in Italy, just about two hours north of Rome, and is an incredibly peaceful place. It is an extraordinarily well-preserved medieval city set in the mountains. And it boasts the remains of four saints: St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Carlo Acutis, and St. Rufino. It is well worth a side trip!

Reminder: two more weeks to meet our Bishop's Appeal goal. We're doing great so far, so please keep up the great work!

October 4, 2026



United in Mission! The Annual Bishop's Appeal invites each of us to participate in the life and mission of the Church across our diocese. To make a gift, donate online at diocesefwsb.org/aba or by returning the pledge card that you received in this year's mailing. (Blank Pledge Cards are available at the church entrances) All funds received over our goal will be returned to our parish!



October is the month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life Month! Please pray the rosary daily and consider joining every **Tuesday at 6pm** at Adoration to pray the Rosary and Litany of Loreto for an end to abortions in our world.

Young Adult Bible Study (18-35-year-olds) will meet on **Monday, October 5 from 6-8 pm** in the conference room.

Life Teen – Leading Teens Closer to Christ (6-12th grades) on **Saturday, October 10 from 3-5 pm** in the old school hall.

St. Paula's Ladies Widow Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 6 at 10am** in the conference room.

OCIA Classes will meet on **Tuesday evenings** after 7:00 pm Mass. If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith contact the church office at stpatarcaola@earthlink.net, or 260.625.4151 or Raylene Rospond at rmrospnd@gmail.com.

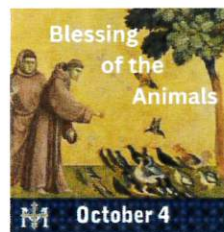
40 Days for Life Fall Campaign (September 23- November 1) 40-day campaign to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of Planned Parenthood (2930 Lake Ave).

Healing Service on **October 5 at 7pm** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. No burden or care too small, He bore them all. Bring Him your pain, fears and addictions. Surrender it all! Live Worship Music!

Sunday Breakfast Buffet on **October 11** from 8am to 11:30 am. Free will offering! Come and enjoy!

Right to Life Annual Fall Banquet will be held on **Monday, October 12** at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Tickets at www.ichooselife.org/fallbanquet.

Choir Practice is scheduled for **Sunday, October 4** from **2:30-4:30 pm**. All are welcome!



Blessing of Animals **Sunday, October 4 at Noon** **(at the Outdoor Mary Grotto)**

Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi – The Blessing of the Animals is a tradition inspired by St. Francis of Assisi known for his deep love of all God's creatures.

Church Flower Decorating Committee Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 11 after the 7:30 am Mass** in the parish hall. Anyone interested in joining this group to keep the church flowers looking beautiful are welcome to attend!

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Robert Silva whose funeral Mass was on September 30, 2026 at St. Patrick's. Please pray for the repose of his soul.



Diaper and Maternity Clothing Drive for the Month of October! Respect Life Month! We are currently accepting Diapers and gently used, clean maternity clothes for the Women's Care Center. Donation containers are at the church entrances. Help us support Mothers and their babies!

Congratulations to Mikayla Baughman and Samuel Strack who were married on September 26, 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless your life together!

Congratulations to Andrew and Meghan Frazier whose daughter Hallie Ann was baptized on September 27, 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless Hallie and her family!

ITALIAN DINNER EXPERIENCE- St. Patrick's K of C will hold their Italian Dinner Experience on **October 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 in the church hall**. The menu includes an appetizer, spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert, and beverages. There will also be Italian music, singing and dancing. This year's proceeds will go to The Heart of Jesus Home for the Dying which will provide hospice care to those in need. **Tickets will be on sale** after all Masses and are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. There will be a limit of 150 sold for dinner. Depending on the advanced sales, there may be an opportunity for carry-out dinners to be sold.

Weekly Offertory Collection September 21-27
Regular Collection - \$1,782
Online Collection - \$1,891
TOTAL Giving - \$3,673

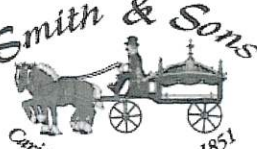
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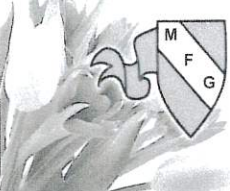
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