



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## LaGrange, IN



Diocese of  
Fort Wayne & South Bend

### CONTACT US

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**Facebook:** St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange IN

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

- Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- Monday & Friday **CLOSED!**

### CONFESSIONS

#### WEEKEND

- Saturday from 6:15 p.m. until last penitent.
- Sunday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

#### WEEKDAYS

- Tuesday & Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
- Thursday from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

By appointment.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday English Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. English
- 12:30 p.m. Spanish.

#### WEEKDAYS MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (English) at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday (Spanish) at 6:30 p.m.

### MASSES WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- **ENGLISH:** First Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. with Litany to St. Joseph.
- **SPANISH:** First Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

### ENGLISH MASS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- First Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. with litany at the end.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.



## XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.  
(Mateo 16:18)

Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia,  
y los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella, dice el Señor.  
(Mateo 16,18)





Fr. Osman Ramos, FM

## Spiritual Drop from our Pastor

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2026

Last week I went to confession, because yes, priests also need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently. Unfortunately, the priest arrived late to the confessional. There was a long line, so I waited with everyone else. As I waited, however, I noticed several things: some people seemed upset by the delay; others were chatting cheerfully and even making jokes, which led to laughter; others were playing video games on their phones; one woman was fixing her daughter's hair, with a brush and everything she needed, almost as if she were in a beauty salon; others received phone calls and answered them; some were replying to text messages. In the midst of all this, I saw only one young woman who was very focused, praying the rosary with great serenity. She was looking at an image of Jesus nearby and praying with deep devotion. This made me think about how important it is to prepare ourselves to receive any of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, which accompany us on our journey toward eternal life. None of those people was doing anything sinful; they were doing ordinary things but in the wrong place. As Catholic Christians, we are called not only to "be Catholic," but also to "look Catholic": our respect and reverence should reveal what we believe; otherwise, we may give poor witness to our faith. One of the great problems of our time is that we have lost the sense of the sacred. We are so distracted that we struggle to recognize when we are standing before God. Let us never forget that we do not go to church in search of entertainment; we go to encounter the Lord. It is not our house: it is the house of God, which He, in His infinite mercy, opens to all of us. Discretion, respect, and reverence are essential for shaping our spiritual life. God loves you with infinite tenderness. Happy Sunday!

La semana pasada fui a confesarme, porque sí, también los sacerdotes necesitamos recibir con frecuencia el sacramento de la Reconciliación. Lamentablemente, el sacerdote llegó tarde al confesionario. Había una fila larga, así que me puse a esperar junto con los demás. Sin embargo, mientras esperaba, observé varias cosas: algunos parecían molestos por la demora; otros conversaban animadamente y hasta hacían bromas, provocando risas; otros jugaban videojuegos en sus teléfonos; una señora le estaba peinando el cabello a su hija, con cepillo y todo lo necesario, como si estuviera en un salón de belleza; otros recibían llamadas y las contestaban; algunos respondían mensajes de texto. En medio de todo aquello, vi solamente a una joven muy concentrada, rezando el rosario con serenidad. Contemplaba una imagen de Jesús que estaba cerca y oraba con mucha devoción. Esto me hizo pensar en lo importante que es prepararnos para recibir cualquiera de los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía y la Confesión, que son sacramentos que nos acompañan en nuestro camino hacia la vida eterna. Ninguna de aquellas personas estaba haciendo algo pecaminoso; estaban haciendo cosas ordinarias, pero en el lugar equivocado. Los cristianos católicos estamos llamados no solo a "ser católicos", sino también a "parecerlo": que se note, con respeto y reverencia, aquello en lo que creemos; de lo contrario, podríamos dar un mal testimonio de nuestra fe. Uno de los grandes problemas de nuestra época es que hemos perdido el sentido de lo sagrado. Vivimos tan distraídos que nos cuesta reconocer cuándo estamos ante Dios. Nunca olvidemos que a la Iglesia no vamos a buscar entretenimiento; vamos a encontrarnos con el Señor. No es nuestra casa: es la casa de Dios, que Él, en su infinita misericordia, abre para todos nosotros. La discreción, el respeto y la reverencia son esenciales para moldear nuestra vida espiritual. Dios te ama con ternura infinita. ¡Feliz Domingo!





# ✝ Mass Intentions of August



**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. Rosa Isela Valdespino (healing)

**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
- 12:30 p.m. +Nestor Rodriguez

**Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. Salvador Nieves Montoya (B-day)

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the living & deceased members of the Knight of Columbus

**Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. Adam Brady  
- 6:30 p.m. Teresa Nieves (B-day)

**Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. Inocencia Gonzales

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. Inocencia Gonzalez

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
- 12:30 p.m. +Ulises Rodriguez

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the widows & widowers of the Parish.

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the living & deceased members of the Knight of Columbus

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. Inocencia Gonzalez  
- 6:30 p.m. +Melchor Montoya

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. +Juan Sanchez

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
- 12:30 p.m. +Alberto Garcia

**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Martha Barajas Piña

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the living & deceased members of Jim and Diane Christie family

**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the living & deceased members of Jim and Diane Christie family  
- 6:30 p.m. +Melchor Montoya

**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. +Maria G. Botello & +Enrique Hernandez

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
- 12:30 p.m. Perfecto García

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the living & deceased members of Jim and Diane Christie family

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For the living & deceased members of Jim and Diane Christie family

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Alfredo Nieves  
- 6:30 p.m. +Amalia Apolonio y +Dionicio Sanchez

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. +Purgatory souls

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
- 12:30 p.m. +Alberto García



| Regular Collection Report                                         |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Saturday & Sunday                                                 | \$5,198.00 |
| Franciscans of Mary                                               | \$155.00   |
| Votives                                                           | \$101.00   |
| Charity Box                                                       | n/a        |
| Baptism donation                                                  | \$100.00   |
| Flowers                                                           | n/a        |
| Maintenance                                                       | n/a        |
| Young Adult group sale                                            | \$1,110.00 |
| Total:                                                            |            |
| \$6,664.00                                                        |            |
| Thank you for your Contribution!<br>¡Gracias por su contribución! |            |

## Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**  
August 29, 2026

**Lector:** Necie Bejasa  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Edwina Payne  
**Altar Servers:** Fatima Hurtado, Isabel & Regina Ballines  
**Ushers:** Raul Ballines, Ruben Hurtado, Ruben Jr. Hurtado and Nathan Stroup

**SUNDAY 10:00 AM**  
August 30, 2026

**Lector:** Lily Jagoda  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Larry Gephart  
**Altar Servers:** Jeshua Nieves  
**Ushers:** Anna & Osvaldo Mendoza, Jeremiah Rogers and Andrew Stroop

**DOMINGO 12:30 PM**  
30 de agosto, 2026

**Lectores:** Celina Gonzalez & Jazlyn Garcia  
**Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía:** Maria Hernandez  
**Monaguillos:** Ariana Garcia & Alvaro Luna  
**Ujieres:** Alejandro Flores, Enrique, Ruben y Julian Barajas







Catholic Charities'

# Do Small Things Together Material Drive

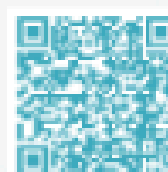
In honor of **St. Teresa of Calcutta's** Feast Day on September 5th, Catholic Charities invites you to support local charities by donating small essentials that make a big difference for our most vulnerable neighbors. Items will be distributed to local participating charities.

## AUG 29 – SEPT 6

Drop off **new items** in Catholic Charities' blue donation barrels at your church.



### COLLECTION ITEMS:



- ☒ Diapers (sizes 3+) & unscented wipes
- ☒ Canned food & dry goods
- ☒ Hygiene items
- ☒ New socks and underwear

### DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT:



CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
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ST. MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

For list of items, visit: [ccfwsb.org/events/do-small-things-together](https://ccfwsb.org/events/do-small-things-together)





# REGISTRATION OPEN

# INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) | Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)



BAPTISM



FIRST COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION



**St. Joseph Parish**  
50 N. 100 E.  
LaGrange, IN 46761



**Parroquia San José**  
50 N. 100 E.  
LaGrange, IN 46761



**Are you missing any sacraments?**  
If you are 18 years of age or older and have not been baptized, or if you were baptized but have not received First Communion or Confirmation, this program is for you!



**Cost:** \$100 per student.



**Registration deadline:** August 27



For more information please call at (260) 463 - 3472 and to register, please stop by the parish office during office hours.



**¿Te falta recibir algún Sacramento?**  
Si tienes 18 años o más y no has sido bautizado, o si fuiste bautizado pero te falta la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación, ¡este programa es para ti!



**Costo:** \$100 por estudiante.



**Fecha límite de inscripción:** 27 de agosto



Para más informes llamar al (260) 463 - 3472 e inscribirse pasar a la oficina parroquial durante el horario de oficina.





## PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN'S HEARTS TO RECEIVE JESUS!

**Dear Families:**

We joyfully invite you to enroll your children in our Religious Education Program 2026 – 2027 to prepare for the Holy Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Keep Nurturing Their Faith!**

We also offer ongoing faith formation classes (non-sacramental) for students who have already made their First Holy Communion and wish to continue strengthening their love and knowledge of God.

**Program Details:**

- Classes begin:** Sunday, September 13
- Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
- Duration:** 2 full years (for sacrament preparation)
- Registration fee:** \$100 per student (Applies to both sacramental preparation and ongoing faith formation)

**For more information and registration:**

**Phone: (260) 463 – 3472**

## Fifth Annual Walking Pilgrimage

from Kendallville



**September 13th**  
**1:00 pm**

to Our Lady, Patroness of America Center

Concluding with Benediction and a cookout beginning at 5:00 pm

For details and to RSVP visit: [PatronessofAmerica.org](http://PatronessofAmerica.org)



## Communion of the Sick Comunión a los enfermos



If you know anyone who is sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Larry Gephart at **(260) 585 - 4245**

Si usted conoce a alguna persona enferma que desee recibir la Sagrada Comunión, por favor comuníquese con:

- Griselda Nieves al (260) 585 - 9600**
- Víctor Rodríguez al (260) 336 - 6142**

Bringing Christ's love and comfort.

Llevando el amor y consuelo de Cristo.

## ¡PREPARA EL CORAZÓN DE TUS HIJOS PARA RECIBIR A JESÚS!

**Queridas familias:**

Los invitamos con gran alegría a inscribir a sus hijos en nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa **2026 - 2027** para la preparación de los sagrados sacramentos de la Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

**¡Continúa alimentando su fe en su vida!**

También ofrecemos clases de formación continua (no sacramentales) para aquellos estudiantes que ya hicieron su Primera Comunión y desean seguir fortaleciendo su amor y conocimiento de Dios.

**Detalles del Programa:**

- Inicio de clases:** 13 de septiembre
- Horario:** 11 am to 12:20 pm
- Duración:** 2 años completos (para preparación de sacramentos)
- Cuota de inscripción:** \$100 por estudiante (Aplica tanto para preparación sacramental como para formación continua)

**Para más informes e inscripciones:**

**Teléfono: (260) 463 - 3472**



Parish  
Announcements

Anuncios  
de la Parroquia

**Religious Education registrations** will open during the office hours. General registration fee is \$100 per student.  
**Registration deadline is August 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next Weekend of August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Special collection at all Masses to support Catholic University of America.

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
No religious services because there is mandatory Presbyterate meeting with Bishop Rhoades for all the priests of the Diocese FW-SB.

**From September 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Our priests will be away attending a spiritual retreat; we ask that you keep them in your prayers.
- Therefore, this week we will have visiting priests celebrating Masses in the morning, and Thursday's Eucharistic Adoration is canceled and no religious services in the afternoon.

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Fr. Ryan Timossi will hear confessions and celebrate 9:30am Mass.

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Fr. Pius will celebrate 9:30am Mass and no religious services in the afternoon.

**On the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Bishop's Appeal Kick-off Weekend.
- Special collection to support Catholic Communication Campaign.
- Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 12:20pm.

**On the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Bishop's Appeal Pledge Weekend.

**From September 21<sup>st</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Fr. Raul will be in Houston, TX helping to celebrate Masses as a guest priest at St. Pius V Parish.

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Fr. Jerry will celebrate 9:30am Mass, due to Fr. Raul is away.  
No confessions this day!

**Inscripciones abiertas para nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa.** Durante el horario de oficina y el costo general de la inscripción es de \$100 por estudiante.  
**La fecha límite de inscripción es el 26 de agosto.**

**El próximo domingo 30 de agosto**  
Colecta especial en todas las Misas para apoyar a la Universidad Católica de América.

**Miércoles 2 de septiembre**  
No habrá servicios religiosos por la mañana debido a una reunión obligatoria del presbiterio con el obispo Rhoades para todos los sacerdotes de la diócesis de FW-SB.

**Jueves 3 de septiembre**  
Uncion a los enfermos en durante la Misa de 6:30pm.

**Del 7 al 11 de septiembre**

- Nuestros sacerdotes estarán ausentes, participando en un retiro espiritual; les pedimos que los tengan presentes en sus oraciones.
- Por lo tanto, esta semana contaremos con sacerdotes invitados que celebrarán las Misas por la mañana, y se suspenderá la adoración eucarística del jueves y no habrá servicios religiosos por la tarde.

**Martes, 8 de septiembre, y miércoles, 9 de septiembre**  
El padre Ryan Timossi escuchará confesiones y celebrará la Misa de las 9:30am.

**Jueves, 10 de septiembre**  
El padre Pío celebrará la Misa a las 9:30am. No tendremos servicios religiosos por la tarde.

**El fin de semana del 12 y 13 de septiembre**

- Es el inicio de la Campaña del Obispo.
- Tendremos una colecta especial para apoyar la Campaña de Comunicación Católica.
- Las clases de Educación religiosa comienzan el domingo 13 de septiembre, de 11am a 12:20pm.

**Viernes 18 de septiembre**  
Concierto Eucarístico en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Warsaw, IN a las 5:30pm. Todos están cordialmente invitados a venir al concierto.

**El fin de semana del 19 y 20 de septiembre**  
Fin de semana de compromiso de la Apelación del Obispo

**Del 21 al 27 de septiembre**  
El P. Raúl estará en Houston (Texas) ayudando a celebrar Misas como sacerdote invitado en la parroquia de San Pío V.

Have a Blessed  
WEEKEND!



## PARISH STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Osman Ramos, FM

(osmanramosguzman@hotmail.com)

His office hours are: Thursdays

from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30p.m. / 5p.m. to 8p.m.

**Parochial Vicars:**

Fr. Raúl Marroquín, FM (raul@frmaria.org)

Fr. Jorge Sis, FM (jorge@frmaria.org)

If you want to talk to any priest,

please make an appointment by calling at the Parish Office

**Parish Secretary & DRE:** Lupita Hurtado

(secretary@saintjosephlagrange.org)

Her office hours are: Tues, Wed, from 4:30 pm. to 8 pm. and Thurs.

from 10 a.m. to 12 pm. & in the afternoon from 4:30 pm. to 8 pm.

**Business Manager:** Maria G. Barajas

(accountant@saintjosephlagrange.org)

Her office hours are: Tues. and Thurs. from

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wed. / 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sacristan & Cleaning:** Verónica Montoya

**Maintenance:** Erick Nieves

**Saturday evening Pianist:** Kevin Ramer

Dear Parishioners,

If you would like to make a donation for the works of charity of our Franciscans of Mary priests, you can contact our Parish Secretary. Thank you for your generosity!



## KEY VOLUNTEERS

**Pianist of Sunday morning:**

Elizabeth Rogers

**Cantors:**

Charlie & Megan Hire (Saturday)

John Romer (Sunday)

**Spanish Choir:**

Luz Piña & Miguel Muñoz

**Youth Ministry Coordinators:**

Ruben Jr. Hurtado

Diana Mendoza

**Parish Council President**

Nathan Stroup

If you have any questions or concerns about our Parish please contact him.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



To request information for Baptism, Quinceañeras Masses, Weddings, house blessings, Anointing or Communion of the sick, funeral Masses or Masses for 25th, 50th, 60th wedding anniversaries, and also information about social hall rental please call the parish secretary during office hours at (260) 463 -3472.

## INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Para solicitar información para Bautizos, Misas de Quinceañeras, Bodas, Bendiciones de casas, Unción y Comunión a los enfermos, Misas de funerales o Misas de aniversario de bodas de 25, 50, 60 años y también información para rentar de salón parroquial por favor llame a la secretaria parroquial durante el horario de oficina al (260) 463 -3472.

# Concierto EUCARÍSTICO de Alabanza

Ven a gozar  
de una Noche Eucarística inolvidable  
donde el **Amigo** que nunca falla  
te quiere **CONSOLAR**

VIERNES  
**18** DE SEPTIEMBRE  
**5:30 PM**



Santuario Diocesano de  
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  
225 Gilliam Dr, Warsaw, IN

"VENGAN A MÍ  
los que están  
CANSADOS Y AGOBIADOS"

Mateo 11:28

