



St. Joseph Catholic Church

~ LaGrange, IN ~



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 2nd - 2026

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

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

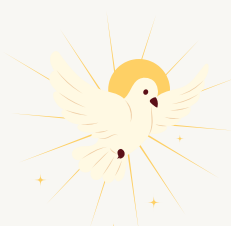
- First Friday of the month
with litany at the end at 9:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

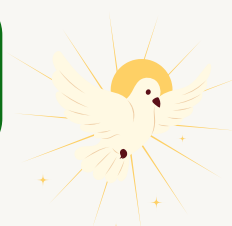
- Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.



Diocese of
Fort Wayne & South Bend



Spiritual Drop from our Pastor



XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2026

Last week, my brother priests and I went to a mall in Toledo to buy a few things we needed. While they were shopping, I took the chance to walk around for a while. As I looked around, I noticed many different things: people dressed in ways that showed little care for their appearance, many others dazzled by shopping and buying things they perhaps did not need, some simply walking with a certain sadness in their eyes, others speaking loudly and using offensive language, even taking the name of God in vain. I also saw people enslaved by their cell phones, others eating enormous amounts of food as if adoring gluttony, others just setting there very busy in doing nothing worshipping laziness... and many other things of a world that often poisons the pure soul that God gave us in Baptism. All these things made me think that, when we Catholics go out and face the world, we are entering a kind of spiritual battle. If we do not protect ourselves, it becomes very easy to fall into temptation. Let us strive to guard our eyes, our conversations, our words, and our coming and going. Let us care each day for this treasure that we hold in earthen vessels, because, at the end of the day, as St. Paul reminds us, "our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." (Ephesians 6: 12) May Jesus give us the courage and strength to protect our purity and our faith. Even if you are not a monk, remember that you are still called to guard your soul with the same vigilance and care. God loves you with infinite tenderness. Happy Sunday!

La semana pasada, mis hermanos sacerdotes y yo fuimos a un centro comercial en Toledo para comprar algunas cosas que necesitábamos. Mientras ellos compraban, aproveché para caminar un rato. Al mirar a mi alrededor, me fijé en muchas cosas diferentes: gente vestida de manera que denotaba poco cuidado por su apariencia, muchos otros deslumbrados por las compras y adquiriendo cosas que tal vez no necesitaban, algunos simplemente caminando con cierta tristeza en la mirada, otros hablando en voz alta y utilizando lenguaje ofensivo, incluso tomando el nombre de Dios en vano. También vi a personas esclavizadas por sus teléfonos celulares, vi a otras comiendo cantidades enormes de comida como una adoración al pecado de la gula, a otras simplemente sentadas allí muy ocupadas en no hacer nada adorado la pereza... y muchas otras cosas de un mundo que a menudo envenena el alma pura que Dios nos dio en el bautismo. Todas estas cosas me hicieron pensar que, cuando los católicos salimos y nos enfrentamos al mundo, estamos entrando en una especie de batalla espiritual. Si no nos protegemos, es muy fácil caer en la tentación. Esforcémonos por cuidar nuestros ojos, nuestras conversaciones, nuestras palabras y nuestras idas y venidas. Cuidemos cada día este tesoro que guardamos en vasijas de barro, porque, al fin y al cabo, como nos recuerda San Pablo, «nuestra lucha no es contra enemigos de carne y hueso, sino contra los principados, las potestades y los dominadores de este mundo de tinieblas, contra los espíritus del mal que habitan en las regiones celestes». (Efesios 6, 12) Que Jesús nos dé el valor y la fuerza para proteger nuestra pureza y nuestra fe. Aunque no seas monje, recuerda que igual estás llamado a cuidar tu alma con la misma vigilancia y esmero. Dios te ama con infinita ternura. ¡Feliz domingo!



Fr. Osman Ramos, FM

Pastor



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners,

After several months of prayer and discernment, I am pleased to share that Maria (Lupita) Barajas has been named our new parish business manager. Maria has generously served in many roles within our parish, including as a catechist, altar server coordinator, and active supporter of Hispanic ministries, among many other responsibilities.

As a member of our parish community, she knows well the communities that make up our parish. Because she is fully bilingual, she will be able to serve and accompany both the American and Hispanic communities.

I ask you to give her a warm welcome and support her in this new chapter. Above all, I invite you to pray for her, that the Lord may guide her, grant her wisdom, and strengthen her in the service she now begins.

I'd also like to let you know that we have a new maintenance employee, Erick Nieves. He has been a member of our parish for many years and will be handling minor repairs and general maintenance of our facilities. I kindly ask that you welcome him warmly. I greatly appreciate your support for these two new employees.

God bless you.

Estimados feligreses,

Después de varios meses de oración y discernimiento, me complace compartirles que María (Lupita) Barajas ha sido nombrada nuestra nueva administradora parroquial. María ha servido generosamente en diversos ministerios de nuestra parroquia: ha sido catequista, coordinadora de monaguillos y colaboradora activa en los ministerios hispanos, entre muchas otras responsabilidades.

Como miembro de nuestra comunidad parroquial, conoce bien a las comunidades que la conforman. Además, al ser completamente bilingüe, podrá servir y acompañar tanto a la comunidad americana como a la comunidad hispana. Les pido que le den una cordial bienvenida y la apoyen en esta nueva etapa. Sobre todo, les invito a orar por ella, para que el Señor la ilumine, le conceda sabiduría y la fortalezca en el servicio que ahora comienza.

También, les quiero comentar que contamos con un nuevo empleado de mantenimiento, Erick Nieves. Él es feligrés de nuestra parroquia desde hace muchos años y estará trabajando con las pequeñas reparaciones y el mantenimiento general de nuestras instalaciones. Les pido amablemente que lo reciban con alegría y le den la bienvenida. Agradezco mucho su apoyo para estos dos nuevos empleados.

Que Dios les bendiga.



Fr. Osman Ramos, FM
Pastor



Maria G. Barajas



Erick Nieves



✦ Mass Intentions of July



Saturday, August 1st
- 5:00 p.m. Rosa Isela Valdespino (healing)

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

Tuesday, August 4th
- 9:30 a.m. Salvador Nieves Montoya (B-day)

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

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

Friday, August 7th
- 9:30 a.m. Inocencia Gonzales

Saturday, August 8th
- 5:00 p.m. Inocencia Gonzalez

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

Tuesday, August 11th
- 9:30 a.m. For the widows & widowers of the Parish.

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

Thursday, August 13th
- 9:30 a.m. Inocencia Gonzalez
- 6:30 p.m. +Melchor Montoya

Saturday, August 15th
- 5:00 p.m. +Juan Sanchez

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

Tuesday, August 18th
- 9:30 a.m. +Martha Barajas Piña

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

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

Saturday, August 22nd
- 5:00 p.m. +Maria G. Botello & +Enrique Hernandez

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

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

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

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

Saturday, August 29th
- 5:00 p.m. +Purgatory souls

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



Regular Collection Report	
Saturday & Sunday	\$3,336.01
Franciscans of Mary	\$114.00
Votives	\$82.00
Charity Box	\$20.00
Youth group	\$50.00
Flowers	
Maintenance	\$425.00
Total:	
\$4,027.01	
Thank you for your Contribution!	

Ministry Schedule

XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY 5:00 PM
August 8, 2026

Lector: Aaron Stroup
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Dolly North
Altar Servers: Fatima Hurtado, Isabel & Regina Ballines
Ushers: Ruben Jr. Hurtado & Necie Bejasa

SUNDAY 10:00 AM
August 9, 2026

Lector: Kelly Payne
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Edwina Payne
Altar Servers: Gaby Medina & Valentina Mendoza
Ushers: Mandy & Barry McDonald

DOMINGO 12:30 PM
9 de agosto, 2026

Lectores: Grupo de Jovenes adultos leéran este día.
Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía: Yolanda García
Monaguillos: Jesus García & David Granados
Ujieres: Grupo de Jovenes adultos servirán este día.







ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
LAGRANGE, IN

BACK TO SCHOOL:
BACKPACK BLESSING

As the start of the school year approaches, we invite all children and young people to bring their backpacks to receive a special blessing.

The blessing will take place on the weekend of **AUGUST 8 AND 9**, after each Mass.



Al acercarse el regreso a clases, invitamos a todos los niños y jóvenes a traer sus mochilas para recibir una bendición especial.

La bendición se llevará a cabo el fin de semana del **8 Y 9 DE AGOSTO**, después de cada Misa.

Bless their minds. ✝ **PROTECT THEIR HEARTS.** ✝ **GUIDE THEIR STEPS.** ✝ *Amen.*

FAITH FOR TODAY. HOPE FOR TOMORROW. ♥ TOGETHER IN CHRIST.

BLOOD DRIVE

 *Your Chance to Give Back!*

♥ Make a meaningful impact by donating blood!



CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

¡Una oportunidad para ayudar a los demás! 

♥ ¡Donar sangre tiene un impacto muy significativo!



Tuesday, Aug. 18th | Martes 18 de Agosto



From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. | De 11 a.m. a 5 p.m.



At the Social Hall of St. Joseph Church | En el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de San José

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 **50 N. 100 E., LaGrange, IN 46761**

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Religious Education Registration

St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, IN

From August 4th through August 20th.
Registrations open during office hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30pm to 8:00pm.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION
(First Year Requirements)

- Student must be at 1st grade at school.
- Bring ORIGINAL birth certificate.
- Bring ORIGINAL Baptism certificate.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION
(First Year Requirements)

- Student must be at 7th grade at school.
- Bring ORIGINAL birth certificate.
- Bring ORIGINAL Baptism certificate.
- Bring ORIGINAL certificate of First Communion.

SECOND YEAR OF COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

- Please bring your registration fee.
- If copies of your birth certificate and baptism certificate were not submitted last year, bring those documents with you on the day of registration.

CLASSES FROM 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADE
We offered for students who have already made their First Communion and wish to continue their formation and growth in the faith.

- The cost is \$100 per student.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
All students **MUST** enroll, even if the student attended last year.

REGISTRATION FEE

- General registration fee is \$100 per student.

Payment must be made at the time of registration by check or cash.

OUR MISSION: *It is to deepen the Catholic Faith and strengthen the relationship with God.*

Inscripción de Educación Religiosa

PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ, LAGRANGE, IN

Del 5 al 20 de agosto.
Las inscripciones para el programa de Educación Religiosa estarán abiertas durante el horario de oficina martes, miércoles y jueves de 4:30pm a 8:00pm.

La preparación para recibir los Sacramento de Primera Comunión y Confirmación es de dos años completos.

REQUISITOS:

PRIMER AÑO DE COMUNIÓN:

- El estudiante debe estar en 1er grado
- Traer certificado ORIGINAL de nacimiento
- Traer certificado ORIGINAL de Bautismo

PRIMER AÑO DE CONFIRMACIÓN:

- El estudiante debe estar en 7° grado
- Traer certificado ORIGINAL de nacimiento
- Traer certificado ORIGINAL de Bautismo
- Traer certificado ORIGINAL de Primera Comunión

SEGUNDO AÑO DE LA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN:

- Traer el pago de la inscripción.
- Si el año pasado no presentó las copias de los certificados de nacimiento y de bautismo, traer esos documentos el día de la inscripción.

CUOTA DE INSCRIPCIÓN GENERAL:

- \$100 dólares por estudiante.

El pago se tiene que hacer al momento de la inscripción por cheque o en efectivo.

Para los estudiantes de 3° al 6° grado que ya hicieron su Primera Comunión y desean continuar con su formación y crecimiento en la fe, se ofrecer también clases.

- El costo es de \$100 por estudiante.

NOTA IMPORTANTE:
Todos los estudiantes **DEBEN** inscribirse, incluso si el estudiante asistió el año pasado.

NUESTRA MISIÓN:
Es profundizar la Fe Católica y fortalecer la relación con Dios.

Parish Announcements

Anuncios de la Parroquia

Sunday, August 2nd

Parish Summer Festival from 1pm to 4pm in the Pavillion of the Church. Let’s have a great time together both Communities English & Spanish.
We will have music, food and much more...

Week of August 4th through August 20th

Religious Education registrations will open for the 2026–2027 during the office hours.

Wednesday, August 5th

Anointing of the sick during 9:30am English Mass with Litany to St. Joseph at the end.

Friday, August 7th

9:30am – English Mass in honor to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with litany at the end.

Saturday, August 15th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
This year is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.
All weekend Masses will celebrated at their regular schedule.

Tuesday, August 18

Blood Drive at the Social Hall from 11am to 5pm.

Weekend of August 29th & 30th

Special collection at all Masses to support Catholic University of America.

Wednesday, September 2nd

No morning Mass due to a mandatory Presbyterate meeting with Bishop Rhoades for all the priests of the Diocese FW-SB.

Sunday, September 13th

Religious Education classes start.
All students MUST register, even if they attended last year.

Domingo 2 de agosto

Fiesta de verano de la parroquia, de 1pm a 4pm en el pabellón de la iglesia. Les invitamos a pasar un rato agradable ambas comunidades de ingles y español.
Tendremos musica, comida y mucho más...

Semana del 4 de agosto al 20 de agosto

Comienzan las inscripciones para el curso 2026-2027 de nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa. Durante el horario de oficina.

Jueves 6 de agosto

Unción de los enfermos durante la Misa en Español de 6:30pm.

Viernes 7 de agosto

9:30am – Misa en inglés en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús con letinata al final.

Sábado 15 de agosto

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Este año NO es un día de precepto.
Todas las Misas del fin de semana se celebran en su horario regular.

Martes 18 de agosto

Campaña de donación de sangre en el salón parroquial de 11am a 5pm.

Domingo 30 de agosto

Colecta especial en todas las Misas para apoyar a la Universidad Católica de América.

Miércoles 2 de septiembre

No habrá Misa de inglés de 9:30am debido a una reunión obligatoria del presbiterio con el obispo Rhoades para todos los sacerdotes de la diócesis de FW-SB.

Domingo 13 de septiembre

Comienzan las clases de educación religiosa.
Todos los estudiantes DEBEN estar inscritos, incluso si asistieron el año pasado.

Our Church is in need!!

Dear Parishioners,
Our Church is in need of some cleaning supplies like Fabuloso, Clorox, Lysol spray Desinfecting wipes (any brand).
We will appreciate any donation that you can do. You can bring donations to the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you!



Estimados feligreses:
Nuestra iglesia esta en necesidad de algunos productos de limpieza, como Fabuloso, Clorox, spray Lysol y toallitas desinfectantes (de cualquier marca). Agradeceremos cualquier donación que podan hacer. Pueden traer las donaciones a la oficina parroquial durante el horario de atención al público.
¡Muchas gracias!

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.

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 (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


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Compassion • Faith • Community





OCIA - The Journey to becoming Catholic

RICA - El Camino para hacerse Católico

 If you are an adult and want to be baptized and
receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation or
learning more about our Catholic faith or know of
someone who wants to fully join the Catholic Church.
Please call to the parish office to enroll and for more
information. Classes begin by the end of August!

 Si usted es adulto y desea ser bautizado y recibir
los sacramentos de la Iniciación Cristiana o
aprender más sobre nuestra fe católica o conoce a
alguien que quiera unirse plenamente a la Iglesia
católica. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener
más información e inscribirse.
¡Las clases comienzan a finales de agosto!



You are invited.
WE WALK TOGETHER IN FAITH.



Estás invitado.
CAMINAMOS JUNTOS EN LA FE.



PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Iglesia Católica San José

LaGrange, IN



Estimados padres de familia:

Les agradecemos sinceramente por elegir nuestra parroquia para acompañar a sus hijos en su formación en la fe.

Por medio de esta carta, queremos informarles que, debido al aumento general de los costos, nos hemos visto en la necesidad de ajustar la tarifa de inscripción para este año.

La nueva tarifa será de \$100.00 dólares por estudiante y se pagará una vez al año.

Consideramos que esta cantidad es justa y accesible en comparación con otras parroquias cercanas y de otros estados. Además, este aporte ayudará a cubrir los gastos de nuestro programa de educación religiosa y de la parroquia durante todo el año, entre ellos:

- Material de catequesis y libros
- Convivios de los estudiantes
- Luz, Agua
- Calefacción y aire acondicionado
- Limpieza y otros gastos de mantenimiento

También queremos recordarles que nuestros maestros catequistas no reciben ningún pago. Ellos ofrecen generosamente su tiempo y servicio de manera voluntaria para apoyar la formación religiosa de nuestros niños y jóvenes.

Agradecemos mucho su apoyo y comprensión. Si tienen alguna duda o pregunta, por favor comuníquense con la directora de Educación Religiosa, quien estará disponible y con gusto responderá sus inquietudes.

Dios les bendiga,

P. Osman Ramos, FM

Párroco



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

LaGrange, IN



Dear parents:

We sincerely thank you for choosing our parish to accompany your children in their formation in the faith.

Through this letter, we would like to inform you that, due to the general increase in costs, it has become necessary to adjust the registration fee for this year.

The new fee will be \$100.00 per student and will be paid once a year.

We believe this amount is fair and reasonable compared to other nearby parishes and those in other states. In addition, this contribution will help cover the expenses of our religious education program and the parish throughout the year, including:

- Catechesis materials and books
- Fellowships of our students
- Electricity and water
- Heating and air conditioning
- Cleaning and other maintenance expenses

We also want to remind you that our catechist teachers do not receive any payment. They generously offer their time and service as volunteers to support the religious formation of our children and youth.

We greatly appreciate your support and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Director of Religious Education, who will be available and happy to respond to your questions.

God bless you,

Fr. Osman Ramos, FM

Pastor