



Saint Mildred

The mission of Saint Mildred Parish is to foster spiritual growth and formation of the community through worship, educational endeavors, and cultural unity.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.- Thurs 9:00-4:00

Fridays 9:00-Noon

OUTREACH HOURS

Assistance by Appointment Only

Mon, Tues, Thurs 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call 606-678-4617

Clothing Center Hours

Tues and Thurs 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Andres Martinez

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Flanagan

Deacons: Larry Cranfill | Gene Cheshire (ret.)

Director of Religious Education: Karen Rowe

Music Minister: Maria Jayme-Martin

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Avina, Chair 859-351-6770

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight Chris Mason 606-875-1588



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday 5:00
- Sunday 10:15
- Sunday 1:00 Spanish
- Sunday 8:30 Good Shepherd Chapel
Whitley City (606)376-1840

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM
- Wednesday: 5:30-6:15 PM
- First Friday: 11:00-11:45 AM

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Contact the Parish Office

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM—OCIA in the OBC

9:45 AM—ROSARY PRAYED (in church before Mass)

10:15 AM—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for Eileen Ehlman by Carol Papia

11:45 AM—CCD CLASSES

1:00 PM—HOLY MASS IN SPANISH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NOON—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for Charles and Wilda Whitaker by Jeff and Jenny Bullock

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:15 AM—BIBLE STUDY

NOON—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for the deceased members of the Norman Martin family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:30--6:30 PM—HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM—YOUTH GROUP

6:30 PM—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for Joe Flynn by Jeff and Jenny Bullock

7:00 PM—PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

NOON—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for World Peace by Jeff and Jenny Bullock

12:30 PM--SENIOR POTLUCK

6:00 PM—OCIA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 FIRST FRIDAY

10:15 AM—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

11:00 AM—HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

NOON—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for Elenor Crosby by Jeff and Jenny Bullock

5:30 PM—TAI CHI with Fr. Flanagan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

4:30 PM—ROSARY PRAYED (in church before Mass)

5:00 PM—HOLY MASS (Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately after Mass)

For all int. and special int. for the family of Everett and Pauline Wiese by Tom and Martina Gilkey

6:30 PM—HISPANIC BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:45 AM—ROSARY PRAYED (in church before Mass)

9:00 AM—OCIA in the OBC

10:15 AM—HOLY MASS

For all int. and for Hugh Whitaker by Mary Alice Whitaker

11:45 AM—CCD CLASSES

PRAY FOR

Our Parishioners: Russell Pyles, Mario Pieroni, Louis and Dede Anderson, Connie Schultz, Jim Thomas, Mechelle Phillippi, Deacon Gene Cheshire, Robby & Ann Zelen, Pauline Pieroni, Betsy Perkins, Sandra Woodman, John Woodman, Dottie Brant, Roland Snauwaert, Mary Ann Vedder, Fanny Ball, Louise Broderick, Pat Paluzi, the Andrews Family, Judith Pfeiffer, Elizabeth Oelker, Marty Heath, Jean Bianchi, Katherine King, Judy Schosser, Scott McCluskey, Jean Young, Alex White

Remember these friends & family members in prayer:

Christopher Vedder, Steve Ramsey, Sue Drennen Pogue, and Armindo Abrue

Remember the prayer requests in the Outreach Office.

Collection for Sept. 20, 2026:

- Offertory: \$5,173.00
- Online Offertory: \$1,284.94
- The amount needed to meet our budget is \$9,615.38
- Weekly Outreach: \$50.00
- Online Outreach: \$123.75

Donate Online



If you are interested in ONLINE GIVING, please contact Marchetta at the church office. (606) 678-5051, use the QR code below, or go to:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZGFP/home>



FROM FATHER CARLOS

Saint Francis: A Saint for Our Era:

Part I A Life Transformed by the Gospel

We are in the year of the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis died on October 3, 1226, but eight centuries later his life continues to speak with remarkable freshness to a world searching for peace, simplicity, compassion, and a renewed relationship with creation.

Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, around 1181 or 1182, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. As a young man, he enjoyed the privileges of his family and dreamed of becoming a knight. His early life was marked by ambition, adventure, and a desire for honor. Yet his encounter with suffering, especially with the poor and with people suffering from leprosy, gradually changed his heart.

One of the decisive moments in his conversion came when Francis embraced a man with leprosy, an experience he later described as something that changed what had once seemed bitter into sweetness. He began to hear Christ's invitation in a new way. Before the crucifix of San Damiano, Francis heard the words, "Go, Francis, repair my house." At first, he understood these words literally, but eventually he recognized a deeper calling: to help renew the Church through a life completely centered on Christ.

Francis chose poverty, simplicity, and service. He gathered companions, and their way of life eventually became the Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans. His friend Clare of Assisi embraced the same Gospel vision and founded what became the Poor Clares.

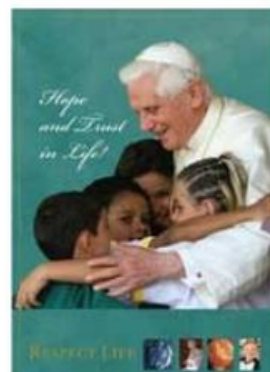
At the heart of Francis's spirituality was the conviction that everything is gift. He saw creation not simply as something to use, but as something that points toward the goodness of its Creator. His famous Canticle of the Creatures praises God through "Brother Sun," "Sister Moon," water, fire, the earth, and all creation.

Francis also had a profound devotion to the humanity of Jesus. He loved the humility of Christ: the Christ who became poor, entered our world, served others, suffered, and gave himself in love. Francis wanted his own life to resemble that Gospel.

His spirituality was therefore not an escape from the world. It was a way of entering the world more deeply—with humility rather than pride, compassion rather than judgment, and gratitude rather than possession. That may be one reason Francis remains so relevant eight centuries later. His message is remarkably simple: return to Christ, live simply, love the poor, forgive readily, care for creation, and recognize every human being as a brother or sister.



Mass at the Neighborhood (Assisted Living Facility): the second Tuesday of each month. Mass at 3:00. Call office for more info.



October is Respect Life Month!

- Prayer Walk-Through: September 27 1:00-4:00 at the center: 111 S. Church St.
- AIM fundraising banquet: Tuesday October 20th. We would love to fill a few tables with St. Mildred parishioners! Call Gretchen before October 8th at 305-1326 if you would like to attend!



Ecumenical Prayer for Creation

You are invited to an Ecumenical Prayer for Creation and the blessing of the pets on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM in front of the church. Please gather in the parish portico/outdoor area. All are welcome! Bring your pets to receive a special blessing



Teaching Mass with Fr. Flanagan

October 1 6 PM to 8 PM. We encourage everyone to attend and learn more about the Mass. Father will explain each part as he says Mass.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The Diocesan Annual Appeal has begun. This year, we are looking for higher participation. If you cannot give a gift, then please still fill out a card with your prayer intentions. This still counts toward our goal. Please be generous. This supports our mission churches as well as other ministries.

Adult Education Classes

Adult Education Classes start this Sunday! English speakers will meet with Charlie Shenk in the room above the kitchen in the OBC. The theme is: Investigate the Early Church : What were the Apostles and St. Paul Doing?

Spanish speakers will meet in the church chapel with Victorio and Jackie.

Class times are the same as CCD. (11:45-12:45)