



## COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

May 9, 2026

### BOOKSTORE

The USF Barnes and Noble Bookstore, first floor, Tower Hall North, will be open on Commencement Day, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The bookstore offers USF merchandise.

### CAP & GOWN AND TICKET PICK-UP

Graduates may pick up their caps, gowns, and tickets during the following days at the USF Bookstore located in Tower Hall.

**April 27th – 30th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**May 1st from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**May 4th - May 8th from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**May 9th from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Special arrangements for after-hour pick up may be made by calling the Bookstore at **815-740-3394**. Number of guest tickets will be determined following the RSVP window. Your tickets will be placed with your cap and gown. Watch for communication from the commencement email. [GraduationInvite@stfrancis.edu](mailto:GraduationInvite@stfrancis.edu)

### COMMENCEMENT LINE-UP

Graduates must report to their designated classroom in Tower Hall no later than 45 minutes before their ceremony. A list of assigned rooms will be posted in the Tower Hall lobby.

- Room moderators will offer detailed instructions.
- Please leave personal belongings with family or friends. Rooms will not be accessible to students after commencement.

### PROCESSION

The procession will be led by the San Damiano Cross, followed in order by the Grand Marshal, graduates, faculty, administrators, Board of Trustees and platform party.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Visual Image Photography (VIP) will take photos of graduates as they receive their diplomas. VIP will send an email with a direct link to the images approximately 2 weeks after the graduation date! If you do not receive an email, you can contact their support team at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com) or call 262-375-4457.

### UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

Honors designation does not apply for graduate-level students. Final honors will be indicated on the student's diploma and final transcript. For commencement purposes, graduation honors will be based on qualification at the time of the previous completed semester at USF.

### DIPLOMAS

Graduates will receive their diplomas by mail four to six weeks after the commencement ceremony.

### SIMULCAST & STREAMING

Commencement ceremonies will be simulcast in the Sexton Auditorium, Moser Performing Arts Center for those on campus without tickets to the ceremonies. The ceremonies will also be live-streamed for those off campus, visit [stfrancis.edu/commencement](http://stfrancis.edu/commencement) for details and links.

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Students and their families are welcome to take pictures anywhere on campus. Suggested photo opportunities include Tower Hall's main entrance, the University Seal on Tower Hall's second floor, Benoit Commons or the Grotto in the Quad.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**  
**SATURDAY, May 9, 2026**

**DOCTORAL/MASTER'S DEGREE CEREMONY**

8:45 a.m. Graduates Line-Up  
9:15 a.m. Procession  
9:30 a.m. Ceremony  
\*Sullivan Recreation Center\*  
*Tickets required for admission. Guests must be seated 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.*

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE CEREMONY**

12:15 p.m. Graduates Line-Up  
12:45 p.m. Procession  
1 p.m. Ceremony  
\*Sullivan Recreation Center\*  
*Tickets required for admission. Guests must be seated 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.*



We encourage all attendees to download the digital commencement program using the QR code below, which will also be available at the graduation ceremony. The program will not be available until a few days prior to the ceremony. To support the university's commitment to sustainability, we will limit printed programs to one per family.



**CELEBRATIONS!**

**SENIOR CELEBRATION** – Invitation to follow.

**Thursday, May 7, 2026 6 p.m.**  
**42nd ANNUAL STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS CONVOCATION**

Graduates, line-up at 5:40 pm in the Moser Performing Arts Center, Turk Theater. Call 815-740-3216 or visit Tower Hall, Room S300 for additional information.  
\*Sullivan Recreation Center\*

**Friday, May 8, 2026 4:30 p.m.**  
**LEACH COLLEGE OF NURSING PINNING CEREMONY**

Families are invited.  
\*Sullivan Recreation Center\*

**Friday, May 8, 2026 5 p.m.**  
**RADIATION THERAPY PINNING CEREMONY**

San Damiano Hall, Donovan Hall, (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
Invitation to follow.

**Friday, May 8, 2026 6:30 p.m.**  
**COMMENCEMENT MASS**

*All are invited, but please reserve your seat via the Commencement RSVP form. Besides a blessing, a special medallion is given by President Hendrickson.*  
\*Sullivan Recreation Center\*

**Individuals with disabilities who need assistance should email [GraduationInvite@stfrancis.edu](mailto:GraduationInvite@stfrancis.edu) at least four weeks before commencement.**