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**February 8, 2026  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Mary of the Assumption  
Catholic Church**

414 West Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733

Phone: (260) 724-9159

[www.stmarysdecatur.org](http://www.stmarysdecatur.org)

**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Friday Closed

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Emergency Number: (260) 706-7136

**Bulletin Submissions**

[amyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:amyers@sjdecatur.org)

Bulletin Submissions: Due Monday by 3pm

Mass Announcements: Due Friday by 9am

Inserts: Due Wednesday by noon

**Please contact the church office or  
have a family member contact us  
if you are in a local hospital or nursing home  
temporarily or long term or if you want  
Communion or any of the Sacraments.**

Hello everyone,  
Thanks for the positive responses to the "State of the Parish" report last weekend. Like I said in the homily, we should rejoice and be glad because of this great parish. Please continue all your prayers and support our community.

I wanted to let you all know that Ron Gage, our music director, told me that he would like to retire this coming August. Ron is a great musician and mentor to so many here at St. Mary's. His presence will be missed greatly. Although, he does reassure me that he will be "around."

So, we are posting the music director position. If you or someone you know is a talented musician who would like to serve the church, please let me know.

Also, I mentioned last week that we are posting the position of youth ministry director. I'm looking for an energetic and faithful Catholic who has a passion for serving Christ's young people. Also, I would like this person to help our parish to be more engaged online and in social media. If this is you, or someone you know, get in contact with me.

God bless,  
Fr. Jake

## Sponsor of the Week

**Knights of Columbus Pavilion**  
**Catering for: Weddings, Parties,**  
**Special Occasions"**

For Reservations:  
260-223-6758

## February 9 – February 15 Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, February 9**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Hensley Family  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Dorothea Hartman t

### **Tuesday, February 10**

8:10 a.m. Benjamin Binegar *in celebration of his birthday*  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Ed & Judy LaFontaine Family

### **Wednesday, February 11**

8:10 a.m. Marjorie Schultz t

### **Thursday, February 12**

8:10 a.m. Teresa Schurger t  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Gerald  
& Carolyn Voglewede Family

**February Ushers:**  
4pm= Lew Seffernick &  
Pat Fullenkamp  
7am= Mike Gremaux &  
Denny Bentz  
8:30am= Scott & Henry  
Jauregui  
11am= Steve & Chris  
Alberding

### **Friday, February 13**

8:10 a.m. Tamara Kable t  
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession  
1:20 p.m. Living-Deceased: Walt Mowery Family  
(Woodcrest Mass)

### **Saturday, February 14**

8:10 a.m. Toby L. Zoll & BreaAnn Zoll t  
8:45 a.m. Confession  
4:00 p.m. Mike Beery & Jennifer Beery t

### **Sunday, February 15**

7:00 a.m. Judy Schultz  
8:30 a.m. Living-Deceased: James Wilder Family  
11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's

## Weekend Offertory Collections

February 1, 2026

*Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.*

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----	\$11,889.00
Online Giving same period -----	\$6,322.90
Loose Change -----	\$800.08
Total Offerings for the week -----	\$19,011.98

*Cost of operation of the church and school is supplemented by wills, endowments, grants, Bishop's Appeal Overage, and other offerings to the parish. Please consider these means of contributing.*

## Ministry Schedule February 14/February 15

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Sandee Teeple	Caroline Baker Hannah Baker Claire Kable Eleanor Smith	Jane Alberson Alan Etzkorn
<b>Sunday, 7:00 AM</b>	Richard Fortman	Olivia Brown Benjamin Pidgeon	Dan Miller
<b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Krista Jauregui	Aden Beer Macy Bohnke Jacob Gerig Barrett Schumm	Aaron Binegar Suzy Wilder
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	Jeananne Alberding	Beau Albertson Joel Albertson Jennavieve Norman Griffin Ranly	Jocy Allmon Scott Macklin



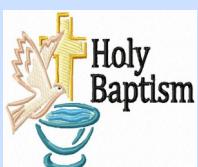
## In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of Norman Rorick.

Please keep him in your prayers as well as his family.

## Recently Baptized

Please welcome into the Family of Christ:  
Addalee Ann Reynolds; daughter of Robbie &  
Jessica (Sempkowski) Reynolds  
and



Greyson Alexander Fisher; son of Blaine &  
Terri (Dillinger) Fisher.

## Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner Jeff Fischer of \$150 the week of 2/2/26 with number 116.

## Steph's Spot

### Religious Education

**Sunday, February 8:**

9:30am=RE for Kids ONLY

7th & 8th grade stay until 11:30

**Sunday, February 15:**

9:30-11:30am=7th & 8th grade ONLY

**Sunday, February 22:**

12:15pm=First Communion Meeting for 2nd grade

**Reminder:** you must have 2 years of formation prior to receiving a Sacrament.

Serving you in Christ,  
Steph Brite  
706-7127/223-9789  
sbrite@sjdecatur.org

## Pray for Vocations

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 8, 2026**

"You are the light of the world."  
(Matthew 5:14)

On World Marriage Day, we honor couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 260-422-4611 or by email at discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org/ women-jhayes@diocesefwsb.org

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons and as consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Amen.



# Cha-Ching!



Intentionally **INVEST** in your **MARRIAGE**

February 13 & 14. Adams County Fairgrounds Expo Center. Monroe, IN. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Give your spouse a gift that keeps on giving! Great entertainment! Great food! Great Fellowship! Scan QR Code or see [AdamsCountyStrong.org](http://AdamsCountyStrong.org) for details and registration. Need help with cost? Scholarships available at the ACCF office, 127 N 2nd St., Decatur.



## Hope Clinic Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Council 864 is hosting a breakfast at our facility from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Sunday February 15th. All proceeds will go to our local Hope Clinic.



**Knights of Columbus**

## Donut Sunday

March 1—St. Joe 6th Grade Class

April 5—Luke & Julie Rumschlag Family  
May 3—Brandi Steury Family



If you are interested in hosting a Donut Sunday, please reach out to Debbie Myers at [dsmyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:dsmyers@sjdecatur.org). Thank you to all those who volunteer!

## Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ada Mendoza  
Al Fenig  
Anita Myers  
Bill Faurote  
Candy Reidenbach  
Dan Schnitz  
Dave Heimann  
Donna Webb  
Don Baker  
Dorie Wyss-Brite  
Doug Watkins  
Eric Sharp  
Fr. Bill Sullivan  
Jack and Noah Price  
Jeff Coyne  
Jim Baumer  
Joan Busick  
Joanne Mowery  
Jody Beauchot

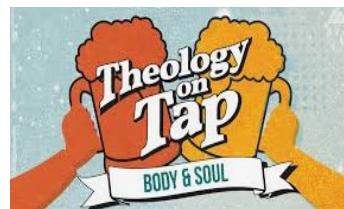
Joe Brite  
Joe Wyss  
Julie Heiman  
Kermit Summers  
Kevin Noble  
Lisa Inskeep  
Mae Koenig  
Marilyn Roop  
Mary Friedt  
Mary Baker  
Mike Lindsay  
Molly McIntire  
Phyllis Feasel  
Ric Black  
Rita Wolpert  
Rosalie Boyle  
Ryan Burelison  
Sammi Porter  
Steve Rickord

Steve Roman  
Suzanne Ashton  
Tricia Anderson  
  
-Names will remain on this list for 4 months.  
  
-If you would like to have a name added to our prayer list or have updates to those on the list, please contact Angie at [angierichert@ymail.com](mailto:angierichert@ymail.com) or text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails

## Theology on Tap-Fort Wayne

Young people in their 20's and 30's are invited to the Winter 2026 Theology on Tap Series titled Hope Does Not Disappoint. The weekly series runs every Tuesday from February 3rd-February 24th.

Individuals of any faith are encouraged to attend. The event takes place at Classic Café. Doors, food, and bar service open at 6:30 p.m. Weekly talks begin at 7:00 p.m. Come for the food and drink, fellowship, explore your faith, and invite a friend. Learn more about the series at: [diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw](http://diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw).



## Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center

8220 W. State Rd 48  
Bloomington, Indiana 47404

### "Strong Marriage, Strong Parenting"

Lead by Dr. Ray Guarendi with Catholic Answers and EWTN  
Friday February 20th-Sunday 22nd, 2026

Dr. Ray is a Catholic father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio & television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 500 stations and SiriusXM Channel 140. His EWTN television series, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" is in its 14th season and airs in 140 countries. Dr. Ray has given over 3,000 talks on various topics including parenting, marriage, family, and the Catholic Faith.

He captivates audiences with his humor-laced presentations providing practical advice and proven techniques.

For more retreat information or to register, call: 812-825-4642 ext: 1 OR Scan:



## Choir News

St. Mary's Choir will sing for both Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4th (beginning at 9pm) and for Confirmation Mass on Sunday, April 19th (beginning at 2 pm). In order to prepare for both Masses, we will hold several practices between the 8:30 and 11 am Mass on the following Sunday mornings in the choir loft in church:

Sunday, March 1

Sunday, March 8

Sunday, March 15

Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

We will sing familiar pieces for those of you who have sung in past years for these celebrations, but if there are parishioners who would like to join us, please know you are welcome to do so, even if it is just to sing hymns and Mass parts. No voice is too small. Together let us raise our voices to praise God!

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Peace, Ron



*Help sustain our church with*

## Online Giving



Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.



## 10th Annual Northeast Indiana Catholic Medical Retreat

The Catholic Medical Guild in Fort Wayne invites anyone in healthcare to come to our annual Lenten Retreat on February 28, 2026. Spouses are also welcome. You can also invite friends. This year's topic will be "Man's Final End: Morality, Happiness, and Beatitude." This will be presented by Father Royce Gregerson at the St. Vincent Spiritual Center A/B. Please RSVP as breakfast and lunch are included and the cost is \$10. However, if unable to RSVP come anyway! See [fortwayne.cathmed.org](http://fortwayne.cathmed.org) or 260-222-6978 for details. Start at 8:15 AM with Mass in St. Vincent church and ends around 2:30. Signs will be out to point to the Spiritual Center.



REKINDLE THE FIRE

MEN'S CONFERENCE

SOUTH BEND, IN

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

FR. LARRY RICHARDS   ROBERT ROGERS   DOM QUAGLIA   BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW @ [REKINDLETHEFIRE.NET](http://REKINDLETHEFIRE.NET)

## RTF Men's Conference Charter Bus

Charter bus transportation is available from Fort Wayne to South Bend for the 2026 RTF Men's Conference.

Reserve a round-trip seat at [rekindlethefire.net](http://rekindlethefire.net) by first purchasing your conference ticket, then selecting Bus Tickets. (One bus ticket per person.)

A wheelchair-lift-equipped bus is available (riders must be able to transfer to a regular seat.)

Additional details will be sent prior to the event.

**February 21, 2026—5:30 AM-6:00 PM (EST)**  
Departing from: 1720 E Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne



# Ladies!

Join us in February  
for Kingdom Builders

*We love our comforts ~ Apple AirPods, Uber Eats, Alexa and more. Yet, none of these are truly satisfying; we were designed for something greater. Ladies – Come and bask in the Father's light and discover true fulfillment.*

**St. Mary of the Assumption**  
**Wednesday Feb. 11, 2026**  
**7-8:30 pm - start in parish hall**



*Kingdom Builders*  
[www.BuildingThroughHim.com](http://www.BuildingThroughHim.com)



## "Generations" Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "Generations" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at [www.stmarysdecatur.org](http://www.stmarysdecatur.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church!

**SINGO**  
**Music Bingo**

 *A Mother's Hope.*

**Thursday, February 19**  
**The Fairfield**

## Adams Heritage to Host Chocolate Walk and Open House

February 11, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Adams Heritage located at 12011 Whittern Road in Monroeville.

Adams Heritage provides care and compassion in a home-like setting and was recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a 2026 Best Nursing Home—a distinction that reflects their commitment to excellence.

Guests are welcome to tour the facility and enjoy a warm, festive evening featuring hot cocoa, a chocolate walk experience, and delicious cookies from Sorinna's Bakery. The event provides an opportunity for families and community members to learn more about the wide range of services offered, including short term rehabilitation and long-term nursing care.

# St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Directory

## ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

414 Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733

[www.stmarysdecatur.org](http://www.stmarysdecatur.org)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday ..... Closed

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Jake Runyon  
[jrunyon@sjdecatur.org](mailto:jrunyon@sjdecatur.org) 706-7130

**Church and School Finance** ..... Melinda Adams  
[madams@sjdecatur.org](mailto:madams@sjdecatur.org) 638-5930

**Director of Religious Education and Ministry Schedule** ..... Stephanie Brite  
[sbrite@sjdecatur.org](mailto:sbrite@sjdecatur.org) 706-7127

**Safe Environment Coordinator and Mass Intentions** ..... Debbie Myers  
[dsmyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:dsmyers@sjdecatur.org) 706-7134

**MS Youth Ministry** ..... Karen Weber 223-3138  
**Church Office** ..... 724-9159  
[secretary@sjdecatur.org](mailto:secretary@sjdecatur.org)

**Parish Secretary/Bulletin/Hall Coordinator** ..... Ashley Myers  
[amyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:amyers@sjdecatur.org) 706-7126

**Bookstore** ..... Amanda Johnson 223-2502

**Computer Prayer Line**  
Email: [angierichert@ymail.com](mailto:angierichert@ymail.com)

**St. Vincent DePaul** ..... Chris Hakes, 728-9423

**Food Pantry** ..... 301 Mercer Ave., 728-9423

**Store** ..... 1209 Village Green Dr., 724-8500

## St. Joseph Cemetery, 651 W. 600 N., Decatur

Don Kriegel ..... 223-1949  
By email at ..... [stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com)

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ..... 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass** ..... See Schedule in the Bulletin

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday, Tuesday ..... 5:00 p.m.

Thursday ..... 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Saturday ..... 8:45 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Debbie Myers ..... [dsmyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:dsmyers@sjdecatur.org)  
706-7134

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office six months in advance.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**After Hours Emergency Contact: 260-706-7136**

**Bulletin Deadline** ..... Monday at

3pm Call the rectory or email information

to [amyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:amyers@sjdecatur.org)

**Mass Request -**

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION (stmarysdecatur.org)**

### New to Parish/Registration

Stop by or call the Parish office 724-9159.

### ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

127 North 4th Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733

**Phone** ..... (260)724-2765

[www.sjdecatur.org](http://www.sjdecatur.org)

St. Joseph Catholic School provides a Christian learning environment that nurtures the growth of each student in mind, body and spirit. Our school offers unique educational experiences that provide the values, knowledge and skills students need to be successful in life.

**School Office Hours:** 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

During the school year.

**Principal** ..... Brian Baker, 724-2765, ext. 110

**School Secretary** ..... Erika Hebble, 724-2765, ext. 109

**Home And School Association President**

Nicole Selking .....

**School Board President**

Carrie Binegar .....

**Preschool/Daycare Supervisor**

Laura Sutton ..... 706-7113