

Third Sunday of

LENT



**March 8, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**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,

I want to start by saying congratulations to the Bellmont Girls Basketball team for winning the state championship. It feels like a win for St. Joseph school since we have several of our kids on the team. Great job girls!

As we continue through the season of Lent, remember to find a time to go to confession. I think that Lent is a great time for repentance, a great time to go to confession. We have confessions at 5:00 on Monday and Tuesday; 6:30 on Thursdays, 8:45am on Friday and Saturday.

Also, this coming Tuesday, March 10th, is the annual "The Light is on For You" Confession event. Every church in the diocese will have confession available from 6-8 on Tuesday March 10th. Make a plan to go that evening, and maybe invite a friend to come along with you.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Jake

P.S. With Fr Desmond living over in Geneva, we are changing the morning mass schedule just a little bit. We are going to have all school masses on Monday and Friday instead of having the two smaller school masses Monday and Tuesday. So, the mass schedule will not change, but the kids will be joining us for Mass on Monday and Friday.

### Sponsor of the Week

**McIntire Heating & Air  
Conditioning  
24 Hour Service**

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## March 9 – March 15 Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, March 9**

8:10 a.m. Karen Lake  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. John Schultz †

### **Tuesday, March 10**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Joe & Ruth Wilder Family  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession  
6:00 p.m. Louis Rumschlag †

### **Wednesday, March 11**

8:10 a.m. David F. Teeple †

### **Thursday, March 12**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Eugene Blume Family  
6:00 p.m. Ronald Loshe †  
6:30 p.m. Confession

### **Friday, March 13**

8:10 a.m. Frs. Jake, Desmond, Steve & Dale  
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession  
1:20 p.m. Living-Deceased: Norm & Phyllis Rorick Family  
(Woodcrest Mass)  
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday, March 14**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Andy & Bessie Appelman Family  
8:45 a.m. Confession  
4:00 p.m. Eileen Gardner †

### **Sunday, March 15**

7:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Judy Schultz Family  
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's  
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Gerald & Irene Grove Family

#### **March Ushers:**

4pm= Pat Fullenkamp  
& Dave Thieme  
7am= Mike Gremaux &  
Denny Bentz  
8:30am= Terry Ashley &  
Logan Gonzalez  
11am= Jesse Mendez  
& Jim Serna

## Weekend Offertory Collections

March 1, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----\$18,079.57  
Online Giving same period -----\$6,739.20  
Loose Change -----\$642.32  
Total Offerings for the week -----\$25,461.09

*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 March 14/15

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Sandee Teeple	Miles Johnson Claire Kable Raphael Presas Owen Skramstad	Alan Etkorn Jayne Foreman
<b>Sunday, 7:00 AM</b>	Kathy LaFontaine	Olivia Brown Benjamin Pidgeon	Deborah Jones
<b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Frank Morgan	Aden Beer Jacob Gerig Samuel Juengel Bridget Juengel	Joy Reynolds Suzy Wilder
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	Michelle Barker	Oliver Barker Isaac Barker Eleanor Smith Henry Zelt	Thomas Barker Karla Hormann

## Steph's Spot

### Religious Education

**Sunday, March 8:**

**Daylight Savings Time-spring forward 1 hour**

**9:30-10:45=Kids ONLY \*2nd-8th Confessions**

**Sunday, April 12:**

**9:30-10:45=Kids ONLY**

**Sunday, April 19:**

**Last RE Class at 9:30=Parents and Kids**

**\*Adoration 10-10:30 Dismiss from Church**

**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*



## In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of  
Mark Bauman & Joan Arlene Goulet.

Please keep them in your prayers as well as their  
families.

## Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner Jason Walters of \$150 the  
week of 3/2/26 with number 742.



## American Red Cross

**-Sunday, March 15th  
-St. Mary's Parish Hall  
-8:00 AM—1:00 PM**

## Pray for Vocations

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"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never  
thirst."  
(John 4:14)

Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of  
our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives  
overflow with the living water of grace. Some  
are called to share that grace as priests,  
religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated  
virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His  
living water with others?

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.*



## Spring Cleanup St. Joseph Cemetery

The cemetery board will begin their annual Spring clean-up April 1st.

Please remove ALL decoration. Anything left after April 1st will be removed and discarded by cemetery maintenance crew.

DO NOT place any decoration on grave site until after April 14th.

As rules state no glass of any kind, shepherd hooks must be placed at the end of the monument pointing inward, and all decorations must be placed at the ends or top of the monument.

Thank you,  
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Board of Trustees



## Knights of Columbus Fish Fry!!

**The Knights of Columbus Council 864 will be doing Fish Fry's every Friday during Lent!**

**Dinners will be served from 5 to 7 P.M.**

**Come join us!**



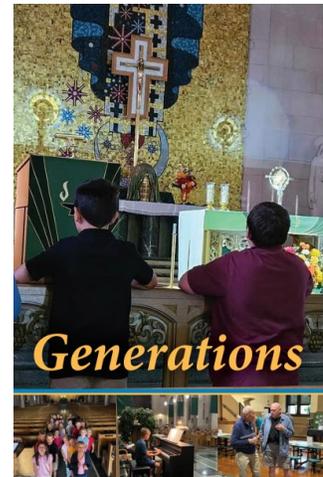
### "Generations"

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation!

- You may return your card by:
- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelopes included with the letter.
  - brining it to Mass next Sunday
  - or you may visit our parish website at [www.stmarysdecatour.org](http://www.stmarysdecatour.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

**All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 22.**

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an easy, safe and secure way to support St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. **We are grateful for your support!**



## Cancer Prayer at the Shrine

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver.

The next service will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend.

For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at [c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or call 419-925-4532.

The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Road in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit [www.mariasteinshrine.org](http://www.mariasteinshrine.org).

### Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ada Mendoza	Jody Beauchot	Steve Rickord
Al Fenig	Joe Brite	Steve Roman
Anita Myers	Joe Wyss	Suzanne Ashton
Bill Faurote	Julie Heiman	Tricia Anderson
Candy Reidenbach	Kermit Summers	
Dan Schnitz	Kevin Noble	-Names will remain on this list for 4 months.
Dave Heimann	Lisa Bustos Lindsey	
Donna Webb	Lisa Inskip	
Don Baker	Marilyn Roop	-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 <a href="mailto:angierichert@ymail.com">angierichert@ymail.com</a> or text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Mary Friedt	
Doug Watkins	Mary Baker	
Eric Sharp	Mike Linday	
Fr. Bill Sullivan	Morgan Esquibel	
Fr. Jonathan	Molly McIntire	
Gene Koenig	Phyllis Feasel	
Jack and Noah Price	Ric Black	
Jeff Coyne	Rita Wolpert	
Jim Baumer	Rosalie Boyle	
Joan Busick	Ryan Burelison	
Joanne Mowery	Sammie Porter	

## Mother of the Redeemer Retreat

Mr. Tim Staples, author, senior apologist and speaker for Catholic Answers, will talk at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN on March 20-22, 2026.

The title of the retreat is,  
“The Gift of the Church and Magisterium”

Call: 812.825.4642 ext. 1 or  
maryschildren.com or scan the QR code for more information.



## Right to Life Workshop

March 14th—9:00-12:00pm  
St. Mark's Church Decatur, 546 US-224, Decatur, IN 46733

Many people today reject or are indifferent to the pro-life view, often because they've never heard the pro-life position presented in a compelling manner. This workshop will prepare you to confidently communicate the pro-life position to others. Using science & philosophy, you will learn to simplify the debate. Come learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time: abortion.

-Presented by Mike Spencer of Project LifeVoice  
-\$5 at the Door or Online  
Email Lucy@ichooselife.org



## Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Join us **Wednesday, March 11th** for Sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana.

The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place in our conference room at **3106 Lake Ave**, March 11th, 9:00am-12:00pm. Learn how to peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly approach people outside our local abortion referral facility and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. This 3hr introductory training will empower you to turn your passion into action.

-No cost to participate  
-Snacks provided

Email: Jordyn@ichooselife.org



## St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus Euchre Card Party

Saturday, March 14, 2026  
7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

\$10.00 Admission Fee  
(Snacks and beverages included)

School Activity Center  
(Enter at Door #1)

For more information contact:  
Tom Wyss...260-450-9594  
Dave Meyer...260-450-8143



### Holy Thursday—Help Needed!

We need 12 people willing to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 2 at 7pm.

A group/organization/team...

a family...kids...couples...singles...anyone!

If you are willing, please contact Steph Brite.

sbrite@sjdecatur.org/260-223-9789



**K of C Easter Bingo**  
 Thursday, March 19th  
 Knights of Columbus Pavilion  
 Doors open at 6, Bingo at 7

15 Games  
 \$10—6 card sheet  
 \$5—3 card sheet  
 \$2—kids cards

**Hams, Easter baskets and more!**  
**OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**Help with Offertory Gifts at Mass**

If you would like to present the Offertory Gifts at Mass, please take the Mary plaque hanging on the Offertory Table in the back of church before Mass. You can return it when you get the gifts, after Mass or give it to an usher. Not sure when to go? When you see the server head to the back with the cross. This is a wonderful way to get your kids/family involved at Mass and/or to honor a loved one for whom the Mass is being offered.

*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.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
**CATHOLIC CENTER AT PURDUE**  
 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
 1951-2026  
**APRIL 11, 2026**  
 FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 4:30 P.M. | MASS, HAPPY HOUR, AUCTION, DINNER  
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**Roses for Life**

If you or someone you know in the parish is expecting a baby, we want to pray for you! A rose with your name on it will be placed in a vase near the Our Lady of Guadalupe statue on the Mary side in our church. Please feel free to contact us at any time during your pregnancy! We want to know! When your baby is born, you may take your rose as a keepsake.

Call or text Joyce Inniger at 260-701-2200 or Cindy Lengerich at 260-402-3215 with your family name and due date.  
 -Pro-life Ministry



# 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@gmail.com](mailto:angierichert@gmail.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 ..... [sjosephcemetery@yahoo.com](mailto:sjosephcemetery@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](http://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