

Fourth Sunday of

LENT



March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent

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

414 West Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733

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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

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,

We are about halfway through the season of Lent. I hope that you have all had the chance to spend some extra time in prayer. I have been so happy to see so many people coming here for the stations of the cross. We will have them each Friday at 6:00 with a holy hour afterwards.

Thursday, March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph. Our school is dedicated to St. Joseph. We are celebrating this feast with All School Mass (instead of Friday next week). If you are free during the day, why not come down to join us at Mass. Let's thank God for 100 years here in our school.

God bless you all,
Fr. Jake

March 16 – March 22 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 16

8:10 a.m. Phyllis Rorick †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Hurst Family

Tuesday, March 17

8:10 a.m. James Staub †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Byer & Brown Families

Wednesday, March 18

8:10 a.m. Jacob David Binegar *in celebration of his birthday*

Thursday, March 19

8:10 a.m. Matt Keller †
6:00 p.m. Andy & GERALYN Boyden
6:30 p.m. Confession

Friday, March 20

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: John & Lois Kohne Family
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:20 p.m. Michael Beauchot † (*Woodcrest Mass*)
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Sam & Tommy Yost Family
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. Reiney & Mariann Selking †

Sunday, March 22

7:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Robert & Martha Jane Colchin Family
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. Tom & Mary Alice Ulman †

March Ushers:

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

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Weekend Offertory Collections

March 8, 2026

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----\$12,051.28
Online Giving same period -----\$8,342.15
Loose Change -----\$794.01
Total Offerings for the week -----\$21,187.44

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 21/22

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Mary Ann Webb	Jackson Barton Kaitlyn Barton Jacob Selking Matthew Selking	Alan Etkorn Jane Alberson
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Don Lengerich	Olivia Brown Tom Katen	Judy Miller
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Carrie Binegar	Aden Beer Jacob Gerig Isaac Binegar Sawyer Zimmerman	Steve Loshe Mike Reynolds
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Matt Dyer	Maxton Butcher Montgomery Mowery Jennavieve Norman Griffin Ranly	Jayne Foreman Laura Mailloux

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

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



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!

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner Steph Baughman of \$200 the week of 3/9/26 with number 613.



American Red Cross

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

Pray for Vocations

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"I am the light of the world."
(John 9:5)

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

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 for your generous support of our "Generations" Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of YOU, our faithful parish community. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church.

Recycle Your Religious Items From Home!

A religious recycle group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home. Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles, Catholic Encyclopedia sets as well as used musical instruments.

Items they do not take- Outdoor Concrete Statuary, Religious Reading Books that would qualify as a Catholic Library Book, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine), Christmas decorations.



Please bring your items in no later than April 5th. Drop off in the Parish Hall in the baskets labeled **Religious Items Recycle**.

School Board

The St. Joseph Catholic School board met from 6-7pm Tuesday, March 3. A summary of topics discussed were the preparation and activities of our students' Lenten Journey, the final phases of updating our building's technology equipment, general plans for maintenance and upkeep projects for the summer, continued work to streamline and simplify our dress code, alongside enrollment numbers and kindergarten kick off (APRIL 8). Also discussed were changes to the school mass schedule due to the changes and responsibilities of our parish priests.

If you have any ideas to help St. Joseph continue to excel, please feel free to reach out to any school board member!

(Board Members: Carrie Binegar (president), Michelle Barker, Mary Gage, Justin Hall, Nathan Heimann, Josh Fullenkamp, Julie Rumschlag, Katie Scherer, Scott Trapp, Mary Weber, and Erin Whitman.)



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ada Mendoza	Joanne Mowery	Sammi Porter
Al Fenig	Jody Beauchot	Steve Rickord
Anita Myers	Joe Brite	Steve Roman
Bauman Family	Joe Wyss	Suzanne Ashton
Bill Faurote	Julie Heiman	Theresa Ashley
Candy Reidenbach	Kermit Summers	Tricia Anderson
Dan Schnitz	Kevin Noble	Vincent Collier
Dave Heimann	Lisa Bustos Lindsey	
Dave Smith	Lisa Inskeep	-Names will remain on this list for 4 months.
Donna Webb	Marilyn Roop	
Don Baker	Mary Friedt	
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Mary Baker	-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 or text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails
Doug Watkins	Mike Lindsay	
Eric Sharp	Morgan Esquibel	
Evelyn Fields	Molly McIntire	
Fr. Jonathan	Phyllis Feasel	
Gene Koenig	Ric Black	
Jack and Noah Price	Rita Wolpert	
Jeff Coyne	Rosalie Boyle	
Jim Baumer	Ryan Burelison	
Joan Busick	Sally Minnick	

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"



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Spring Sale!

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APRIL 11, 2026
FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 4:30 P.M. | MASS, HAPPY HOUR, AUCTION, DINNER
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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



Easter Altar Flowers

Donations are being accepted for Easter Altar Flowers.

Place this form along with your donation in any collection container, drop it off at the Rectory or send your requests to the attention of: Easter Altar Flowers

St. Mary's Church, 414 Madison St., Decatur, IN 4673

Make checks payable to: Women of St. Mary's

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In honor of _____

In loving memory of _____

In celebration of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Offered by: _____
(Name, phone, email—in case of questions)

Adams Woodcrest Hosts Community Euchre Tournament

Adams Woodcrest will host a Euchre Tournament on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Adams Woodcrest Independent Living Dining Room. Located at 1300 Mercer Avenue, Decatur, Indiana. Please use the north entrance.

Participants are encouraged to bring a partner and enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition, social interaction, and entertainment. Special guest players will include Dane Wheeler, Director of Senior Living, and Amy Koop, Director of Sales, who will participate in the tournament alongside members of the community and Independent Living residents.

Gift cards will be awarded to tournament winners and runners -up. Light refreshments will be provided for all participants.



Teams must register in advance and include both players' names when signing up. To register, call 260-724-3311 and press 0, or email amy.koop@adamshealthnetwork.org.

Join us for a Lenten Journey of Music

Composed by Karen Schneider Kirner
and stories from the Sisters of the Holy Cross
that lead to

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN



Composed by Steve Warner

Friday, March 27, 2026, 7pm
Church of Our Lady of Loretto

Saint Mary's Campus, Notre Dame, Indiana

A freewill offering will support the Sisters' Ministry With the Poor Fund

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Directory

ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 414 Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733
www.stmarysdecatur.org
Parish Office Hours

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Store 1209 Village Green Dr., 724-8500

St. Joseph Cemetery, 651 W. 600 N., Decatur
 Don Kriegel223-1949
 By email at sjosephcemetery@yahoo.com

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass See Schedule in the Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
 Monday, Tuesday5:00 p.m.
 Thursday6:45 p.m.
 Friday, Saturday8:45 a.m.
 or Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
 Debbie Myers..... 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

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
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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.

PrincipalBrian Baker, 724-2765, ext. 110

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 Nicole Selking

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