

March 17, 2024 Happy St. Patrick's Day

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm Friday 9am-1pm

Sacrament of the Sick

Emergency Number: (260) 706-7136

Bulletin Submissions

sbrite@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.

for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen,
I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

John 12: 23,24

"The hour has come

From the Desk of Fr. Dave

Joshua Chamberlain spoke the following words at the dedication of the Monument to the 20th Maine on October 3, 1889, at the site of the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg. This seems to apply to our own annual observances throughout the church year especially the terrible suffering of Jesus for the redemption of our souls that we remember on "Good Friday." "In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear, but spirits linger, to consecrate the ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream; And lo! The shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls."



Weekend Offertory Collections

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	-\$11,663.00	
Online Giving same period	\$8,259.40	
Loose Change	\$944.50	
Total Offerings for the week	-\$20,866.90	
Current Debt to Diocese	-\$104,409.92	
Debt Reduction Envelopes	\$455.00	
St. Mary's Double Down	\$455.00	
Debt to Diocese	-\$103,499.92	
Cost of operation of the church and school is		
supplemented by wills, endowments, grants, Bishop's Appeal		

Sponsor of the Week
McIntire Heating &
Air Conditioning

Overage, and other offerings to the parish. Please consider these means of contributing.

724-2010 • 24 Hour Service Kevin McIntire—Parishioner

March 18-March 24 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 18

8:10 a.m. Jacob Binegar In celebration of his birthday

5:00 p.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m. Matt Keller †

Tuesday, March 19

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: John Byer Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration 5:00 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. Joyce Fullenkamp †

Wednesday, March 20

8:10 a.m. James Miller †

9:15am 7th Grade Stations of the Cross in St. Joe Auditorium

Thursday, March 21

8:10 a.m. Zachary Foster †
6:00 p.m. Rosemary Gase †
6:30 p.m. Adoration Until 7:30pm
6:30 p.m. Confession Until last person

Friday, March 22

8:10 a.m. Mark Girgash †
9:00 a.m. Adoration Until 10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Confession Until last person
1:30 p.m. Bob Tricker (Woodcrest Mass)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. Adoration/Confessions

Saturday, March 23

8:10 a.m. Joy Bauman † 8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Mary Catherine Teeple †

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

8:30 a.m. Living-Deceased: Joe and Barb Loshe Family

11:00 a.m. Loretta Rumschlag †

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to John Beery winner of \$150 the week of 03/11/24 with number 943.





K of C Fish Fry March 22 5-7pm

March Ushers:

4pm=Dick Stimpson

7am=Mike Gremaux

8:30am=Terry Ashley

& Logan Gonzalez 11am=Jesse Mendez

& Pat Fullenkamp

& Denny Bentz

& Jim Serna

Marriage Matters

"Kids in a 2 parent family versus a 1 parent family are about a third as likely to use illegal drugs, tobacco or alcohol."

—Heritage Foundation





Come Make a Joyful Noise

Choir practice will take place this Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm in the choir loft.



St. Rose Church in Monroeville

Parish Hall 208 Summit St.
Thursday, April 4 • 8am-5pm
Friday, April 5 • 8am-7pm
Bag Sale all day Friday
Come check out our great deals!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

March—For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Pray for Vocations

5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

"The Father will honor whoever serves me."

Are you being called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 260-422-4611 or by email at:

<u>discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org</u> <u>Women-jhayes@diocesefwsb.org</u>

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Assignments due in April: *Background Reading

Parent's Guide=April pgs. 246-282; Essay pgs. 317 & 320; Discussion Q &A

*Activities

#4 pg. 262 in Parent's Guide—1st-4th Grade
Activity Book=pg. 156 (RETURN IN APR.)

#5 pg. 264 in Parent's Guide—5th-8th Grade
Activity Book=pg. 157 (RETURN IN APR.)

#4 pg. 277 in Parent's Guide

Activity Book=pg. 169 (RETURN IN APR.)

#5 pg. 279 in Parent's Guide (Prayer Journal) Activity Book=pg. 171 & 184

Your Prayer Board

#6 pg. 266 in Parent's Guide Activity Book=pg. 158 (Keep at home)

Suggestion:

Read Mary's Story on pg. 267 in P.G.

*Kids=bring blue folder with assignment(s) to return & Activity Book to all RE classes.

March 3=RE Classes at 9:30—Parents and Kids
Last Parent's Meeting—bring prayer
journal and prayer board.
March 10=RE Classes at 9:30—Kids ONLY

CONFIRMATION: EVERYTHING IN BY MARCH 3



"THE HARVEST IS LARGE AND THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

Our St Vincent De Paul Thrift store is Neighbors helping neighbors. in need of some special donations to help with the many requests

from our Decatur community. We are need of the following:

- --Furniture: lamps, couches, dressers, bed frames & tables
- --Washer, dryer, microwave & frig, for those who have none
- --Kid riding toys & bicycles
- --Outside furniture and play items

Always glad to help you with down sizing and pickup is available----please call our store!!

Our Thrift store helps turn donations into revenue to support the many SVDP ministries in our Decatur community, won't you come help us with the growing needs our community.

THANK YOU!

SPRING CLEANUP

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

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

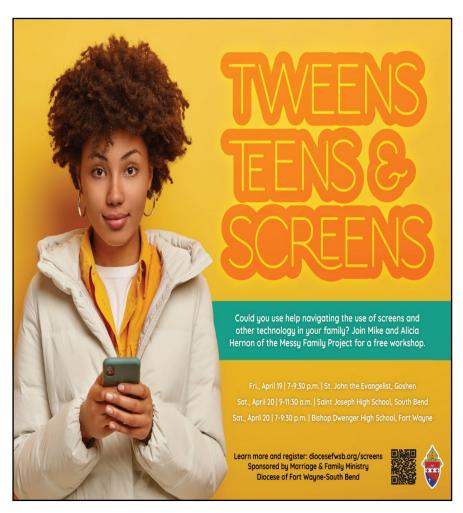
Please remove **ALL** decoration. Anything left after April 1st will be removed and discarded by cemetery maintenance crew.

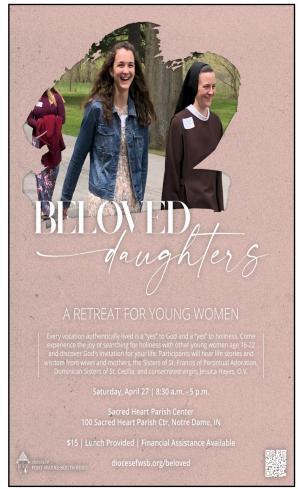
DO NOT place any decoration on grave site until after April 14th.

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 place at the ends or top of the monument.

Thank you.

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Board of Trustees







Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, Saint Mary's announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of Saint Mary's parish family will have the opportunity the weekend of April 6 & 7 to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 3,200 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt".

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by completing a

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by completing a pledge card during the weekend of April 6 & 7 and putting it in the collection basket or baskets that will be available at each of the parish doors. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby acknowledging the baby's humanity. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. We will celebrate the birth of our babies in 9 months!

Watch for details to come!

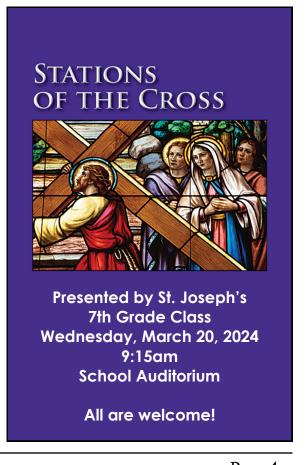
Watch the bulletin for monthly reports describing your baby's

development.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers.

Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?

"Never worry about the numbers. Help one person at a time..."
-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta-





Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 March to 12 December, 2024

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So, too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke To be prayed daily throughout the nine-month novena from March 12 to December 12, 2024.



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March School Board

The St. Joseph School Board met Tuesday, March 5, 2024.
Discussions included:



- A review of the new expanded eligibility guidelines from the Indiana Department of Education which allows for a vast majority of our students to receive the Choice Scholarship!
- Developing a tentative plan for the 2024-25 academic calendar and budget.
- Updates for technology in the middle school classrooms.
- Plans for staffing for the 2024 summer maintenance projects and next school year.
- Continual implementation of our Eucharistic Revival Blueprint as a school, within the classrooms and our staff.
- Anniversary activities and celebrations beginning with Mass with Bishop Rhoades on May 5.
- Supporting our students through their upcoming standardized testing in the weeks and months to come: iREAD, NWEA, and iLEARN! May Christ's peace pour into them throughout their days testing!
- Our active HASA supporting our students: treats to our school on the Feast of St. Joseph and nutritional snacks throughout their standardized testing windows!

Please feel free to talk with any member if you would like to know more about enrolling a child in our school, our Catholic Identity, or to become more involved our schools success!

Members: Michelle Barker, Carrie Binegar (president), Kelly Drake, Josh Fullenkamp, Nathan Heimann, Ashten Ranly, Julie Rumschlag, Katie Scherer, Colie Selking and Erin Whitman.



March 21
7-8:30pm Pizza & Open Gym/Board Games
April 2
4:30-6pm Meeting at Youth House
April 19
Event TBD

Food for the Soul



FREE meals on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm in the basement of the SVDP Center. All welcome!



Lisa McAfee, BSN, RN and Certified Diabetes Educator from AMH is pictured center with couple Mike and Bonnie Crosby on the left and Richard and Sheryl Howard on the right. Both couples took the Diabetes Prevention Class and had great results!

Adams Memorial Hospital Offers Diabetes Prevention Classes in April

If you have prediabetes or other risk factors for type 2 diabetes, now is the time to take charge of your health and make a change. "Prevent Type 2 Diabetes" is part of a National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The class features an approach that is proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. By improving food choices and increasing physical activity, you can lose 5 to 7 percent of your body weight. If you have prediabetes, these lifestyle changes can cut your risk of developing type 2 diabetes in half. Prediabetes can lead to type 2 diabetes...one out of three American adults have prediabetes, and most of them do not know it!

Symptoms that might place someone at a higher risk for diabetes would include family history, high blood pressure, age (over 50), low physical activity, high BMI, and an A1C test result of between 5.7 and 6.4. Having prediabetes means your blood glucose (sugar) level is higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. This raises your risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Without weight loss or moderate physical activity, many people with prediabetes can develop type 2 diabetes within 5

years. Type 2 diabetes is a serious condition that can lead to health issues such as heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, or loss of toes, feet or legs. The lifestyle changes you make in the prevention program will help you prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

Adams Memorial Hospital will be offering a new series of Diabetes Prevention Classes starting April 3rd from 1pm-2pm.

The classes will take place at Adams Memorial Hospital in Conference Room D, previously the Geneva Room.

To register, call Lisa McAfee, RN and Certified Diabetes Educator and Life Coach at 260-724-2145 x11107.

It is worth noting, of 41 hospitals that offer Diabetes Prevention Programs in Indiana, Adams Memorial Hospital is 1 of 12 hospitals that are fully recognized in the state of Indiana by the CDC.





St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Directory

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Monday - Thursda Friday	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m1:00 p.m.	
	Fr. David A. Ruppert frdave@sjdecatur.org 706-7130	
Church and		
School Finance	Melinda Adams madams@sjdecatur.org 706-7126	
Director of Religio	us Education, Bulletin and	
Ministry Schedule	Stephanie Brite sbrite@sjdecatur.org 706-7127	
Safe Environment Coordinator and		
	Debbie Myers dsmyers@sjdecatur.org 706-7134	
MS Youth Ministry	Karen Weber 223-3138	
Church Office		
Parish Hall Rental	Ashley Myers amyers@sjdecatur.org 706-7138	
Bookstore	Amanda Johnson 223-2502	
Computer Prayer Line https://www.stmarysdecatur.org/mass-		
request.html Email: angierichert@ymail.com		

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	St. Vincent DePaul Chris Hakes, 728-9423 Food Pantry 301 Mercer Ave., 728-9423 Store 1209 Village Green Dr., 724-8500	Bulletin Deadline	
m. m. ert	St. Joseph Cemetery, 651 W. 600 N., Decatur Patty Kriegel	Mass Request - ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION (stmarysdecatur.org) New to Parish/Registration Stop by or call the Parish office 724-9159. STJOSEPHCATHOLICSCHOOL	
	Mass Schedule	127 North 4th Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733	
rite 127 ers 4 38	Weekend Masses Saturday	Phone	
39	Sacrament of Marriage	School SecretaryErika Hebble, 724-2765, ext. 109	
ers 38	Call the Parish Office six months in advance. Sacrament of the Sick	Home And School Association President Nicole Selking	
502	Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.		
	After Hours Emergency Contact: 260-706-7136	School Board President Carrie Binegar	

Preschool/Daycare Supervisor

Laura Sutton706-7113