

Fifth Sunday of

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March 22, 2026
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St. Mary of the Assumption
Catholic Church

414 West Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733

Phone: (260) 724-9159

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,

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who responded with the commitment cards for our "Generations" program. Everyone has responded with prayer and a generous spirit. I'm truly grateful to all of you and your support of this parish.

I have gotten a few emails about our open positions. If you know anyone who would be interested in music director, youth ministry, or parish secretary, please let me know.

We also have an opening for facilities manager/ maintenance director. We have a great group of volunteers who put in much time and effort at taking care of our buildings. But, I think it is time to support these volunteers with a paid position here at St. Mary's. I had a long discussion with the finance council, and we think that hiring a person to oversee the maintenance and operation of all of our buildings would be a good investment in our parish. So, if you or someone you know is interested in this new position, please let me know.

God bless you all,
Fr. Jake

March 23 – March 29 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 23

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Joan Goulet Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Dorothy Hogan Family

Tuesday, March 24

8:10 a.m. Roger, Steve, & Roy Litchfield †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession
6:00 p.m. Mary Catherine Teeple †

Wednesday, March 25

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Herman & Kathryn Alberding Family

Thursday, March 26

8:10 a.m. Larry Daniels †
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Julia Phegley Family
6:30 p.m. Confession

Friday, March 27

8:10 a.m. Heath Mendez †
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:20 p.m. Dorothea Hartman †
(Woodcrest Mass)
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Alice Brunton Family
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. Barb Loshe †

Sunday, March 29

7:00 a.m. Kim & Kathie Eady
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: John & Diana Snyder Family

March Ushers:

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

Sponsor of the Week

Frederick A. Schurger

Attorney, of Counsel

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Weekend Offertory Collections

March 15, 2026

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----\$31,690.00
Online Giving same period -----\$9,428.25
Loose Change -----\$597.10
Total Offerings for the week -----\$41,715.35

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 28/29

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Mary Ann Webb Alan Etzkorn	Miles Johnson Claire Kable Jacob Selking Matthew Selking	Roxanne Ray Kevin Wellman
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Kathy LaFontaine Angie Richert	Olivia Brown Craig Whitman	Deb Hawkins
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Sharon Braun Frank Morgan	Macy Bohnke Barrett Schumm Henry Zelt NOT FILLED	Aaron Binegar Steve Loshe
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Laura Mailloux Brady Malone	Audrie Drake Sebastian Heimann Xavier Heimann Frank Heimann	Ashley Fullenkamp Diana Macklin

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Sunday, April 12:
9:30-10:45=Kids ONLY

Sunday, April 19:

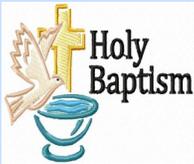
Last RE Class at 9:30=Parents and Kids

*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@sjdecatatur.org

Recently Baptized



Please welcome into the Family of Christ:
Cecelia Rose Myers; daughter of
Zachary and Mallorie (Roe) Myers.

Pray for Vocations

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"I am the resurrection and the life."
(John 11:25)

Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan.

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.



Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner Leslie Dowden of \$150 the week of 3/16/26 with number 847.

St. Joseph School Registration 2026/2027

Registration for the 26/27 school year is open now. If you would like to take a tour or have questions about the registration process please call (206)724-2765 or email Mr. Brian Baker at bbaker@sjdecatatur.org. All faiths welcome and tuition assistance is available.



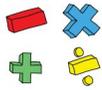
Kindergarten Kick-off!

Registration is Wednesday, April 8th from 5-7pm

*Tour Classrooms and the School

*Meet the teachers

*Activities and Photo Booth



All Faiths are Welcome!

Children should be age 5 by August 1st 2026

Please bring:

*Birth Certificate

*Baptismal Certificate (if you are from an outside Parish)

*Proof of family residency

Info: 260.724.2765



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!



Spring Sale!

Good Shepherd Books & Gifts is having a Spring Sale March 23rd to the 28th!

20% off your entire purchase.

Regularly-priced items—some exclusions may apply.



915 S. Clinton St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802

260.399.1442

goodshepherdbookstore.com

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**.

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

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ada Mendoza

Al Fenig

Anita Myers

Bauman Family

Bill Faurote

Candy Reidenbach

Dan Schnitz

Dave Heimann

Dave Smith

Donna Webb

Don Baker

Dorie Wyss-Brite

Doug Watkins

Eric Sharp

Evelyn Fields

Fr. Jonathan

Gene Koenig

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 Bustos Lindsey

Lisa Inskeep

Marilyn Roop

Mary Friedt

Mary Baker

Mike Lindsay

Morgan Esquibel

Molly McIntire

Phyllis Feasel

Ric Black

Rita Wolpert

Rosalie Boyle

Ryan Burelison

Sally Minnick

Sammi Porter

Steve Rickord

Steve Roman

Suzanne Ashton

Theresa Ashley

Tricia Anderson

Vincent Collier

-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@gmail.com or text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails

Donut Sunday

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@sjdecat.org. Thank you to all those who volunteer!



We're Hiring here at the Church!

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

We have an opening for youth ministry coordinator. We are looking for a faithful Catholic who wants to help share the faith with the youth of our parish. This position would work to schedule events for middle school and high school aged youth. This is a full-time position, with salary and benefits. Candidates should be faithful Catholics with experience or education in theology or youth ministry. Learn more about this position with the QR code:



Music Director:

We have an opening for the position of Music Director. We are looking for a candidate that supports and augments the liturgical worship of the parish. The music director would organize, schedule, and facilitate music at all the parish liturgies, including all the weekend masses, school masses, and other liturgical functions like weddings and funerals. Proficiency in the pipe organ and piano is required. Learn more about this position with the QR code:



Parish Secretary:

We have an opening for a Parish Secretary. This is a full-time position with salary and benefits. This position coordinates many aspects of parish life, working with other staff and the pastor. Additionally, this position will be asked to work on marketing and social media to engage the community. Learn more about this position with the QR code:



Holy Spirit Outpouring ~ It is through the Holy Spirit that we create a deep relationship with God. But the enemy tries to create barriers to diminish that connection and make us feel alone. Ladies ~ come and join us in April to recognize and remove the barriers to the Divine. Let nothing keep you from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

**Holy Spirit Outpouring - St. Mary's
Wednesday April 8, 2026
7-8:30 pm - Beginning in the Parish Hall**

 *Kingdom Builders*
www.BuildingThroughHim.com



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

Our Next Dominican Republic Project!

Because of your generosity from last fall, we have enough money to fund our next project!

Building Bridges of Hope (our partner organization) has been asked by their local Bishop if we can help get the rural chapels in better shape. Many are in need of fresh paint, tile repairs, and new doors. They anticipate that repairs can be accomplished for less than \$2000.

The inside of each chapel has several basic benches made by someone local, an altar made of concrete block, a few faded religious pictures, and oftentimes some papercrafts strung throughout. One priest is responsible for many of these small rural chapels and, as such, Mass is usually available 1-2/ month.



Once they decide on the chapel in most need, we will get picture updates. If you would like to continue to help this project, please put an envelope labelled "DR Project" in the collection basket. Contact Amy Obringer (260-433-7815) or Kate Heimann if you have any questions.

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.



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

Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 FridayClosed

Pastor Fr. Jake Runyon
jrunyon@sjdecatur.org 706-7130

Church and School FinanceMelinda Adams
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Director of Religious Education and Ministry ScheduleStephanie Brite
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Safe Environment Coordinator and Mass IntentionsDebbie Myers
dsmyers@sjdecatur.org 706-7134

MS Youth Ministry Karen Weber 223-3138

Church Office724-9159
secretary@sjdecatur.org

Parish Secretary/Bulletin/Hall Coordinator Ashley Myers
amyers@sjdecatur.org 706-7126

Bookstore.....Amanda Johnson 223-2502

Computer Prayer Line
 Email: angierichert@gmail.com

St. Vincent DePaul Chris Hakes, 728-9423
Food Pantry301 Mercer Ave., 728-9423
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
Phone(260)724-2765
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.

PrincipalBrian Baker, 724-2765, ext. 110

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

Home And School Association President
 Nicole Selking

School Board President
 Carrie Binigar.....

Preschool/Daycare Supervisor
 Laura Sutton706-7113