



3RD SUNDAY
of Easter

April 19, 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,

Bishop Rhoades is here this weekend to celebrate confirmation with our candidates. The Holy Spirit fills us with his grace, peace, and joy. May He always strengthen our candidates to live out their Catholic faith.

Speaking of confirmation, Bishop Rhoades has an annual adult confirmation at the Cathedral. This year it will be at 11:30 on May 24th. We have 2 adults from our parish who are going to be confirmed that date. If anyone else missed the sacrament of confirmation for whatever reason, let me know and I can get you ready to be confirmed at the Cathedral.

God bless,
Fr. Jake

April 20 – April 26 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, April 20

8:10 a.m. Patricia Lengerich
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Ed & Ruth Wilder Family

Tuesday, April 21

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: George & MaryKatherine Pidgeon Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Edward & Esther Schultz Family

Wednesday, April 22

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Speck & Lois Hebble Family

Thursday, April 23

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Jerome & Esther Braun Family
6:00 p.m. Bryan Miller †
6:30 p.m. Confession

Friday, April 24

8:10 a.m. Guy (Tom) & Henrietta Trentadue †
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:20 p.m. Madeleine Miller † (*Woodcrest Mass*)

Saturday, April 25

8:10 a.m. Betty Lengerich
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. Stan Whitman †

Sunday, April 26

7:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's
8:30 a.m. Gerry Snyder †
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Herman & Kathryn Alberding Family

April Ushers:

4pm= Jim Kuhnle & Bill Schultz
7am= Mike Gremaux & Fred Velez
8:30am= Rex Brewer & Stu Smith
11am= Eugene Grote & John Hess

Sponsor of the Week

**Town & Country
Auctioneers/Realtors**

(260)724-8899

Weekend Offertory Collections

April 12, 2026

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----\$10,452.00
Online Giving same period -----\$9,838.45
Loose Change -----\$856.75
Total Offerings for the week -----\$21,147.20

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 April 25/26

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Brady Malone	Claire Kable Raphael Presas Eleanor Smith Owen Skramstad	Jane Alberson Kevin Wellman
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Don Lengerich	Olivia Brown Craig Whitman	Deb Hawkins
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Krista Jauregui	Aden Beer Isaac Binigar Samuel Juengel Bridget Juengel	Carrie Binigar Joy Reynolds
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Justin Lengerich	Kaiden Kreigh Thomas Laughlin Ellie Ruble Amelia Ruble	Larry Braun Scott Macklin

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Sunday, April 19:

Last RE Class at 9:30=Parents and Kids

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

8th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

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

Serving you in Christ,
Steph Brite

706-7127/223-9789

sbrite@sjdecaur.org

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner John Mahlan of \$400 the week of 4/13/26 with number 284.

April 2026 School Board Meeting

The St. Joseph School Board met Tuesday April 7, 2026 from 6:30-7:40pm in the Parish Hall. On Fr. Jake's request, we dialogued about our social media presence alongside information about responsibilities for our new Youth Ministry provider.

We continue to address objectives from our Strategic Plan including areas of curriculum, technology, and maintenance of our school building. Too, much information was given about enrollment for the next school year and staffing adjustments. As in meetings past, finalizing our standard dress expectation was discussed.

As our school year marches towards the final weeks, once more our board will be seeking new members for our 2026-2027 school year. Prayerfully consider contributing to the success of our school by joining this advisory board. In coming weeks, we will have a Google form linked in our parent newsletter. Until then, if you have any questions, please reach out to a member. 2025-26 board members: Carrie Binigar (president), Michelle Barker, Mary Gage, Justin Hall, Nathan Heimann, Josh Fullenkamp, Julie Rumschlag, Katie Scherer, Scott Trapp, Mary Weber, and Erin Whitman.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30pm.

Pray for Vocations

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."
(Luke 24:31)

Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. In moments of shared love, sacrifice, and daily life together, Christ reveals Himself and strengthens their bond. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy.

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.



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@sjdecatour.org. All faiths welcome and tuition assistance is available.



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers needed for church cleaning. Cleaners are scheduled for Tuesday's or Friday's one month of the year. Cleaning consists of basic cleaning like sweeping, dusting, and vacuuming. There is no heavy lifting. If you can spare a few hours of your time for this ministry please call Libby Alberding at 260-223-4252.



Attention All High School Seniors

We would like to recognize you at the **8:30am Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026.**

Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or any collection container near the entrances to Church.

You will process in two by two and be seated together up front in reserved pews. Father Jake will call you up to introduce yourself and state your plans after graduation.

Please wear your gown.

We would love to display your picture on one of our bulletin boards in the main entrance.

Please drop a picture off at the Rectory or email one to Steph Brite at: sbrite@sjdecatour.org

I plan to attend the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, May 31

(Print Name)

(Plans After High School)

___ I would be willing to read the 1st/2nd Reading at Mass (My number _____)

___ I would be willing to read petitions (My number _____)

___ I would be willing to be a gift bearer (My number _____)

___ I would be willing to cantor (My number _____)

**Return form
and picture
by May 17.**



Rosé & Rosaries

*Food - Wine - Raffles -
Live Music with Fr. Drew Curry -
Make & take Rosary Bracelet*

**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
11AM - 2PM
COUNTRY HERITAGE WINERY
LAOTTO, INDIANA**

Register Here



BuildingThroughHim.com/fundraising



Donut Sunday

May 3—Brandi Steury Family

If you are interested in hosting a Donut Sunday, please reach out to Debbie Myers at dsmyers@sjdecatur.org.



Thank you to all those who volunteer!

We will resume Donut Sunday's in September!

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.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

Generations

God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent annual stewardship outreach. **THANK YOU!** I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

I am humbled to serve as your pastor as we continue to demonstrate true discipleship.

In Christ,

Fr. Jacob D. Runyon

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NOTE OF GRATITUDE



Highlights

252

families returned a card and committed to supporting our parish

\$27,275

in additional offertory commitments (contributions not yet realized)

\$6,594

in one-time gifts to support us living out our mission

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!

We Invite You To:

Our Mission

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

Our Community

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

Our Witness

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward

SVDP Bus Trip

Hello to all,

My husband and I are hosting another bus trip as a fundraiser for District Council of Ft. Wayne St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We will be traveling to Maine, October 11th through October 17th, 2026. I am hoping for wonderful fall colors! The cost is \$1245 per person. We will tour Portland, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport, visit a Maritime museum, tour Percy and Small Shipyard, take a vintage train ride, and a trolley ride.



This trip is open to everyone; you do not have to be a Vincentian, nor a

Catholic. Please contact me (Theresa Bittner) at 260-750-2694 if you would like information regarding the trip!

May Retreat-Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center

Kevin Matthews, legendary former radio broadcaster, will speak about his extraordinary journey, at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN on May 16, 2026.

The title of the retreat is **"The Broken Mary Project"**

Call: 812.825.4642 ext. 1 or maryschildren.com

For more information, scan the QR code:



Food for the Soul

FREE meals on Thursdays from 4:30-6pm in the basement of the SVDP Center (the old Presbyterian Church on the corner of Adams and 1st St). All are welcome!

If you would like to volunteer, please call or text:
Patsy Smith 260.223.3154 •
Julie Darling 260.223.1698

Free will donations are welcome.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

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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Parish Secretary/Bulletin/Hall Coordinator Ashley Myers
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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 Binegar.....

Preschool/Daycare Supervisor
 Laura Sutton706-7113