

*The sheep*  
**HEAR HIS  
VOICE**  
JOHN 10:3

**April 26, 2026**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**

**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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hello everyone,

I want to say a word of thanks to so many people for making our Confirmation mass last week such a great experience. Thanks to the teachers, RE catechists, Steph Brite, school and RE staff. Thanks to all the sponsors for being role models for our confirmation students. Thanks to the parents of the confirmands for their commitment to forming their children in the Catholic faith. Thanks to Ron Gage and the choir for the music. Thanks to everyone who I am forgetting. Congratulations to all the newly confirmed.

Next week we turn our attention to another beautiful sacrament, First Communion. Say a prayer for all our first communion candidates and their families.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Jake

## April 27 – May 3 Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, April 27**

8:10 a.m. Nolan & Mary Welker †  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: William Miller Family

### **Tuesday, April 28**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Fred Heimann Family  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Andy & Jackie Miller Family

### **Wednesday, April 29**

8:10 a.m. Cindy Wyss †

### **Thursday, April 30**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Frank Whitacre Family  
6:00 p.m. Richard, Phyllis, & Steven Gase †  
6:30 p.m. Confession

### **Friday, May 1**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Mark Bauman Family  
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession  
1:20 p.m. Norm & Phyllis Rorick † (*Woodcrest Mass*)

### **Saturday, May 2**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Cyril & Helen Heimann Family  
8:45 a.m. Confession  
4:00 p.m. Doyle & Wanda Gilliland †

### **Sunday, May 3**

7:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's  
8:30 a.m. Joe & Barb Loshe †  
11:00 a.m. Ann Rauch Garrison †  
1:30 p.m. First Communion Mass

#### **May Ushers:**

4pm= Lew Seffernick & Pat Fullenkamp  
7am= Denny Bentz & Fred Velez  
8:30am= Scott & Henry Jauregui  
11am= Larry, Tyler & Royce Fullenkamp

## Sponsor of the Week

**Ulman Carpet & Furniture  
Cleaning  
Flood Restoration Services  
Area Rugs**

-  
Tim Ulman  
(260)724-7020

## Weekend Offertory Collections

April 19, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes ----- \$9,924.75  
Online Giving same period ----- \$9,063.25  
Loose Change ----- \$1,053.75  
Total Offerings for the week ----- \$20,041.75

*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 May 2/3

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Alan Etkorn	Jackson Barton Kaitlyn Barton Jacob Selking Matthew Selking	Jim Kuhnle Kevin Wellman
<b>Sunday, 7:00 AM</b>	Richard Fortman	Olivia Brown Tom Katen	Kathy LaFontaine
<b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>	Eric Dohrman Kris Dohrman	Macy Bohnke Jacob Gerig Barrett Schumm Sawyer Zimmerman	Mike Reynolds Suzy Wilder
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	Sandee Teeple	Oliver Barker Isaac Barker Griffin Ranly Henry Zelt	Thomas Barker Matt Dyer

## Steph's Spot

### Religious Education

**Thank you for entrusting us to assist you in passing on our Catholic Faith to your child! Registration forms for next year are located near the entrances of church (they are pink).**

**Have a great summer!**

### First Communion

**Practice=Saturday, May 2 at 9am  
First Communion= Sunday, May 3 at 1:30pm**

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

*Serving you in Christ,  
Steph Brite  
706-7127/223-9789  
sbrite@sjdecatour.org*

## Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner Adam Eguia of \$200 the week of 4/20/26 with number 127.

## In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of  
Ruth Wilder & Suzi Scherer.



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

## 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](mailto:bbaker@sjdecatour.org). All faiths welcome and tuition assistance is available.



## Pray for Vocations

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026**

"I am the door...go in and out and find pasture"  
(John 10:9)

Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 260-422-4611 or by email at [discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org) / [women-jhayes@diocesefwsb.org](mailto: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.*





# 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](http://BuildingThroughHim.com/fundraising)



## 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



## Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ada Mendoza	Joan Busick	Sally Minnick
Al Fenig	Joanne Mowery	Sammi Porter
Anita Myers	Jody Beauchot	Steve Lee
Bauman Family	Joe Brite	Steve Rickord
Betty Clary	Joe Wyss	Steve Roman
Bev Weber	Judy Faurote	Suzanne Ashton
Bill Faurote	Kermit Summers	Theresa Ashley
Bobby Walters	Kevin Noble	Tricia Anderson
Candy Reidenbach	Lisa Inskeep	Vincent Collier
Dan Schnitz	Lori Miller	-Names will remain on this list for 4 months.
Dave Heimann	Maddie Miller	-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
Dave Smith	Marilyn Roop	
Donna Webb	Mary Friedt	
Don Baker	Mary Baker	
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Mike Linday	
Doug Watkins	Mike Lindsay	
Eric Sharp	Morgan Esquibel	
Evelyn Fields	Molly McIntire	
Fr. Jonathan	Nancy Keller Gump	
Gene Koenig	Phyllis Feasel	
Jack and Noah Price	Ric Black	
Jeff Coyne	Rita Wolpert	
Jessica Thieme	Rosalie Boyle	
Jim Baumer	Ryan Burelison	

*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.





**American Red Cross**

**-Sunday, May 17th  
-St. Mary's Parish Hall  
-8:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Friday, May 1st  
All Night Adoration  
8pm-8am**

"The happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."  
-Pope Benedict XVI-



## 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](mailto:dsmyers@sjdecatur.org).

Thank you to all those who volunteer!

**We will resume Donut Sunday's in September!**



## 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@sjdecatur.org](mailto:sbrite@sjdecatur.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.**

*Save the date*

# HOLY SMOKES

**MEN'S BOURBON & CIGAR BENEFIT**



**THURSDAY, MAY 21**  
**5:30 PM AT THE CHARLES**  
 4000 PARNELL AVE FORT WAYNE, IN 46805

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS AT  
[www.AMothersHopeFW.org](http://www.AMothersHopeFW.org)

## 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](http://maryschildren.com)

For more information, scan the QR code:



## Adams Memorial Hospital Announces Free Breast Cancer Screenings for Eligible Women Through 2026 IBCAT Grant

Adams Memorial Hospital has announced that funding is once again available through the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust (IBCAT) grant for 2026. This grant allows the hospital to offer FREE screenings and diagnostic mammograms, breast MRI exams, breast ultrasounds, and ultrasound-guided breast biopsies. These services are available to are women who meet specific financial eligibility criteria.

If you believe you may qualify, you can apply by calling the AMH Central Scheduling Department at (260)724-2145, ext. 11047. Additionally, all imaging will be ready by a board-certified physician from Summit Radiology Group in Fort Wayne.

The IBCAT grant is funded through the sale of Indiana's Breast Cancer Awareness license plates, available online or at any Indiana BMV location.



Indiana  
 Breast Cancer  
 Awareness Trust

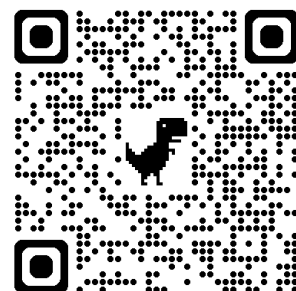
## Catholic Charities is Hiring!

Catholic Charities is hiring for a school counselor!

We are growing and more schools want our services, which means we need more school counselors to help us serve our diocesan schools.

We are open to a full-time or part-time position.

To view and apply, got to [www.ccfwsb.org/careers](http://www.ccfwsb.org/careers) or scan the QR code:



# 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 Binigar.....

**Preschool/Daycare Supervisor**  
 Laura Sutton .....706-7113