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*place for you.*

JOHN 14:1

**May 3, 2026**  
**5th 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.**

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hello everyone,

This weekend we celebrate First Holy Communion for our school and RE students. Also, 2 more of our kids will receive their First Communion a bit later this month. I always love to see the joy of the children when they receive communion for the first time. They make me stop and think about the joy I should have when I receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is the most amazing gift, Jesus giving us his Body and Blood. So, let the First Communion remind us to appreciate the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Last week, the City of Decatur approved the zoning variance for the rectory. Hopefully the project will begin soon. I'll keep you posted with information as we get going.

We welcome Al Downing to St. Mary's maintenance staff. Al is the new facilities manager for the parish. I'm glad to have him here and I know he will do a good job of taking care of our parish and school facilities.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

## May 4 – May 10 Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, May 4**

8:10 a.m. Norb & Frances Schneider †  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Dick & Loretta LaFontaine Family

### **Tuesday, May 5**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Donald & Mary Kathryn Grabner Family  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Victor & Agnes Kable Family

### **Wednesday, May 6**

8:10 a.m. Isabel Costello †

### **Thursday, May 7**

8:10 a.m. Joanne Martin †  
6:00 p.m. Guy (Tom) & Henrietta Trentadue †  
6:30 p.m. Confession

### **Friday, May 8**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Judy Converset Family  
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession  
1:20 p.m. Julia Heimann † (*Woodcrest Mass*)

### **Saturday, May 9**

8:10 a.m. Louis Rumschlag  
8:45 a.m. Confession  
4:00 p.m. Mary Alice Ulman †

### **Sunday, May 10**

7:00 a.m. Pat & Tammy Tracey  
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's  
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: John & Brenda Schultz Family

#### **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

**Yvonne Marie's Antique  
Mall  
& Collectables**

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152 S. 2nd St.  
(260)724-2001

## Weekend Offertory Collections

April 26, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----\$12,867.00  
Online Giving same period -----\$8,856.45  
Loose Change -----\$798.16  
Total Offerings for the week -----\$22,521.61

*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 9/10

|                          | Proclaimer                            | Knights of<br>the altar  | Extraordinary<br>Minister          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b> | Joan Siefring                         | Jackson Barton<br>Kaitlyn Barton<br>Miles Johnson<br>Griffin Ranly           | Jane Alberson<br>Roxanne Ray       |
| <b>Sunday, 7:00 AM</b>   | Deborah Jones                         | Olivia Brown<br>Patrick Pete Braun   | Judy Miller                        |
| <b>Sunday, 8:30 AM</b>   | Brianna Converset<br>Alexis Converset | Aden Beer<br>Samuel Juengel<br>Bridget Juengel<br>Frank Morgan               | Aaron Binegar<br>Steve Loshe       |
| <b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>  | Larry Braun                           | Maxton Butcher<br>Montgomery<br>Mowery<br>Jennavieve Norman<br>Eleanor Smith | Jean Braun<br>Ashley<br>Fullenkamp |

## 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 Christopher Jones of \$150 the week of 4/27/26 with number 103.

## In Memoriam

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



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

## Donut Sunday

May 3—Brandi Steury Family

If you are interested in hosting a Donut Sunday, please reach out to Debbie Myers at [dsmyers@sjdecatour.org](mailto:dsmyers@sjdecatour.org).



Thank you to all those who volunteered this year!

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

## Pray for Vocations

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do"  
(John 14:12)

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.

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.*





**American Red Cross**

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

# 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)



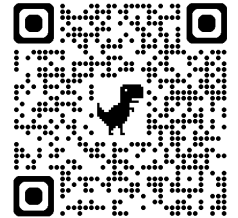
For more information, scan the QR code:

## 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:



## 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<br>this list for 4 months. |
| Dave Heimann        | Maddie Miller     |  |
| 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    |  |

-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](mailto:angierichert@gmail.com) or text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails

*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.*



**SCAN ME**

## Thank You Volunteers!!

We would like to thank those who volunteer to clean the brass in the church. Thank you for taking good care of the pieces we have here at the church and for keeping everything looking so beautiful!

We appreciate all that you do!



## 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.

## 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.**



**St. Joseph School, in conjunction with  
The Grainery @ 217 N. 1st Street,  
Heller Nursery Inc. @ 4800 N 400 W,  
& HWY 27 Landscape @ 8050 US-27  
 will be selling gift certificates to  
 be used for the purchase of your choice.  
 Proceeds will go toward the current  
 5th grade class Washington D.C.  
 trip in 3 years.**

**Make checks payable to St. Joseph School. Orders due by Wednesday May 6th!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want to receive your gift card(s)?:

\_\_\_\_\_ gift certificates sent home with \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ gift certificates picked up in the school office (8am-3pm)

| <b>Gift Card Options</b>   | <b>Price Per Gift Card</b> | <b>Quantity of Cards</b> | <b>Total \$</b> |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>\$25 Gift Card for The Grainery</b><br>(sales tax will be paid at the time of purchase)                   | <b>\$ 25.00</b>            |                          | <b>\$</b>       |
| <b>\$25 Gift Certificate for Heller Nursery Inc.</b><br>(sales tax will be paid at the time of purchase)     | <b>\$ 25.00</b>            |                          | <b>\$</b>       |
| <b>\$25 Gift Certificate for HWY 27 Landscape Supply</b><br>(sales tax will be paid at the time of purchase) | <b>\$ 25.00</b>            |                          | <b>\$</b>       |
| *Choose Payment Method:<br>Cash ____<br>Or<br>Check ____ Check Number _____                                  |                            | <b>Grand Total</b>       | <b>\$</b>       |

# 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 Binegar.....

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