

A vertical illustration of the Statue of Liberty, showing her head, crown, and torch, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise sky. The statue is positioned on the left side of the page, with its base visible at the bottom.

*For **FREEDOM** Christ
has **SET US FREE***

Galatians 5:1

July 6, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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 9am-1pm

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 wish you all a happy belated 4th of July. I think that the annual celebration of our nation's independence is a good reminder for us that we should continually pray for our nation. May God bless America with peace and prosperity. We are lucky to live in such a great nation, especially one that protects our freedom of religion. I'm saddened to hear that at least one state is trying to infringe upon our religious liberty. May America always be a nation that allows us the freedom to live our Catholic faith.

God bless you all,
Fr. Jake

July 7 – July 13 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, July 7

8:10 a.m. Thomas Ahlman †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Todd Hawkins †

Tuesday, July 8

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Kurt & Angela Knaub Families
5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession
6:00 p.m. Guy (Tom) & Henrietta Trentadue †

Wednesday, July 9

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Chas & Nettie Johnson Families

Thursday, July 10

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Julius Lengerich Family
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: George & Margaret Laurent Family
6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, July 11

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Arlo & Pearl Sprunger Family
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:20 p.m. Living-Deceased: Walt Mowery Family (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, July 12

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Adrian & Agnes Lichtle Family
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. Bob & Joan Laurent †

Sunday, July 13

7:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Art & Helen Loshe Family
8:30 a.m. Living-Deceased: Norbert & Eileen Hess Family
11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's

July Ushers:

4pm= Pat Fullenkamp & Dick Stimpson
7am= Mike Gremaux & Bill Wemhoff
8:30am= Andy & Olivia Lengerich
11am= Chris Faurote & Joe Lose

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Monica Cerami winner of \$300 the week of 06/30/25 with number 381.

In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of Jose Mendoza Jr. & Dolores Ross. Please keep them in your prayers as well as their families.



Weekend Offertory Collections

June 29, 2025

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes ----- \$9,456.00
Online Giving same period ----- \$6,362.50
Loose Change ----- \$869.94
Total Offerings for the week ----- \$16,688.44

Sponsor of the Week **Main Street Monuments**

Monument & Memorial Artisan --Saddle & Vase Flowers
Shelbi Zelt-Parishioner

-
313 Winchester St. Decatur
260.724.7040

25/26 School Year Registration

Tuesday July 29, 2025
9am-noon
4PM-6PM

Every student is required to attend.

Students will pick up information for the upcoming 25/26 school year, needed supplies, Chromebooks and get their student photos taken.

Students may also drop off school supplies to their classrooms.



Thank You!

We would like to give a big thank you to those who clean the brass in the church. Thank you for the hard work you put in to make our church continue to look beautiful. Your time and effort does not go unnoticed!

Bishop's Appeal

The Annual Bishop's Appeal begins July 1st, 2025 and runs through June 30th, 2026.

Donors who prefer 10 or 12 months of payments are encouraged to enter their pledge online, at <https://diocesefwsb.org/aba/> any time after July 1st.

For donors wanting monthly paper reminder statements, please wait for your parishes' pledge Sunday.



DONATIONS

Looking to donate an item for either the silent or ticketed auctions! We are looking for all kinds of items for our auctions. So, gather up your group of friends and donate a fun basket, a gift card tree, or maybe craft a piece of furniture together! Need an easier item to donate? No problem! We can use any and all gift cards! To donate call or text Shelbi Zelt at 260-223-4349 or send her an email at shelbizelt@gmail.com

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Please drop your registration for next year in the collection basket (along with the registration fee if possible). Green 2025-2026 RE Registration forms are near each entrance of church.

August=Parent only meeting for RE and Confirmation meeting for parents and students (Date TBD)

September=RE classes resume

Have a great summer!

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

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

Pray for Vocations

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."
(Luke 10:2)

God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there is a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Might Christ be inviting your child to join this vital work? Suggest that they consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, as their unique gifts could profoundly impact others. Talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

Vocation Office 260-422-4611 or via email:
discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org or for 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.



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.



Theology on Tap

TASTE OF HEAVEN

| TALKS <small>DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. CHARLIE'S PLACE</small> | SOCIALS <small>MEET AT 6:30 P.M. LOCATION VARIES</small> |
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| JULY 8 TBA TBA | JULY 11 CONNOR'S ROOFTOP BAR |
| JULY 15 MUSIC FR. ROYCE GREGERSON | JULY 25 COUNTRY HERITAGE WINERY |
| JULY 22 PHILOSOPHY DR. ALEX GILTNER | AUG. 5 FINAL MASS & CELEBRATION ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH |
| JULY 29 ARCHITECTURE FR. DAN SCHEIDT | |

[DIOCESEFWSB.ORG/TOT-FW](https://diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw)

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



Ladies!

Join us in July for
Kingdom Builders



Many of us are decision exhausted. It may feel like we have 3,462 tabs open in our brain ALL THE TIME. How do we know what God desires when faced with so many choices? Ladies ~ come and learn the steps given to us by St. Ignatius to clearly discern the Father's will. God's peace and joy await you!

St Mary of the Assumption
July 9, 2025 7-8:30 pm



Kingdom Builders

www.BuildingThroughHim.com



Please join us this summer for Vacation Bible School "True North."

Monday, July 28th thru Thursday, July 31. \$10 per child.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall every week leading up to VBS. We will be needing volunteers to help with VBS this summer so not only will we be signing up children but volunteers as well.

If you have any questions regarding VBS please contact Janel Lengerich at 260-706-1845.

VBS items needed:

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| 24- 4 pack of Snack Pack Vanilla Pudding | 7 cases of water |
| 3 pkg- 12 oz Jet Puffed marshmallows (Large) | 7 packages- hamburger buns (12 count) |
| 5 boxes- Kellogg's Graham crackers (already crushed) | 20 boxes-Little Debbie's (assorted snack cakes) |
| 10 packages- Chocolate Chips semi-sweet | 8 boxes-variety box of chips |
| 7 boxes- 10 pack Teddy Graham Honey | 3 bags-apples |
| 10 Packages- Powdered Sugar or Donut Holes | 3 bunches- bananas |
| 2- Stauffer's Animal Crackers | 8 bags-hotdog buns |
| 24 oz bear jugs or large bags | 4 rolls- Painters Tape |
| 2 boxes- original vanilla wafers | 20- small packages of Kleenex (purse size/travel size) |
| | 6 boxes- gallon Ziploc bags |
| | 6 packages- 8 oz Styrofoam cups (50 count) |
| | 12- fine point sharpies |

Donations can be left in the bins under the VBS table in the Parish Hall.

Thank you in advance for any donation! We will even take

monetary donations. If you could please let me know what you are donating that would be great! Please Contact me, Janel Lengerich, at 260.706.1845. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me! Leave a text or voicemail.

God Bless! Thank you so much for your support!

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Lifeline Screening Event on August 5th. The screenings include Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Artery Disease, and a Free Hypertension Screening. All of this for a low rate of \$159. Please use the following to book your appointment.

Call 888.814.0466 and use code HSCA001

Visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hsc)

Text the word "circle" to 260-279-1607

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.

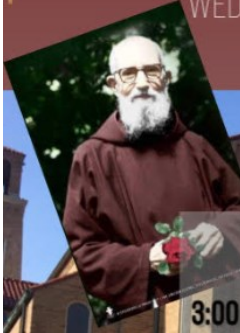
"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..."

Matthew 25:35



Celebrate the Spirituality of Bl. Father Solanus Casey

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025
3:00-7:30P



THE GIFTS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

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| 3:00 - 3:25 | GUIDED TOURS |
| 3:25 - 4:00 | THE GIFT OF BLESSED SOLANUS |
| 4:00 - 4:45 | THE GIFT OF GOD'S LAW (REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY) |
| 5:00 - 5:45 | SACRIFICE OF THE MASS |
| 5:45 - 6:00 | GUIDED TOURS |
| 6:00 - 6:30 | REFRESHMENTS |
| 6:30 - 7:30 | GIFT OF THE ROSARY |

ST. FELIX CATHOLIC CENTER
1280 HITZFIELD ST.
HUNTINGTON, IN 46750

St. Louis Church Rummage Sale

St. Louis Catholic Church, Besancon
15535 Lincoln Hwy East
New Haven, IN
Thursday, July 10: 6-8:00PM
Friday, July 11: 9:00AM-5:00PM {\$5 bag sale 1-5}
Saturday, July 12: 9:00AM-Noon {\$3 bag sale all day}

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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| Abby Pigeon | Janel Lengerich | Mel Lengerich |
| Ada Mendoza | Jeff Lehman | Mike Meyer |
| Anita Myers | Jerry Miller | Mike Sonnenberg |
| Barb McNary | Jessica Thieme | Natalie Grace |
| Becky Adams | Jim Baumer | Nick Chiaia |
| Becky Dallas | Jim Thieme | Phyllis Rorick |
| Betty Hooper | Joan Busick | Phyllis Feasel |
| Bill Mills | Jody Beauchot | Rachel Lash |
| Bob Conner | Joe Wyss | Rick Ralston |
| Braden Tumbleson | Joey Lengerich | Rita Rorick |
| Brenda and John | Judy Teague | Sammi Porter |
| Schultz | Karen Bressler | Shelly Gerke |
| Candy Reidenbach | Kate Dyer | Steve Straub |
| Carol Bailey | Kathryn Gregus | Tammy Dahling |
| Chloie Braun's family | Kevin Janssen | Teresa Voglewede |
| Denny & Jody Linder | Kris Call | William Lynch |
| Dorie Wyss-Brite | Larry Fisher | |
| Doug Watkins | Lin Schmitt | -If you would like to |
| Ed Dyer | Lisa Inskeep | have a name |
| Eli Richert | Marilyn Roop | added to our prayer list, |
| Eric Sharp | Mark Lengerich | please contact |
| Evelyn Fields | Mary Friedt | Angie at |
| Gary Harvey | Mary Baker | angierichert@ymail.com |
| Greg Miller | Mary Jane Gates | or text 260-525-0424 |
| Jack and Noah Price | Matt Andrews | |

Stop! Save that postage stamp. It will feed a child.

On average, 50 used commemorative stamps can generate enough money to feed a healthy lunch to a child at a Holy Cross School in Uganda. That's the power you have when you save the canceled commemorative or unusual stamps from your mail and send them to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Stamp Ministry. If you have a stamp collection you'd be willing to donate, it can do even more! Money raised by stamp sales support our Ministry With the Poor, where small projects have a life-changing impact.

Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.

Mail to: Sisters of the Holy Cross, Stamp Ministry, 200 Rosary Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Questions? Call 574-284-5675 or www.cscsisters.org/stamp-ministry/



Adams Sports Performance Announces 2025 Summer Training Sessions

Adams Sports Performance has announced its 2025 Summer Training Sessions, designed to help young athletes enhance their strength, improve speed and agility, increase power, and reduce the risk of injury. All sessions will be held at the Worthman Fitness Center, with participants asked to use the Rehab entrance at Adams Memorial Hospital located at 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur Ind.

The summer program is scheduled throughout June and July and is open to youth ages 8 and up. Sessions are grouped by age and may be adjusted based on individual needs and availability . Space is limited.

Training sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM for ages 15 and up. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, sessions are scheduled as follows: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for ages 12-15, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM for ages 8-11, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM for ages 12-15, and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM for ages 8-15.

The cost is \$65 per month for two weekly sessions, with an additional \$20 for each sibling. For those attending one session per week, the cost is \$40 per month, with an additional \$10 for each sibling.

For more information and to enroll your child, contact Drew Federspiel at 260-724-2145 x11036.

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.
Friday9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Pastor Fr. David A. Ruppert
frdave@sjdecatur.org 706-7130

Church and

School FinanceMelinda Adams
madams@sjdecatur.org 706-7126

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@ymail.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