



The one who humbles himself  
**WILL BE EXHALTED**

**August 31, 2025**  
**22nd 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](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.**

Hello everyone,

Happy Labor Day weekend. I hope that you all have a great weekend and a safe holiday. Just a reminder that the parish office will be closed that day and the evening mass and adoration will be canceled as well. We will still have mass at 8:10 in the morning.

Last week I met with all the parents of our students in Religious Education. I told them all about the important resource of [formed.org](http://formed.org). We have a parish membership to this website, which means that all of our parishioners get a free account. This site has many great resources to help us all learn about our Catholic faith. I would like to recommend the Bible study on Mark's gospel by Dr. Tim Grey. It's really great and it gives you a good foundation on reading all 4 gospels. If you've never done a Bible study before, this is a great place to start.

I will begin holding classes for OCIA on September 7th at 9:30 in the Sr Rose room. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, all are welcome to attend.

God bless,  
Fr. Jake

## September 1–September 7 Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, September 1**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Alice Brunton Family

5:00 p.m. **NO ADORATION/CONFESSION**

6:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

### **Tuesday, September 2**

8:10 a.m. Dorothy Gage †

5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession

6:00 p.m. Ronald L. Braun †

### **Wednesday, September 3**

8:10 a.m. Suzanne Elliott †

### **Thursday, September 4**

8:10 a.m. Eleanor Lengerich †

6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Nancy Macias Family

6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

### **Friday, September 5**

8:10 a.m. Dave & Betty Terveer †

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:20 p.m. Living-Deceased: Frank Whitacre Family  
(Woodcrest Mass)

### **Saturday, September 6**

8:10 a.m. William J. Hartman †

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Donald & Carolyn Schmitt †

### **Sunday, September 7**

7:00 a.m. Michael Beauchot †

8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's

11:00 a.m. Theresa Orchard †

#### **September Ushers:**

4pm= Dick Stimpson &  
Pat Fullenkamp  
7am= Mike Gremaux &  
Fred Velez  
8:30am= Andy & Olivia  
Lengerich  
11am= Joe Lose &  
Geoff Hake

## Sponsor of the Week

**Town & Country**  
Auctioneers/Realtors

-  
Decatur, IN  
260-724-889

## Weekend Offertory Collections

August 24, 2025

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----	\$9,133.51
Online Giving same period -----	\$8,306.80
Loose Change -----	\$620.77
Total Offerings for the week -----	\$18,061.08

*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.*

## Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner Linda Norman of \$150 the week of 08/25/25 with number 208.

## Donut Sunday



September 7— St. Joe Girl Scouts  
October 19 - Knights of Columbus  
November 2— Volunteer Needed  
December 7—Volunteer Needed  
January 4—Volunteer Needed  
February 1—Volunteer Needed  
March 1— Volunteer Needed  
April 5—Volunteer Needed

May 3—Volunteer Needed

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!

## Steph's Spot

### Religious Education

#### **Sunday, September 21:**

9:30am=RE for parents and kids. Enter breezeway door #12 and everyone meet in the auditorium.

#### **Sunday, September 28:**

9:30am=RE for kids ONLY. Go directly to your classrooms.

**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

### **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025**

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."  
(Luke 14:11)

Teach your children the value of humility in any vocation. Explore how God might be calling them to a life of humble service, be it in marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

*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.*



## Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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



### Margie's Place Fundraiser

Thank you Jim Heckman, Executive Director of our local Hope Clinic, for coming to St. Mary's last weekend to share about a new mother's home in Adams County called Margie's Place!

If you were not able to stop over in the parish hall last weekend after Mass to hear about Margie's Place and to make a donation, the fundraiser will continue to run until September 21!

Envelopes, designated Margie's Place, are available at each of the doors and in the parish hall to put in the offertory baskets at Mass or by mail to the parish office. Donations can also be made through Online Giving at [stmarysdecatur.org](http://stmarysdecatur.org) by selecting the "Margie's Place" button. Please prayerfully consider supporting this beautiful ministry. We hope to present The Hope Clinic with a generous donation from St. Mary's!!

St. Mary's Pro-Life Committee

*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.




### Ladies!

Join us in September  
for Kingdom Builders

*We are surrounded by many creatures we cannot see. The entire life of the Church benefits from the powerful help of angels. Join us for a Gathering in September to discover the power of God's Angel Armies.*

**St. Mary of the Assumption**  
**Wednesday September 10**  
**7-8:30 pm**

 **Kingdom Builders**  
[www.BuildingThroughHim.com](http://www.BuildingThroughHim.com)



### Adams Health Senior Living to Host Free Community Concert Featuring The Sweetwater All Stars

Adams Health Senior Living has announced an evening of live music and community fun with a special performance by The Sweetwater All Stars. The event will take place on Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Madison Street Plaza, located at 128 Madison St., Decatur, IN 46733.

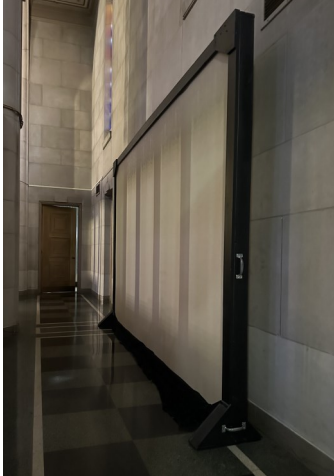
Open to the public, the concert will feature music from one of the area's favorite bands. Attendees can enjoy an atmosphere filled with music, food trucks, t-shirt giveaways, and a cash bar serving wine slushies, beer, and other beverages. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. No registration is required.

For more information, please contact Susan Sefton at [susan.sefton@adamshealthnetwork.org](mailto:susan.sefton@adamshealthnetwork.org).



## Up for Grabs!!

The church has decided to get rid of the big screen that was previously used to show the Bishops Appeal videos. It is sitting in the hallway on the way back to the servers sacristy. If you are interested in it, please contact the parish office at 260-706-7126 or [secretary@sjdecatur.org](mailto:secretary@sjdecatur.org).



**FALL FEST  
BINGO**

**SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
**ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL**  
**GAMES START AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**\$30**

IN Gaming License on file

MUST be 21+ to play



## BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Please bring your sweet treats:  
brownies, pies, cookies, bars,  
and cakes to the parish hall on  
Friday, Sept. 12th or  
Saturday, Sept. 13th  
for this year's Fall Fest.

If you have any  
questions, please call  
Mary Murray  
260-210-2884  
or Abby Dyer  
260-223-1732.



**Don't forget to set out your yard signs for  
Fall Fest!! Thank you for all your support!**

## 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.



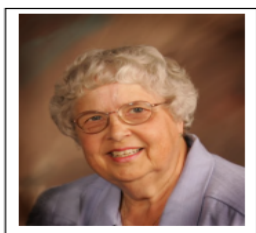
## Rita Girard Music Scholarship Available this Fall

**The ACCF will have a 2nd distribution for the Rita Girard Scholarship. This second due date is Wednesday September 17, 2025.**

This scholarship is to pay for a student's lessons for vocal or instrumental advancement. It has been developed to financially assist students who aspire to advance the skill level of their music talents.

Developed and distributed by the St. Mary's Choir  
Decatur, IN.

The **Rita Girard Scholarship** is an endowed fund within the Adams County Community Foundation for advancement of musical talents either Instrumental or Vocal.



Applications are due in the office of the Adams County Community Foundation 102 N 2nd St. Decatur, IN 46733.

## Right to Life of Northeast Fall Banquet- Kirk Cameron

October 14, 2025 at the Memorial Coliseum!!

We are excited to share our keynote speaker with our eight counties? Kirk Cameron, well known actor and author. He is known by millions as "Mike Seaver" from the 1980's hit sit-com, "Growing Pains." Kirk is also known for his family-focused films, "Fireproof" and recent film, "Life Mark." Recently he produced his "American Campfire Revival" urging the family of faith to return to principles that will bring blessing and protection to America!

Last year we were blessed to have 3000 attendees for our banquet, which made the banquet a record-breaking event for the United States!!! This year we are hoping to break the record with having 3200 attendees. We are hoping you are able to join us to share in this amazing event!

Her is the link with more information:

The Fall Banquet- <https://ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/fallbanquet>

We are thankful for your continued support for our mission to protect LIFE from conception to natural death through education, advocacy and public policy.



**Important dates to add to your calendar:**

**Monday 09/01/25-Labor Day-No School**

### St. Rose Rummage Sale

Thursday September 4—8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday September 5—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bag sale all day September 5. 30 gallon bag \$7., 8 gallon bag \$3.

Located at St. Rose Parish Hall  
209 Mulberry St.  
Monroeville, IN 46773

Something for everyone!! Clothes of all sizes, holiday décor, toys and much much more. Great deals!

### Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Bob Garrow and Fr. Cyril Fernandes

Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Roundtrip Flight from Fort Wayne
- 4-star hotel accommodations
- Breakfast and dinner served daily
  - Wine served at some dinners
- Private motorcoach transport
- Dedicated Canterbury tour director
- Licensed guiding & admission fees
  - Audio headsets when touring
  - Tips for restaurant & hotel staff
  - Daily Mass & Spiritual activities
  - Custom name & luggage tag
- 9am-5pm (EST) reservation support
- 24/7 travel emergency support

To reserve your spot, go to:  
[canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/8384](https://canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/8384)  
+1 (800)653-0017



# 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) 706-7126

### 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@ymail.com](mailto:angierichert@ymail.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