



**LORD! Help me**  
*To carry my cross*  
**this day**

**September 7, 2025**  
**23rd 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,

I hope you all had a nice holiday weekend last weekend. It's always nice to have a long weekend.

Last week, I talked about the Litany of Humility. This litany was popularized by Rafael Cardinal Merry de Val. I printed 250 copies and they are all gone. So, I think this litany resonated with many of you. You can easily find the Litany online by doing a quick google search for "Litany of Humility." May the Lord help us to imitate him in his humility.

Next week is Fall Fest. This is my first year of being here for the parish festival. I'm looking forward to a good time, good food, and seeing all of you there.

God bless,  
Fr. Jake

## September 8 – September 14 Liturgy Schedule

### **Monday, September 8**

8:10 a.m. Eleanor Lengerich †  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Leo Schultz †

### **Tuesday, September 9**

8:10 a.m. Steve L. Arnold †  
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession  
6:00 p.m. Leona Lengerich †

### **Wednesday, September 10**

8:10 a.m. Tom Ulman †

### **Thursday, September 11**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Jim Coyne Family  
6:00 p.m. Richard W. Feasel †  
6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

### **Friday, September 12**

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Frank Whitacre Family  
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession  
1:20 p.m. Paul, Dianne, & Cuffy Swygart (Woodcrest Mass)

### **Saturday, September 13**

8:10 a.m. Dorothy Gage †  
8:45 a.m. Confession  
4:00 p.m. Bob & Joan Laurent †

### **Sunday, September 14**

7:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's  
8:30 a.m. Living-Deceased: Family & Friends of Steph & Jeff Brite  
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Dick & Norma Stimpson Family

#### **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

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

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Tim Ulman  
260-724-7020

## Weekend Offertory Collections

August 31, 2025

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	-----	\$8,634.00
Online Giving same period	-----	\$6,633.20
Loose Change	-----	\$609.17
Total Offerings for the week	-----	\$15,876.37

*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 Don Kreigel of \$300 the week of 09/01/25 with number 331.

## 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

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!

## Scout Recruitment Night

Join Saint Mary's Cub Scout pack 3064 at the St. Mary's Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 17th from 6:30-7:30 pm.  
Boys and girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to learn more about the fun, adventure, and leadership opportunities Scouting has to offer.  
Families will have a chance to meet leaders, ask questions, and discover how Scouting builds friendship, skills, and character. Come see what Scouting is all about—we can't wait to welcome new members!

## 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	Ron Loshe
Carol Bailey	Karen Bressler	Sammi Porter
Dan Schnitz	Kate Dyer	Shelly Gerke
Denny & Jody Linder	Kathryn Gregus	Suzanne Ashton
Don Baker	Kevin Janssen	Steve Straub
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Kevin Noble	Tammy Dahling
Doug Watkins	Kris Call	Teresa Voglewede
Ed Dyer	Lin Schmitt	William Lynch
Emmy Alberson	Lisa Inskeep	
Eric Sharp	Luke Schultz	-If you would like to
Evelyn Fields	Marilyn Roop	have a name
Gary Harvey	Mark Lengerich	added to our prayer list,
Greg Miller	Mary Friedt	please contact
Jack and Noah Price	Mary Baker	Angie at
Janel Lengerich	Mary Jane Gates	<a href="mailto:angierichert@ymail.com">angierichert@ymail.com</a>
Jeff Coyne	Matt Andrews	or text 260-525-0424
	Mel Lengerich	

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

## Pray for Vocations

### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025**

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."  
(Luke 14:27)

Show your children that every vocation involves sacrifice for the sake of love. In marriage, it may mean putting their spouse's needs first; in priesthood or consecrated life, giving up certain comforts for service. Help them see that these sacrifices bring fulfillment and joy.

*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.



## MARGIE'S PLACE FUNDRAISER! August 23—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

*Margie's Place*  
A HOUSE OF HOPE

*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)



## Grandparents Day!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**  
**8:10-10:30**

We will start our day with Mass at Church, where grandparents/VIPS can sit with their special student. Then grandparents/VIPS are invited to school to visit students' classrooms and have a cookie in the auditorium. They can also visit our book fair.

## MUSIC NOTES:

A thanks to everyone for learning and singing the new Mass setting. It's always a good sign that we, as a congregation, continue to grow together in worshipping God through song both in traditional and new music. Learning new hymns fosters growth in our parish life. Below is a link to a hymn that I would like to begin using by the last week of September entitled "Salt of the Earth." The students are learning it as well at school. This piece is composed by Vince Ambrosetti, a contemporary artist who has written a number of pieces in our hymnal that we use, such as "Go into the World." I believe you will pick up on this piece fairly well, as you have done so with other music we have learned over the past year. Feel free to listen online and I will be playing it before Mass the next several weeks, too.

God bless, Ron

### Salt of the Earth

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTZp4z9jLs&list=RDdTZp4z9jLs&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTZp4z9jLs&list=RDdTZp4z9jLs&start_radio=1)



**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.



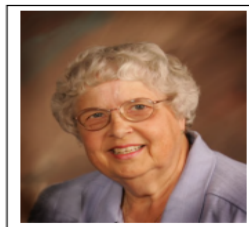
## Rita Girard Music Scholarship Available this Fall

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.



## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The SJS Alumni Committee is hosting an open house on October, 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00pm, celebrating 100 years of Catholic education at the school. There will be appetizers available as you stroll down memory lane.



The committee is looking for the oldest living graduates from the school and could use your assistance in identifying who they are. Additionally, we're searching for any yearbooks from the years 1960-1989; if you have any you'd be willing to let us borrow, contact the committee!

Committee Members: Abby Wilder, Ashley Fullenkamp, Naomi Derengowski, Amanda Sutter, Nicole Baker, Shelbi Zelt and Steve Loshe

### Adams Sports Medicine Supports Local Schools with Pre-Game Tailgate Events

Adams Sports Medicine is proud to support our local schools by hosting Tailgate Nights on select Friday evenings before varsity football games. These community-focused events feature free snow cones, hot dogs, and interactive agility courses for attendees of all ages to enjoy.

We invite families, students, and community members to join us at three upcoming Tailgate Nights at South Adams High School, Adams Central High School, and Bellmont High School. These events are a great opportunity to connect with the community, cheer on our local teams, and enjoy some fun, family-friendly activities.

#### Event Schedule:

**Bellmont High School**—Friday, September 19th from 6-7:15 PM

**Adams Central High School**— Friday, September 26th from 6-7:15 PM

**South Adams High School**—Friday, October 3rd from 6-7:15 PM

For more information, please contact Loree Sprunger at 260-724-2145 extension 11068

### Adams Woodcrest Hosts Classic Car Show

Adams Woodcrest is excited to announce its upcoming Car Show on Saturday, September 20th, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The event will take place at the main entrance parking lot on the Adams Woodcrest Campus, located at 1300 Mercer Avenue, Decatur.

The free community event features a diverse collection of classic and vintage cars, each with its own unique story and history. Attendees can enjoy vehicles from all eras, great music, light refreshments, and giveaways.

There is no entry fee for classic cars. Car enthusiasts who wish to display their classic car or truck are requested to register by calling or texting Lori Hammons at 419-771-9421.



# 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