

BY YOUR *Holy Cross*
YOU HAVE REDEEMED
THE WORLD

September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Friday Closed

Sacrament of the Sick

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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,

It's Fall Fest weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the festival. I think it's important for us to pray together and do spiritual things together. But, it's also important to do fun things together. So, I'm happy we have an event like this.

I want to say thanks to all the volunteers, the Fall Fest committee, and everyone else who gives time, talent, and treasure to make this event a success. Thanks to all of you.

This weekend the diocese officially begins the synod process. Bishop Rhoades has called for a diocesan synod. This event will be a time of prayer and reflection for the diocese to help the Bishop to discern ways to help our church grow and flourish. Everyone in the diocese will have a chance to participate through sessions at the local parishes. I'll let you know how we will participate here at St. Mary's in the coming months.

God bless you all,
Fr. Jake

September 15 – September 21 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 15

8:10 a.m. Maxine Ford †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Steve Arnold †

Tuesday, September 16

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Paul Ruble Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: John & Susann Gilbert Family

Wednesday, September 17

8:10 a.m. Judy Converset †

Thursday, September 18

8:10 a.m. Rosemarie Vergara †
6:00 p.m. Guy (Tom) & Henrietta Trentadue †
6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, September 19

8:10 a.m. Elsa Zaragoza †
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:20 p.m. Ray, Francela & Stepphanie Ripley
(Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, September 20

8:10 a.m. Zachary Foster †
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. Bob & Jean Keller &
Alexander Glant

Sunday, September 21

7:00 a.m. Violet Buchan †
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. Joyce Fullenkamp †

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

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

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

Weekend Offertory Collections

September 7, 2025

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes ----- \$12,672.22
Online Giving same period ----- \$6,783.20
Loose Change ----- \$1,297.25
Total Offerings for the week ----- \$20,752.67

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 Ann Schultz of \$200 the week of 09/08/25 with number 177.

Donut Sunday



October 19 - Knights of Columbus
November 2- The Brassy Ladies
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. 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	angierichert@ymail.com
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

Pray for Vocations

Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."
(John 3:16)

The ultimate love shown through the cross reminds us of the beauty of selflessness. Talk with your children about how they can mirror that love in their lives. Perhaps God is calling them to a vocation that allows them to serve others deeply. 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.



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

Next weekend, September 20 & 21, will be the final weekend to turn in a donation for the Margie's Place Fundraiser. 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 by selecting the "Margie's Place" button. If you have given a donation...thank you for your kindness! If you have not yet had a chance to make a donation, please prayerfully consider supporting this beautiful ministry. We hope to present The Hope Clinic with a generous donation from St. Mary's!!

Margie's Place
A HOUSE OF HOPE

St. Mary's
Pro-Life
Committee

September 2025 School Board

The St. Joseph school board met Tuesday, September 2 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Fr. Jake shared that he visited our 7th graders, affirming how science, history and faith are woven together, referencing the book of Genesis. Too, noted his plans to visit the 4th grade classrooms later in the week.

A summary of the diocesan mission and curriculum days for our staff was offered. Reports were given regarding the upkeep of technology in the classroom alongside plans to reinforce our Catholic identity with the continuation of the Strength=Virtue program, holy cards for the upcoming new saints (Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati!!), and plans to celebrate the Jubilee Year that was proclaimed by Pope Francis. The board was also informed of our new Theology of the Body curriculum for our K-5 students thanks to a donation provided by our Knights of Columbus. Our student athletes' success on the volleyball courts was noted. Much discussions also went into school safety planning and improving as well as outlining the sound proactive measures already in place.

The members of our board join the staff and parishioners' mission to ensure standards of excellence for our students! Reach out to a board member if you have ideas to help fulfill that mission. Carrie Binegar (president), Michelle Barker, Mary Gage, Justin Hall, Nathan Heimann, Josh Fullenkamp, Julie Rumschlag, Katie Scherer, Scott Trapp, Mary Weber, and Erin Whitman.



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
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

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!

Here 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.

Gibault School Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Tickets are just \$10
Dinner includes Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, and a Roll.
Dine-In or Pickup on October 5th 12-3 P.M.
No tickets will be sold the day of the event so plan ahead!
Contact Kyle Rumschlag for your ticket
(260)223-8720

Decatur Knights of Columbus
1703 High St. Decatur, IN 46733

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



SVdP Walk for Hope

SAVE THE DATE: **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**
Parkview Field
1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne

**JOIN THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!**

- **12:30-2:30pm - Tailgate Party**
 - Join us for food, fellowship, and music in the Parkview Field parking lot
- **2:00pm - Walk Registration begins**
- **2:40pm - Presentation at Parkview Field**
- **3:00pm - Walk/Run Begins**
 - Route Options: 3 Miles, 1.25 miles or 1/3 mile

**Register or
Donate here**



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The SJS Alumni Committee is hosting an open house on October, 12th from 12:00-2:00pm, celebrating 100 years of Catholic education in our current building. While we understand that Catholic education has been present in Decatur for well over 100 years, we are honoring the last century spent at its present-day location. 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

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FridayClosed

Pastor Fr. Jake Runyon
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Church and

School FinanceMelinda Adams
madams@sjdecatur.org 706-7126

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Church Office724-9159
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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

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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