



OH GOD, BE
MERCIFUL
TO ME, A SINNER

October 26, 2025
30th 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 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,

Last week, Fr. Desmond and I went to Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN for the annual clergy convocation. This year, the time was dedicated to the diocesan synod consultation. I have to say that I was very impressed with the process of the consultation. I had some reservations going into the whole thing, but it was a very positive experience. I had the chance to visit with my brother priests and we all got the chance to speak about strengths and weaknesses of our parishes and dioceses. We got to share some of the blessings and burdens of our lives and it was a very healthy exercise.

This consultation has got me excited about our own consultation here at St. Mary's. Please mark your calendars and plan to come Monday November 10th from 6:30 to 8:30. I'm asking for a 2 hour time commitment, but I promise to keep it exactly those two hours. One thing I really liked about the synod process is that there is a timer used for each person to have a chance to share. So, it makes for a really interesting form of conversation. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you. Be sure to be reading and praying over your synod consultation booklet as a way to prepare for the evening.

God bless you all,
Fr. Jake

October 27 –November 2 Liturgy

Schedule

Monday, October 27

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Jerome & Esther Braun Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Ed & Judy LaFontaine Family

Tuesday, October 28

8:10 a.m. Harry Eckrote †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Jim Coyne Family

Wednesday, October 29

8:10 a.m. Eleanor Lengerich †

Thursday, October 30

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Fred Heimann Family
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Donald & Mary Kathryn Grabner Family
6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, October 31

8:10 a.m. Teresa Schurger †
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:20 p.m. Dorothy Gage † (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, November 1

8:10 a.m. Charles Eckhart †
8:45 a.m. Confession
10:00 a.m. Phillip J. Schurger †
4:00 p.m. People of St. Mary's

Sunday, November 2

7:00 a.m. Elsa Zaragoza †
8:30 a.m. Connor Brite †
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Paul Ruble Family

November Ushers:

4pm= Dick Stimpson & Pat Fullenkamp
7am= Mike Gremaux & Fred Velez
8:30am= Alan & Evan Etzkorn
11am= Eugene Grote & John Hess

Weekend Offertory Collections

October 19, 2025

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes -----\$9,030.00
Online Giving same period -----\$8,554.20
Loose Change ----- \$548.87
Total Offerings for the week ----- \$18,133.07

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 Lori Manley of \$150 the week of 10/25/25 with number 210.

Sponsor of the Week Best One Zurcher Tire

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Donut Sunday

November 2—The Brassy Ladies
December 7—Mark & Darlene Juengel Family
January 4—Craig & Erin Whitman Family
February 1—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!

Coats For Kids

The Knights of Columbus are collecting coats for the local Coats for Kids Drive. Donations will be accepted from October 11th–November 2nd. Boxes will be in Church. Feel free to also drop them off at the Knight's Club Room if that is more convenient for you.

Dates for handing them out in the community have not yet been confirmed.



Rosary at the Cemetery



Please join us November 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Cemetery to say the Rosary led by Fr. Steve. Please come help us celebrate and honor all of those we have lost.

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Sunday, November 2:

All Souls' Day, Daylight Saving Time-Fall Back 1 hour, 9:30am=RE for Parents and kids.

Saturday, November 8:

8th grade Confirmation Retreat 9am-7pm

Sunday, November 9:

9:30am=RE for kids ONLY, 12:15pm=7th grade Parents ONLY meeting for Theology of the Body

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

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"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be
exalted."
(Luke 18:14)

Humility is essential to every vocation. Encourage your children to practice humility in their own lives and to ask God's guidance on their unique calling. If you feel your children are being drawn to serve the Church, support them in following that path with an open heart by talking with a 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.



Callithumpian Parade Food Booth!!

The St. Joe 7th grade class will have a food booth at the Callithumpian parade. We will begin serving food at 11 am and will continue to serve while supplies last or until the completion of the parade. We will be offering free delivery to businesses within Decatur city limits from 11 am to 3 pm. To place an order for free delivery, please text or call your order in to Michelle Barker at (260)223-1343.

We are offering the following items:

- Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, corn and a dinner roll for \$10
- Pop or water for \$2 (Options: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Diet Coke, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite or root beer)

We will be serving funnel cakes after 4 pm for \$6 with the options of powdered sugar or cinnamon & sugar toppings. We will also be offering baked goods for \$1.

We appreciate your continued support! This fundraiser will go towards the current 7th grade class's Washington DC trip planned for May 2027.

Adams Heritage to Host Medicaid and Estate Planning Event with Beers Mallers, Attorneys at Law

Adams Heritage is hosting a Lunch & Learn event in collaboration with Beers Mallers, Attorneys at Law. This event will focus on the vital topics of Understanding Medicaid and Estate Planning. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 5th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Heritage Hall at Adams Heritage, located at 12011 Whittern Road, Monroeville, IN 46773. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

Featuring elder law expert, Janell M. Sprinkle, Esq., from Beers Mallers, the presentation and in-person discussion covers long-term care, estate planning, wills, trusts, and other key aspects of Elder Law. This session is designated to be an invaluable resource for those looking to plan ahead and ensure peace of mind for the future.

The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am and the presentation begins at 11:30 am. Kindly RSVP by Monday, October 27th, by calling 260-623-6440 x2500 or emailing mar-jeana.lemlemer@adamshealthnetwork.org.

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.



Adams Behavioral Health Future Focus to Host Financial-Emotional Health Workshop

Adams Behavioral Health's Future Focus Program will host a Financial-Emotional Health Workshop on Monday, November 3rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B at Adams Memorial Hospital at 100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur, IN 46733.

The workshop will be led by Amber Kinney, LMHC, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor from Indianapolis. Since 2017, Kinney has provided workshops to help individuals understand the connection between financial habits and mental well-being. Participants will explore topics such as money and mental health, financial trauma, money scripts, and the concept of money as a mirror, as well as strategies for achieving meaningful growth through small wins and big shifts.

This event is open to all ages, and registration is not required. Community members are encouraged to attend to gain practical tools and insights to strengthen both financial literacy and emotional resilience.

For additional information, please contact Adams Behavioral Health at 260-728-3906.

Trick or Treat at Adams Health Senior Living

Adams Health Senior Living is excited to invite the community and family members of residents to Trick or Treat nights at both Adams Heritage and Adams Woodcrest.

Join us for trick-or-treating at Adams Woodcrest on Thursday, October 30th at the Nursing Center (enter at the north/main entrance) and at Assisted Living (enter at the south entrance) from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Trunk or Treat is also being offered in the main parking lot. To reserve your spot for Trunk or Treat, call 419-771-9421. Adams Woodcrest is located at 1300 Mercer Avenue, Decatur IN 46733.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for community bonding and engagement with our senior living residents.

We look forward to seeing fun costumes and the community coming together for this festive occasion.



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!

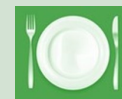
If you would like to volunteer, please call or text:
Patsy Smith 260.223.3154

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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



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

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



Advent Music Notes

Our Advent Season will begin on the weekend of November 29/30. During this Advent we will use 2 new hymns: "We Wait in Hope" and "A Voice Cries Out." I began playing "We Wait in Hope" this past weekend and will continue to play both hymns before weekend Masses. By the middle of November, we will practice both pieces before Mass. Feel free to look these pieces up either on the Music and Liturgy page on the parish website at www.stmarysdecatur.org or you can individually search each song by title and composer on YouTube:

We Wait in Hope by Jim Hughes
A Voice Cries Out by Michael Joncas

We will also use the Latin Mass chant (Sanctus and Agnus Dei) during the 4 weekends of Advent.

Peace,
Ron

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Food Drive

Week of October 27th-31st ~~Pantry Goods
cereal/crackers/peanut butter

Week of November 3rd-7th ~~Canned Goods
veggies/fruit/spaghetti sauce/ketchup

Week of November 10th-14th ~~Toiletry Items
shampoo/deodorant



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.

Children's Offertory

Children may bring their envelope up at offertory time and place it in a basket at the 8:30am and 11am Masses. Envelopes are located in the back of Church and in the parish hall for non-school aged children.



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

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MS Youth Ministry Karen Weber 223-3138

Church Office724-9159
secretary@sjdecatur.org

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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

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

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Carrie Binegar.....

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