



November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

St. Mary of the Assumption
Catholic Church

414 West Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733

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www.stmarysdecatur.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Friday Closed

Sacrament of the Sick

Emergency Number: (260) 706-7136

Bulletin Submissions

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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,

We are beginning the season of

Advent. The word "advent" means "to come towards." Of course, the

greatest advent ever was when our

Lord came to earth as a little child,

born in Bethlehem. So, the season of

Advent is a time of prayer to help us

prepare to celebrate the great feast

of the incarnation at Christmas. I hope

that everyone will take the opportunity

to sign up for a holy hour during our 40

hours devotion. We will have 4 days of

prayer, December 5th-8th. I'm looking

forward to starting the season of

Advent with some extra time of prayer

and reflection.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to winner
Molly Cochran of \$150 the
week of 11/24/25 with number
129.

December 1 –December 7 Liturgy

Schedule

Monday, December 1

8:10 a.m. Tim & Jill Wellman †

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Ernie & Alice Fullenkamp
Family

Tuesday, December 2

8:10 a.m. Fr. Dave Voors

5:00 p.m. Adoration/ Confession

6:00 p.m. Sr. Cecile Marie †

Wednesday, December 3

8:10 a.m. James E. Miller †

Thursday, December 4

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Jack &
Vera Bemus Family

6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Edward L. Hammond Family

Friday, December 5

8:10 a.m. St. Joe Staff & Students

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:20 p.m. Tom Rorick † (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, December 6

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: George & Naomi Tricker
Family

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. People of St. Mary's

Sunday, December 7

7:00 a.m. Ken Gause †

8:30 a.m. Living-Deceased: Clarence & Viona Lengerich
Family

11:00 a.m. Tom Rorick †

December Ushers:

4pm= Dick Stimpson &
Lew Seffernick

7am= Mike Gremaux &
Denny Bentz

8:30am= Scott & Cody
Lautzenheiser & Matt
Braun

11am= Joe Lose &
Geoff Hake

Ministry Schedule December 6/7

	Proclaimer	Knights of the altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Brady Malone	Caroline Baker Hannah Baker Gabe Fravel Claire Kable	Jane Albertson Jayne Foreman
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Don Lengerich	Olivia Brown Sue Whitright	Dan Miller
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Sandee Teeple	Isaac Binegar Macy Bohnke Cameron Rumschlag Jordan Rumschlag	Aaron Binegar Steve Loshe
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Michelle Barker	Oliver Barker Isaac Barker Kaiden Kreigh Montgomery Mowery	Thomas Barker Ashley Fullenkamp

In Memoriam



We note the recent passing of
Louis Rumschlag.

Please keep him in your prayers as well as his family.

Sponsor of the Week

Frederick A. Schurger

Attorney, of counsel

Devoss, Baker, Ainsworth & Razo, PC

Ph. 260.724.2129

fas@schurgerlaw.com

147 S. 2nd St., Decatur IN

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Sunday, December 7:

9:30am=RE for Parents and Kids

Confessions for 3rd-8th grade

Sunday, December 14:

9:30am=RE for kids ONLY

**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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"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know
on which day your Lord will come."
(Matthew 24:42)

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond
to His invitation. Could He be stirring your
heart toward priesthood or consecrated life,
to serve His Church with unwavering
dedication? Stay awake to His call through
prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the
Vocation Office at 260-422-4611 or by email
at discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org/
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.*



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 Schultz	Joey Lengerich	Rita Rorick
Candy Reidenbach	Judy Teague	Ryan Burelison
Carol Bailey	Karen Bressler	Sammi Porter
Catherine McHugh	Kathryn Gregus	Shelly Gerke
Dan Schnitz	Kermit Summers	Suzanne Ashton
Dave Heimann	Kevin Janssen	Steve Straub
Denny & Jody Linder	Kevin Noble	Tammy Dahling
Don Baker	Kris Call	Teresa Voglewede
Donna Webb	Lin Schmitt	William Lynch
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Lisa Inskeep	
Doug Watkins	Luke Schultz	
Eric Sharp	Marilyn Roop	-If you would like to
Evelyn Fields	Mark Lengerich	have a name
Gary Harvey	Mary Friedt	added to our prayer list,
Greg Miller	Mary Baker	please contact
Jack and Noah Price	Mary Jane Gates	Angie at
Janel Lengerich	Matt Andrews	angierichert@ymail.com
Jeff Coyne	Mel Lengerich	or text 260-525-0424
Jeff Lehman	Mike Meyer	

A Cozy Catholic Christmas!

This catalog is about so much more than selling beautiful, awesome gifts.

It's about evangelizing the people we love who we wish would go to Mass again.

It's about sharing our faith in a JOYFUL, loving, peaceful way.

We feel so passionate about bringing this catalog into more homes and in front of more eyes.

Please use the QR code below to check out the Christmas Catalog full of beautiful and cozy gifts.



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.



Come Let Us Adore Him!



40 Hours Advent Adoration

A time of uninterrupted prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal

December 5-8

Sign up for your appointment with Jesus at the church doors and in the parish hall



Thank you!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have made meals for the folks who stay at the Matador Inn. You are truly appreciated. Your outreach touches them deeply.

If you have ever thought of or feel God nudging you to reach out to those less fortunate, we are in need of your help. We are filling the schedule for 2026, and need your help.

Sign up individually, as a family or as a group to make and serve meals to the residence of the Matador Inn on Thursdays. Or perhaps you would prefer to make a dessert.

-Jean Braun

If you'd like to help in some way, please call Jean Braun at 260-223-7220 for more information.



ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS

ADVENT LESSONS *and* CAROLS



Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2:30pm

Most Precious Blood Church

1515 Barthold St., Fort Wayne, IN

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

How Can Accelerated Resolution Therapy Help You?

Adams Behavioral Health invites the community to attend a free educational event, "How Can Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) Help You?" on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in Conference Room A at Adams Memorial Hospital located at 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur, IN 46733.

This event features guest speakers Baldemar Silva, LCSW, CADAC-V and Sarah Cearns, LCSW, CADAC-V who will share how ART can transform lives. ART is a breakthrough, drug-free therapy that allows individuals to release the emotional pain of traumatic or distressing memories while keeping the facts intact.

Using visualization techniques and rapid eye movements similar to those experienced during dreaming, ART helps reprogram the way troubling images and memories are stored in the brain.

Participants will learn how ART can be used to resolve feelings of anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, and other emotional challenges. The therapy is unique in that it does not require clients to share specific details of their experiences. Instead, the process focuses on reducing the emotional and physical reactions that often accompany difficult memories, allowing individuals to rewrite their story and move forward with renewed clarity and hope. The results can often bring immediate improvement.

Join us to explore how this innovative approach is helping people across the community find relief and reclaim their lives. Keep the knowledge, lose the pain.

This event is free and open to everyone. Light refreshments will be provided. Kindly RSVP to Kim Trombley by emailing

kim.trombley@adamshealthnetwork.org or calling 260-724-2145 ext. 13062.

Donut Sunday

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!

Millennium Madness Tickets!

St. Joseph 7th grade class has started their Millennium Madness fundraiser. A \$20 donation for a ticket gives you 52 chances to win a monetary prize each week in 2026! They make great Christmas gifts and you support our trip to Washington DC next year! 36 families would love to get you yours.



Attention all catholic school students...

Join us in the High School Young Adult Group at St. Mary of the Assumption. Starting with the Marvel and Miracle of Advent (A 4 week bible study)

When: Sunday, November 30th (First Day of Advent)
6:00 pm– 8:00 pm (We will join together every Sunday night)

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall
Study Guides/ Workbooks, snacks, and drinks provided!

This will be a fun way to fellowship, and learn about our amazing Catholic Faith as young adults. We have all kinds of fun things to do and to go see! The goal is to build our Catholic Faith up even stronger than it is now!

We will be doing sign ups after masses, November 22nd and 23rd. We want to make sure we have enough workbooks.

You can also directly contact:

Annie Morgan @ 260-223-4845

Janel Lengerich @ 260-706-1845

God Bless You All!!

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



CHRISTMAS

at the Center

FRI DEC 12

5-7 PM EST

• FACE PAINTING
• PHOTOS WITH SANTA
• COOKIE DECORATING
• HOLIDAY CRAFTS
...AND MORE!

Free & open to the public!

THE CENTER AT DONALDSON
9601 UNION ROAD, PLYMOUTH IN 46563

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ



Partners in the work of the Spirit

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.

We met our first goal! Albendazole for a year!

Thank you to all who donated to the Dominican Republic project.

Our first goal was to fund a year supply of Albendazole. This medication inhibits the growth of parasitic worms in the gastrointestinal tracts. In low-income countries, parasitic worms can be acquired by a variety of routes such as contaminated food, water, and soil. Once acquired the worms interfere with nutrient absorption and can cause malnourishment of the affected individual. Thank you for your support!



Shown here is a child at the Rosa la Piedra clinic at the DR-Haiti border receiving an oral dose of Albendazole. If you have any questions about this project contact Amy Obringer (260-433-7815.)

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



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
jrunyon@sjdecatur.org 706-7130

Church and

School FinanceMelinda Adams
madams@sjdecatur.org 638-5930

Director of Religious Education and Ministry

ScheduleStephanie Brite
sbrite@sjdecatur.org 706-7127

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 Binigar.....

Preschool/Daycare Supervisor

Laura Sutton706-7113