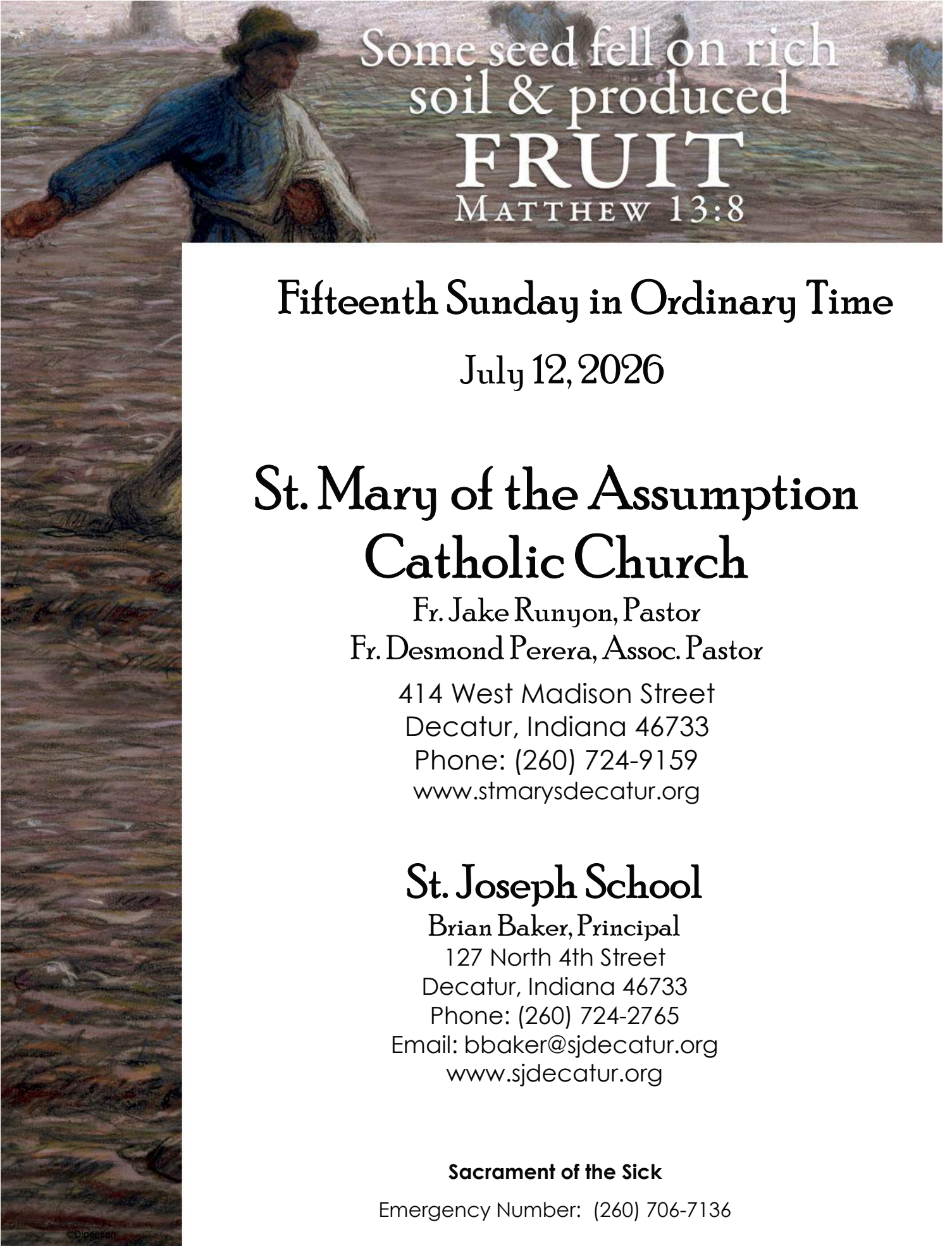




Some seed fell on rich
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

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Hello everyone,

I hope that everyone had a nice holiday weekend last week. I mentioned last week that Pope Leo XIV wrote a letter to the United States marking the 250th anniversary of the nation. Here is a link to that letter if you would like to read it for yourself: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/letters/2026/documents/20260625-lettera-anniversario-usa.html>

It seems like the summer is going by quickly. Before long, we will be back into our normal routines. Be sure to carve out some time for prayer and reflection.

I had a meeting last week with some people who are interested in becoming Catholic with the OCIA this year. We will begin in September. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, email me at jrunyon@sjdecatur.org. Also, if there is someone you think would be interested, why not invite them to consider joining the Catholic Church?

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

Weekly Offertory Collections July 5, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	\$12,884.61
Online Giving same period	\$6,960.80
Loose Change	\$726.50
Total Offerings for the week	\$20, 571.91

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.



Attention High School Graduates

If you submitted a senior photo, please pick up yours
in the back of church near the baptismal font.



July 13 ~ July 19 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, July 13

8:10 a.m. Braiden Shaw †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. David F. Teeple †

Tuesday, July 14

8:10 a.m. Susan Scherer †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Victor & Irene Hamrick †

Wednesday, July 15

8:10 a.m. L-D: Rose Marie Middendorf Family

Thursday, July 16

8:10 a.m. Mary Ann Webb
6:00 p.m. Jean & Larry Braun
6:30 p.m. Confession

Friday, July 17

8:10 a.m. Joan Goulet †
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:30 p.m. Julia Heimann †

Saturday, July 18

8:10 a.m. Ron Loshe †
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. L-D: Bob & Joan Laurent Family

Sunday, July 19

7:00 a.m. L-D: Art & Helen Loshe Family
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish
11:00 a.m. Marcile Coyne †

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Ministry Schedule July 18/19

Proclaimer	Knights of the Altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM Joan Seifring	Claire Kable Raphael Presas Griffin Ranly Owen Skramstad	Alan Etzkorn Roxanne Ray
Sunday, 7:00 AM Richard Fortman	Olivia Brown Benjamin Pidgeon	Kathy LaFontaine
Sunday, 8:30 AM Brianna Converset Alexis Converset	Isaac Binigar Frank Morgan Barrett Schumm Henry Zelt	Aaron Binigar Sharon Braun
Sunday, 11:00 AM Justin Lengerich	Frank Heimann Sebastian Heimann Xavier Heimann Kaiden Kreigh	Karla Hormann Scott Macklin

Ushers for the Month of July

Saturday, 4:00 PM: Jim Kuhnle and Bill Schultz

Sunday, 7:00 AM: Mike Gremaux and Denny Bentz

8:30 AM: Andy and Olivia Lengerich

11:00 AM: Chris and Jessica Faurote

Pray for Vocations



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"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

(Matthew 13:23)

God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan.



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Sunday, July 12

8:00 AM - to 1:00 PM

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Psalm 91:11



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July 2026



SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossemon to Native

Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?
—Peter Scagnelli

In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of **Annette Liederbach.**

Please keep her and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.





Back To School

Supply Drive

Requested Items

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St. Mary's Youth Ministry is inviting our teens to a week-long summer camp located in Michigan. It is a popular Catholic camp among our Diocese and beyond. We have an opportunity to reserve spots for next summer if we act quickly.

- Damascus Summer Camp is a week-long residential camp for students entering grades 6-12.
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 Sign up on the interested list via our Youth webpage.

Deadline ends **AUGUST 10**



St. Mary's High School Youth Group Kickoff

Join Us For Party at the Pond

MONDAY August 3rd 6PM-9PM

RSVP for details at www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth



questions? (260) 706-7135

Church and School Websites

If you haven't been on in awhile, please check out both websites for updated information.

www.stmarysdecatur.org
www.sjdecatur.org



St. Mary's Parish Fall Fest

Save the Date! September 12th & 13th

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A Work in Progress

Last Spring, the students in the Middle School Art Club, under the direction of Mrs. Emma (Sonnenberg) Stedman, St. Joe Art Teacher, started the mural in the window well outside of the Art Room. Mrs. Stedman hopes to have the mural completed this fall.



Traveling this Summer?



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School Supply List 26/27



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Millenium Madness Winner

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**PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT
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Parish Update

Please note that all requests for Parish Hall Reservations, bulletin inserts, and Mass announcements should now be directed to Abby Dyer adyer@sjdecatur.org or call 260.706.7126

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Ada Mendoza	Fr. Jonathan	Morgan Esquibel
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Evelyn Fields	Mike Lindsay	

Names will remain on this list for 4 months.

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass: See Schedule Listed on Page 2

Sacraments

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Contact Debbie Myers
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dsmyers@sjdecatur.org

Marriage

Contact the parish office six months in advance.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday, Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Thursday: 6:45 PM
Friday, Saturday: 8:45 AM
(or by Appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office (260)724-9159
After Office Hours, Call (260)706-7136

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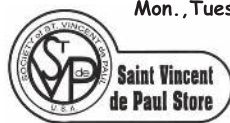
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