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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

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Hello everyone,

Last week I recommended a book on prayer. It is called "Prayer for Beginners" by Peter Kreeft. You can find it on Amazon for \$15. I think it is a good book for everyone. All of us are beginners when it comes to prayer. Inside this book, there is a chapter on the Jesus prayer, which I referenced last week. This is a great form of contemplative prayer that could help you to grow in your faith.

I'm sure you noticed that we have several projects going on this summer. We replaced some concrete. Soon, we will begin replacing some of the fencing around the property. I wanted to thank the guys on our maintenance committee for their work and diligence on these projects. They really help to make sure our parish is looking its best.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

Weekly Offertory Collections

July 19, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	\$13,433.00
Online Giving same period	\$9,576.30
Loose Change	\$698.50
Total Offerings for the week	\$23,707.80

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.

July 27 - August 2 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, July 27

8:10 a.m. Joella Carl†

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. L-D: Jesse & Lois Ball Family

Tuesday, July 28

8:10 a.m. L-D: Donald & Mary Kathryn Grabner Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Norman & Phyllis Rorick†

Wednesday, July 29

8:10 a.m. Nancy Andrews†

Thursday, July 30

8:10 a.m. Larry Daniels†

6:00 p.m. Julia Heimann†

6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, July 31

8:10 a.m. L-D: Kent & Jennifer Bleke Family

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:30 p.m. Ron Loshe† (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, August 1

8:10 a.m. Sr. Emyardine & Sr. Redempta†

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. L-D: Fred Schultz Family

Sunday, August 2

7:00 a.m. Donald Wayne Brown†

8:30 a.m. L-D: Ernie & Alice Fullenkamp Family

11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

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First Friday Adoration

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August 6th

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Ministry Schedule August 1/2

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Saturday, 4:00 PM Mary Ann Webb	Miles Johnson Raphael Presas Jacob Selking Matthew Selking	Roxanne Ray Kevin Wellman
Sunday, 7:00 AM Richard Fortman	Olivia Brown Benjamin Pigeon	Dan Miller
Sunday, 8:30 AM Eric Dohrman	Aden Beer Macy Bohnke Samuel Juengel Sawyer Zimmerman	Joy Reynolds Suzy Wilder
Sunday, 11:00 AM Justin Lengerich	Ellie Ruble Amelia Ruble Eleanor Smith Henry Zelt	Jean Braun Matt Dyer

Ushers for the Month of August

Saturday, 4:00 PM	Pat Fullenkamp and Lew Seffernick
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Mike Gremaux and Bill Wernhoff
8:30 AM	John and Reece Hammond
11:00 AM	Larry, Tyler, and Royce Fullenkamp



SAINT MARTHA

(first century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as “second-class” Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never *either/or but both/and*. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality! —Peter Scagnelli



Pray for Vocations

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

"The kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure in a field."

(Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to the priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, 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.

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St. Mary's High School Youth Group Kickoff Party at the Pond

**Monday, August 3rd
6 - 9 PM**



**RSVP for details
Questions? (260)706-7135**



St. Mary's Youth Ministry is inviting our teens to a week-long summer camp located in Michigan for Summer 2027!

Check out Damascus online for more details. Financial aid can be provided.

Sign up on the interested list via our Youth webpage. Deadline: August 10th

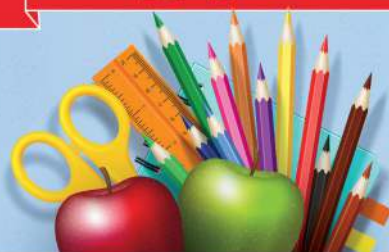
Fatima, USA

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on Friday, August 14th, at 7:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ethan Moore. There will be a candlelight rosary, procession through the woods, and confessions. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating, a flash light, and be sure to dress appropriately.

Handouts are available at all the church exits and in the parish hall.

Back To School

Supply Drive



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Thank you for your generosity.



SATURDAY, September 12th

Bingo 6:00 PM - \$30 (must be 21)

Music by Fr. Jake 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Music by "Been There Before" 7 - 10 PM

Silent Auction & Dollar Raffles

SUNDAY, September 13th

Kids Games & Inflatables 12 - 4 PM

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(260) 223-4349**

Monetary Donations are being accepted to help offset the costs of tents, food, prizes, advertising, etc. Please consider donating by sending your donation in to the parish office labeled "Fall Fest Start Up."



Vacation Bible School Review in Pictures



St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joe's BACK TO SCHOOL

Registration & Picture Day
Tuesday, August 4th
9-12 & 4-6

Bring your white registration card

Bring cash/check for book store supplies

- Yearbook pickup
- HASA dues
- pictures
- Drop off supplies
- Chromebook pick up

Welcome New Staff Member

Miss Jordyn Knous



Jordyn will be teaching first grade this school year. She is engaged to Nick Liter and will be getting married in 2027. Jordyn is the daughter of Duane & Tammy Knous, and she has one brother, Austin.

Jordyn attended St. Joe for preschool through 8th grade. She graduated in 2015. She previously taught kindergarten for 3 years at Heritage Elementary School.

"I'm looking forward to teaching at the school I grew up, loved going to, and working with some of the teachers I had as a student," says Jordyn.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart . . . he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Millenium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Kathy McGill, **winner** of \$200, for the week of 7/20/26 with number 426. The winning ticket was sold by the Destiny Gattis Family.

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Save the Date

To: All are Welcome!

Where: St. Mary of the Assumption
Catholic Church

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026

Join us in celebration of our Patroness
in the Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Snow Cones from 2:00-3:00 pm

Presentation by
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Speaker
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Holy Mass begins at 4 p.m.

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and pray with others who know
this deep suffering, consider attending the
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support.

The support group meets on the third
Wednesday evening of the month from 7:30 to
8:30 p.m. Please email Lisa Everett at
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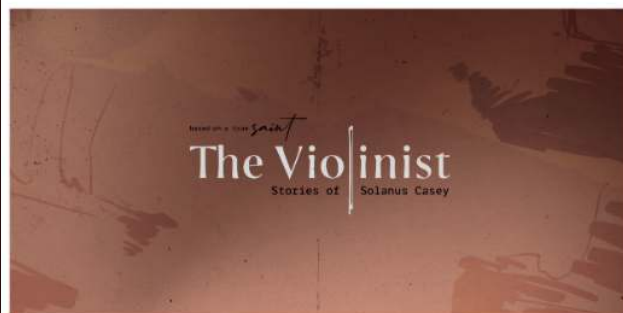
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Bobby Walters	Jane Lengerich	Rosalie Boyle
Chloe Blythe	Jessica Thieme	Sally Minnick
Dave Heimann	Judy Faurote	Steve Lee
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Deb Jones	Maddie Miller	Suzanne Ashton
Donna Webb	Mike Lindsay	Terry Ashley
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Morgan Esquibel	Theresa Ashley
Emily King	Nancy Hackman	Tricia Anderson

Names will remain on this list for 4 months.

If you would like to have a name added to our prayer list or have updates
to those on the list, please contact Angie at angierichert@gmail.com,
text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Directory

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Mass Schedule

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

Baptism

Contact Debbie Myers
(260)706-7134
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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School Board President

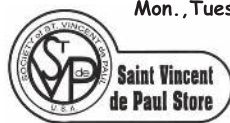
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