



**WHOEVER WISHES TO
COME AFTER ME
MUST DENY HIMSELF**

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2026

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Fr. Bonaventure Nwosu, Assoc. Pastor

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Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office (260)724-9159 then Dial 1

Hello everyone,

Last week, I ordered materials for the OCIA program this year. I'm excited to let you all know that we will be using a program called "Invited" from Ascension press. If anyone is interested in seeing more information or watching some of the videos, you can find these on their website at ascensionpress.com. They have an app for the phone. The videos are free and anyone can watch them and learn about the Catholic faith. My plan is that we will have monthly in-person meetings and weekly electronic "meetings" to learn the material. The kick off meeting will be September 27th at 9:30 in the parish hall. So, if anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, please let me know.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

Sponsor of the Week

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Weekly Offertory Collections

August 23, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	\$8,068.00
Online Giving same period	\$8,975.50
Loose Change	\$674.00
Total Offerings for the week	\$17,717.50

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.

August 31 ~ September 6 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 31

8:10 a.m. L-D: Roger & Elnora Braun Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Tim DesJean †

Tuesday, September 1

8:10 a.m. L-D: Walter & Kathleen Baker Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Andrew Hackman †

Wednesday, September 2

8:10 a.m. L-D: Jim Coyne Family

Thursday, September 3

8:10 a.m. Mark Bauman †

6:00 p.m. Todd Hawkins †

6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, September 4

8:10 a.m. Julia Heimann †

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:30 p.m. Norm & Phyllis Rorick † (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, September 5

8:10 a.m. Ron Loshe †

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. L-D: Troy & Bridget Merkle Family

Sunday, September 6

7:00 a.m. Leona Lengerich †

8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

11:00 a.m. L-D: Donald & Carolyn Schmitt Family

Homebound & Nursing Home Visits

If you are currently taking Communion to someone who is homebound or living in a nursing home, please contact Debbie Myers so we can be sure our records are up to date. If you know of someone who would like to be added to our Homebound/Nursing Home Communion list, please contact Debbie as well.

Debbie Myers

 dsmyers@sjdecatur.org

 **260-706-7134**

*Thank you for helping us make
sure those who are unable to join
us for Mass continue to be
remembered and cared for by
our parish community.*

Ushers for the Month of September

Saturday

4:00 PM Pat Fullenkamp
Dave Thieme

Sunday

7:00 AM Mike Gremaux
Fred Velez
8:30 AM Andy Lengerich
Olivia Lengerich
11:00 AM Geoff Hake
Joe Lose

**All Night Adoration
Sign Up Information**
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Ministry Schedule September 5/6

Proclaimer

Knights of the Altar

Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, 4:00 PM	Sandee Teeple	Matthew Selking Jacob Selking Owen Skramstad Eleanor Smith	Jayne Foreman Linda Wellman
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Richard Fortman	Olivia Brown Benjamin Pidgeon	Judy Miller
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Brianna Converse Alexis Converse	Aden Beer Frank Morgan Barrett Schumm Sawyer Zimmerman	Steve Loshe Suzy Wilder
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Matt Dyer	Kaiden Kreigh Jennavieve Norman Amelia Ruble Ellie Ruble	Jocy Allmon Cassie Feece



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Pray for Vocations

Twenty - Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

**"Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me."**

(Matthew 16:24)

Jesus entrusts his Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couple all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. 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.



**Time to kick off our
Fellowship Sundays.
We will offer donuts and
fellowship!**



Please contact Debbie Myers, 260-706-7134 or dsmyers@sjdecatur.org if your family or organization would like to host in December:

September 6 Tanner & Lauren
Malone Family
October 4 The Grove Family
November 1 Mark & Darlene
Juengel Family
December 6 Volunteer Needed

Roses for Life

Are you or someone you know expecting?

We want to pray for you.

A rose with your name will be placed near the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe on the Mary side of the church. Contact us any time during your pregnancy.

When your baby is born, you may take your rose as a keepsake.

Call or Text
Joyce Inniger 260-701-2200
or
Cindy Lengerich 260-402-3215

Steph's Spot

Religious Education for 1st-8th grades

September 20=RE classes for parents and kids at 9:30. Everyone meet in the auditorium. Enter breezeway door #12.

September 27=RE classes for kids only at 9:30. Enter breezeway door #12 and go straight to 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

Welcome, Fr. Bonaventure

Fr. Bonaventure NWOSU is a priest of Catholic Diocese of Nnewi in NIGERIA. He was ordained on July 12, 2014. He received his seminary formation at SS. Peter and Paul Major Seminary, Bodija, Ibadan, Nigeria and Blessed Iwene Tansi Major Seminary Onitsha Nigeria. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy (University of Ibadan), a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (Urban University, Rome). In the month of September 2021, his Bishop in Nigeria sent him to Rome for further studies where he discovered an aptitude for Canon Law and obtained a Licentiate degree in Canon law from the Pontifical Lateran University Rome. He will return to Rome this summer to defend his thesis in order to earn his Doctoral in Canon law. He also obtained a special diploma in Matrimonial Jurisprudence at the Gregorian University Rome in 2025. Previously, he obtained a Master of Arts in Education specializing in Education Management and Planning.

Fr. Nwosu has served in various roles within his home diocese of Nnewi as Associate Pastor at several parishes, Chaplain, and Assistant Director of the Evangelization and Catechesis of the Catholic Diocese of Nnewi Nigeria. Currently he serving as a judge in the Diocesan Tribunal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne here in the United States of America having previously served as the Parish Administrator of St Patrick Parish Arcola for about three months. He is an avid reader, a religious affairs analyst and commentator, and a lover of Catholic family and Marriage.

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Ladies!
Join us in September
for Kingdom Builders

Train of Glory ~ Sometimes our life can feel like a train station of chaos; we are coming and going, but never truly arriving anywhere. Ladies, there is power and majesty awaiting you. Join us in September to board the train of His glory!

St. Mary of the Assumption
Wednesday, September 9th, 7 - 8:30 PM
Meet in the Parish Hall

 **Kingdom Builders**
www.BuildingThroughHim.com



Check out the Fall Fest Brochure in the pews for a list of Silent Auction & Dollar Raffle Items.
So many great items!



Sweet Treats Needed

We are seeking sweet treat donations for Fall Fest. Please bring your donations to the parish hall on **Friday, Sept. 11th or Saturday, Sept. 12th.**

Questions? Call Mary Murray
260-210-2884



FALL FEST

BINGO

SEPTEMBER 12TH
ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL
GAMES START AT 6:00 P.M.

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Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Samantha (Fullenkamp) Beer

Hello! I am the daughter of Joe and Lori Fullenkamp. My siblings are Josh Fullenkamp (my twin), and our older sister Jessica (Fullenkamp) Billman.

This school year is my 15th year in education. I was a kindergarten teacher for 10 years, before I came to St. Joe as a sub/paraprofessional. I am starting my 5th year here at SJ. I am also a SJ alumni, I graduated in 2002.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Mike for 13 years. We have 2 boys, Aden and Aaron. Aden is in 6th grade, and Aaron is in 3rd grade at SJ. They keep us very busy!

I very much enjoy family time. We love to spend time with friends and family, play games, and go on trips together. My interests are cooking, bon fires, card games, painting, crafts, playing with our dog Luna, and watching Harry Potter.

I am looking forward to having another great year with my SJS family, and making lots of new memories together.

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

RITA GIRARD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is to pay for a student's lessons for vocal or instrumental advancement. It has been developed to financially assist students who aspire to advance the skill level of their musical talents.



**APPLICATIONS
DUE
SEPT. 16, 2026
4:00 PM**



<https://www.adamscountyfoundation.org/youth-scholarships>

Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Every other Monday and Tuesday
Contact Mrs. Hebble 260-724-2765

Save the Date!

Grandparents Day is September 25th
Grandparents/VIPS are invited to attend mass with thier students at 8:10 am.

Millenium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Pete Braun, **winner** of \$150, for the week of 8/23/26 with number 223.
The winning ticket was sold by the Lily Whitman Family.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

**ST. MARY'S
HIGH
SCHOOL
YOUTH**

A BLESSING FROM
ABOVE:
THERE'S PUPPY
CHOW!

First Gathering:

Sunday, August 30 6-8 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Food and Fellowship

Be sure to RSVP online for food prep
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

Check out our website: www.sjdecatur.org

Follow us on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/SJSDecatur>

Catholic Charities'

Do Small Things Together Material Drive



AUG 29 - SEPT 6

Drop off **new items** in Catholic Charities' blue donation barrels at your Church in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta's Feast Day on September 5th.

COLLECTION ITEMS:

- ☒ Diapers (sizes 3+) & unscented wipes
- ☒ Canned food & dry goods
- ☒ Hygiene items
- ☒ New socks and underwear

DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT:



For list of items, visit: ccfwsb.org/events/do-small-things-together

Are you seeking a deeper prayer life?

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, "St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family Community," is seeking new members. We are a community of Catholic men and women (married and single) who are called to a life of prayer and contemplation as we are formed in Carmelite spirituality and in the writings of the Carmelite saints such as St. Teresa of Jesus, St. John of the Cross, and St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus.

If you feel called to deepen your life of prayer, please call Tom Batty (937) 564-2031 or Theresa Jenkins (937) 418-1732 for more information and for meeting times. Our community (located in Celina, OH) is welcoming visitors in September and October of this year.



Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend

Weekly Newsletter

Stay connected via a quick weekly roundup of diocesan news, events, and resources delivered straight to your inbox.

Sign up at www.diocesefwsb.org/newsletter.



First Friday Adoration

Sign up forms for all night adoration on September 4th are now online using the link <https://bit.ly/4hR9mwL> or the QR code.

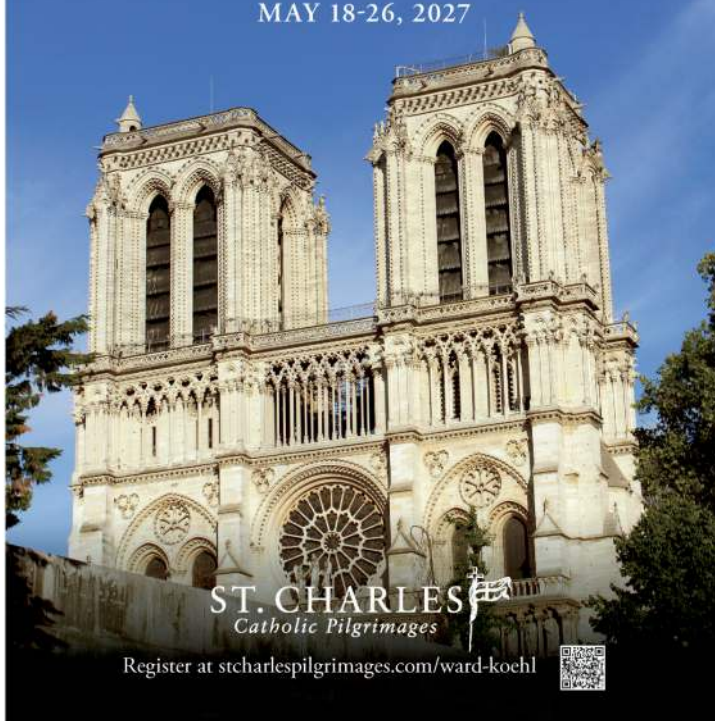
Call Abby Dyer at the parish office if you need assistance, (260)706-7126.



A 9-Day Pilgrimage to NORTHERN FRANCE

with Fr. Nicholas Ward & Fr. Daniel Koehl

MAY 18-26, 2027



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Please pray for all those who are ill or injured.

Al Fennig	Gene Koenig	Morgan Esquibel
Alayna Garcia	Jack and Noah Price	Nancy Hackman
Anita Myers	Jane Lengerich	Nancy Keller Gump
Betty Clary	Jeff Coyne	Roger Gage
Bennett Ricks	Jeni Hamilton	Ron Andrews
Bobby Walters	Jessica Thieme	Rosalie Boyle
Chloe Blythe	Jim Bowers	Sally Minnick
Dave Heimann	Joe Brite	Steve Lee
Dave Smith	Judy Faurote	Steve Rickord
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Deb Jones	Lindsay Lutes	Susann Gilbert
Donna Webb	Lisa Inskeep	Suzanne Ashton
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Lisa Pilgrim	Terry Ashley
Emily King	Maddie Miller	Terry Myers
Emmy Alberson	Mary Lou VanCamp	Theresa Ashley
Fr. Jonathan	Mel Gee	Tim Hebble
Gary Harvey	Mike Lindsay	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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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday: Closed

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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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during the school year

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Preschool/Daycare Supervisor

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School Board President

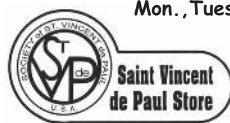
Carrie Binegar

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