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September 6, 2026

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hello everyone,

Next weekend is Fall Fest. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual parish festival. I hope that you can attend and have a great time. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who are signed up to help out.

This week you will receive materials from the Bishop about the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We will do the formal ABA weekend on September 19th and 20th. Thank you for your generosity.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

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August 30, 2026

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Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	\$9,434.42
Online Giving same period	\$7,266.10
Loose Change	\$806.50
Total Offerings for the week	\$17,507.02

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.

September 7 - 13 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 7

8:10 a.m. L-D: James B. & Marilyn Roop Family

No Evening Confession/Adoration/Mass

Tuesday, September 8

8:10 a.m. Leo Schultz †

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Andy & Geralyn Boyden

Wednesday, September 9

8:10 a.m. Steven L. Arnold †

Thursday, September 10

8:10 a.m. Tom Ulman †

6:00 p.m. Richard W. Feasel †

6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, September 11

8:10 a.m. Joanne Martin †

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:30 p.m. Joan Goulet † (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, September 12

8:10 a.m. L-D: Jack & Vera Bemus Family

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. L-D: Tom Staub Family

Sunday, September 13

7:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

8:30 a.m. Richard & Julianne DesJean †

11:00 a.m. L-D: Theresa Orchard 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

**Be sure to check out this
week's insert regarding
the upcoming
ministry fair.**

Ministry Schedule September 12/13

Proclaimer

Knights of the Altar

Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, 4:00 PM	Alan Etzkorn	Raphael Presas Matthew Selking Jacob Selking Owen Skramstad	Kevin Wellman <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Kathy LaFontaine	Olivia Brown Craig Whitman	Dan Miller
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Robin Katen	Aden Beer Samuel Juengel Henry Zelt Sawyer Zimmerman	Aaron Binegar Mike Reynolds
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Justin Lengerich	Audrie Drake Olivia Hackman Mia Hackman Montgomery Mowery	Jayne Foreman Laura Mailloux

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



Blood Drive
Sunday, Sept. 20th
8:00 AM - to 1:00 PM

Call 1-800-RED CROSS



Eleanor Fennig will celebrate her 102nd Birthday on Sept. 14th!

Let's share our birthday wishes with Eleanor by showering her with cards & blessings.

Her Address: 1111 Woodridge Dr.
Decatur, IN 46733



Recently Baptized

Please welcome into the family of Christ:

Emilio Tomas Zaragoza

Son of Carlos Zaragosa & Kristen Kuehne

"May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11



Pray for Vocations

Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

**"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."
(Matthew 18:15)**

Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office 260-422-4611 or by email at discernpriesthood@diocesefwsb.org
women: jhayes@diocesefwsb.org.



Servers Needed!!

ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADERS-ADULTS

Looking for a way to serve God and give back to our Parish?

Serving is a great opportunity to achieve both and so much more! Need volunteer hours...serving counts!

Serving Jesus at Mass is a uniquely intimate experience!

Training will take place on:

Sunday, October 4 AND Sunday, October 11 at 3pm in Church

Please text/call or email Steph Brite if you plan to attend.

260-223-9789/sbrite@sjdecatur.org

CURRENT SERVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE SESSION AS A REFRESHER!!

- Adult servers are needed...especially for the 7am Mass!!

(This does not apply to 5th grade St. Joe students...they will receive training during school hours.)



Cantors Needed

Cantors are needed for
Saturdays @ 4 pm and Sundays @ 8:30.
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Sweet Treats Needed

We are seeking sweet treat
donations for Fall Fest.
Please bring your donations
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Friday, Sept. 11th or
Saturday, Sept. 12th.

Questions? Call Mary Murray
260-210-2884

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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This scholarship is to pay for a student's
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advancement. It has been developed to
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advance the skill level of their musical
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APPLICATIONS
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SEPT. 16, 2026
4:00 PM



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



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





Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Abbey (Foster) Hall

This December, Justin and I will celebrate 10 years of marriage. While I am blessed to be a Hall, I will forever be a Foster and am especially grateful to my parents, Dave and Kathy Foster, for the strong St. Joe roots they gave me. St. Joe has always been a special part of my life. I attended SJS and graduated from 8th grade in the spring of 2000. We had such a special class, and I am still friends with many of my classmates today. It is especially meaningful to now have several of their children in my own classroom! My connection to St. Joe runs even deeper through my family. My mom attended SJS as a student and later returned to teach here for many years. My brother, Scott, and my Aunt Sue also taught at St. Joe, while my Grandma Martha Kriegel attended SJS through high school and continued serving the school as the principal's secretary and a classroom volunteer. My Grandpa Ralph also proudly served as the Grand Knight of our local Knights of Columbus.

Justin and I are blessed with identical twin girls, Rue and Rae, who are five years old and attend Pre-K here at SJS. This will be my third-year teaching at St. Joe, after previously teaching at Carmel High School. This year, I am excited to continue working with our middle school students as their math teacher. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy shopping and traveling, especially with my family. My favorite saint is St. Kateri Tekakwitha. I dressed up as her in 4th grade, and she was also my Confirmation saint in 8th grade, so she has held a special place in my heart for many years. One of my favorite Bible verses is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you." For years, I struggled to understand my path and purpose, but I clung to this verse, trusting that God was with me and guiding me in His direction. Since returning to St. Joe, I have felt an incredible sense of peace and belonging. I truly believe this is where I was meant to be.

This is my home.



Fall Fest Cover Winners

(L-R) **Caroline Baker** (Honorable Mention), **Jenna Norman** (2nd), **Lily Whitman** (1st), **Madalynn Gumbel** (3rd), and **Hazzel Howard** (Honorable Mention)

Congratulations!

Save the Date!

Grandparents Day is September 25th

Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

St. Joe is in need for volunteers to help in the lunch room every other Monday and Tuesday.

Please contact Mrs. Hebble: 260-724-2765 or ehibble@sjdecatur.org



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

**FALL FEST
YOUTH
CLEAN-UP
CREW**

**HIGH SCHOOL
AND
Middle School
Youth**

Offer service to our church community:

Sunday, Sept. 13 4-5:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Food and Fellowship follow!



Millenium Madness Winner



Congratulations to Kevin McIntire, winner of \$300, for the week of 8/30/26 with number 160.

The winning ticket was sold by the Natalie Schultz Family.



SvdP Walk for Hope

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026
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- 12:30-2:30pm - Tailgate Party
 - Join us for food, fellowship, and music in the Parkview Field parking lot
- 2:00pm - Walk Registration begins
- 2:40pm - Presentation at Parkview Field
- 3:00pm - Walk/Run Begins
 - Route Options: 3 Miles, 1.25 miles or 1/3 mile

Register or
Donate here




9TH ANNUAL
Diamond Gala

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
Conference Center

Doors open and Cocktail Hour starts at 5:30 pm
Games start at 6 pm with
Dinner and Program to follow

Cocktail Attire

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THE HOPE CLINIC Annual Banquet

Wed., Sept. 23 & Thurs., Sept. 24
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Seating is limited. Adults only.

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.



Please pray for all those who are ill or injured.

Al Fennig	Jane Lengerich	Nancy Hackman
Alayna Garcia	Jeff Coyne	Nancy Keller Gump
Anita Myers	Jeni Hamilton	Peggy LaFontaine
Betty Clary	Jessica Thieme	Rick Roop
Bennett Ricks	Jim Bowers	Roger Gage
Bobby Walters	Joe Brite	Ron Andrews
Bruce Dicke	Judy Faurote	Rosalie Boyle
Chloe Blythe	Judy Kable	Sally Minnick
Dave Heimann	Julie Hauenstein	Steve Lee
Dave Smith	Kermit Summers	Steve Rickord
David Vinson	Lindsay Lutes	Steve Roman
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Donna Webb	Lisa Pilgrim	Suzanne Ashton
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Maddie Miller	Terry Ashley
Emily King	Mary Jane Gates	Terry Myers
Emmy Alberson	Mary Lou VanCamp	Theresa Ashley
Fr. Jonathan	Mel Gee	Tim Hebble
Gary Harvey	Mike Lindsay	Tricia Anderson
Gene Koenig	Mike Sonnenberg	Vincent Collier
Jack and Noah Price	Morgan Esquibel	

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

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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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School Board President

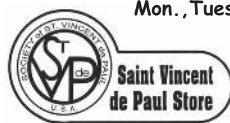
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