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SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES**

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2026

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Sacrament of the Sick

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

Hello everyone,

Happy Fall Fest weekend. A big thanks to all the volunteers who make the event possible. I'm hoping as you read this we are having a great time with great weather.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details about our women's faith sharing group here at St. Mary's. We have been part of Kingdom Builders for a while here, but the group is interested in exploring a new direction for the group. More details soon.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

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Weekly Offertory Collections

September 6, 2026

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

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	\$12,717.27
Online Giving same period	\$6,590.50
Loose Change	\$275.10
Total Offerings for the week	\$19,582.87

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 14 - 20 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 14

8:10 a.m. L-D: Ruth & Joe Wilder Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. L-D: Friends & Family of Jeff & Steph Brite

Tuesday, September 15

8:10 a.m. L-D: Donald & Penny Sengstock Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Andy & Geralyn Boyden

Wednesday, September 16

8:10 a.m. Paul Ruble †

Thursday, September 17

8:10 a.m. Judy Converset †

6:00 p.m. Guy (Tom) & Henrietta Trentadue †

6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, September 18

8:10 a.m. Violet Buchan †

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:30 p.m. Ruth McKinnon † (Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, September 19

8:10 a.m. Steven L. Arnold †

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Elsa Zaragoza †

Sunday, September 20

7:00 a.m. L-D: Troy & Bridget Merkle Family

8:30 a.m. L-D: Joe & Barb Loshe Family

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

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.

St. Mary's Blood Drive

**Sunday,
Sept. 20th
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Call
1-800-RED CROSS
to schedule your
appointment.**



Ministry Schedule September 19/20

Proclaimer

Knights of the Altar

Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, 4:00 PM	Frank Morgan	Miles Johnson Claire Kable Griffin Ranly Eleanor Smith	Alan Etzkorn Roxanne Ray
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Don Lengerich	Olivia Brown Tom Katen	Deb Hawkins
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Jacob Gerig	Isaac Binigar Samuel Juengel Jordan Rumschlag Cameron Rumschlag	Steve Loshe Suzy Wilder
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Michelle Barker	Joel Albertson Beau Albertson Isaac Barker Oliver Barker	Thomas Barker Matt Dyer

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



In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of
Roger Gage

Please keep him and his family
and friends in your prayers.

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



**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



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.)*

Pray for Vocations

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

**"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."
(Matthew 18:35)**

Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through
their ministry, comforting families at funerals,
anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing
homes, and offering guidance and
forgiveness through the sacraments. How is
God calling you to share His mercy in
your life, and could He be inviting you
to serve His people as a priest? 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.

JOIN THE CHOIR

Choir rehearsals
this Fall:
Wednesdays at 6 PM



Please head to the church choir loft to attend, or contact Thomas Canty.
☎ (708)983-9302
✉ tcanty@sjdecatur.org



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The Annual Bishop's Appeal invites each of us to participate in the life and mission of the Church across our diocese. Your generosity helps strengthen our parishes and schools, provide formation for seminarians and clergy, and serve those most in need through diocesan ministries and Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our diocese continue this mission together.

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Thank you to our 2026 Fall Fest Sponsors!
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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>



Staff Spotlight

Mr. Brad Smazenko

Brad and his wife, Eissa, have been married for 23 years and have 3 children: Harold (16), Carson (13), & Georgia (12).

Mr. Smazenko has been teaching for a total of 23 years. He started his career at Paulding High School in Ohio teaching agri-science. Then he moved to Bellmont where he taught agri-science for 17 years. He is currently in his 3rd year at St. Joseph teaching middle school Science and has a 7th grade homeroom.

In his free time, Mr. Smazenko enjoys camping, fishing, spending time with family, watching Cincinnati Reds Baseball and Ohio State Football. One of his favorite Bible verses is **Philippians 4:13** - I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

School Board Minutes

The St. Joseph School Board met on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 630p-740pm. Topics discussed included a review and update to the Enrollment/Marketing objectives on our Strategic Plan, completed projects around campus for our students' safety and security with state mandated drills and installation of new fencing and barricades, and the multitude of activities within the building strengthening the culture of faith for our students and staff. Use of updated technology access continues to be a priority alongside professional staff development. Gratitude for HASA parents who continue to support our students' field trips and small treats for staff and students. And finally on the athletic side, our board congratulates our student athletes who competed well at our Annual Volleyball Commodore Classic!

We continue to offer an open invitation to speak to any of your SJS board members: Michelle Barker, Carrie Binegar, Mary Gage, Justin Hall, Nathan Heimann, Josh Fullenkamp, Julie Rumschlag, Katie Scherer, Scott Trapp, Mary Weber, and Erin Whitman.

Millenium Madness Winner



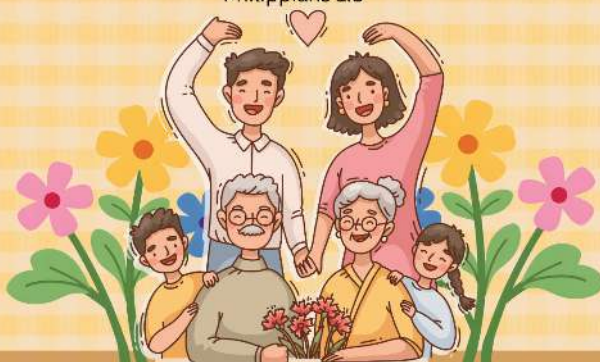
Congratulations to Roxanne Ray, winner of \$200, for the week of 9/7/26 with number 860.



The winning ticket was sold by Isaac Barker.

GRANDPARENTS/VIP DAY

I thank my God every time I remember you.
Philippians 1:3



When: Friday, September 25th

Time: Mass at 8:10 followed by an

Open House at school 'til 10:30

Where: St Joseph Catholic School
127 N. 4th St. Decatur, IN 46733

*The Book Fair will be open.
Cash, check, credit card, & gift card accepted.*

Help Needed

St. Joe Athletics is looking for home ballgame workers for a few volleyball games and basketball games.

If you know of anyone interested in working please have them email Ms. Ross at aross@sjdecatur.org

Workers are paid \$10 per game.

Most home games are 2-3 games per night.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

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

Next Gathering:
Wednesday, September 16 2:30-4 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Signup deadline online
by Tues. Sept. 15

www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

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

Next Gathering:
Sunday, Sept. 27 6-8 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

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



SVdP Walk for Hope

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 2026
Parkview Field
1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne

**JOIN THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!**

- **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**



**ABCinema will be showing
Daniel and the Fiery Furnace**
for the next several weekends.

Check out their website
www.abcinemainc.com
for updates and times.

**Dates and Times subject to
Studio Confirmation**

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.





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

Sponsorships and tickets available at
AMothersHopeFW.org or at 260.444.4975




Scan for more info!

Adams County Children's Choir

Starting September 24, 2026

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Grades 2 - 8

Contact Brent Neuenschwander:
260.525.0985 or
adamscountychildrenchoir@gmail.com

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
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Dave Smith	Kermit Summers	Steve Rickord
David Vinson	Lindsy Lutes	Steve Roman
Deb Jones	Lisa Inskeep	Susann Gilbert
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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

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

414 W Madison Street, Decatur, IN 46733
(260)724-9159
www.stmarysdecatur.org

Parish Office Hours

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

Pastor

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Thomas Canty
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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

St. Joseph Cemetery

651 W. 600 N., Decatur, IN 46733
Don Kriegel
(260)223-1949
stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com

St. Joseph Catholic School

127 North 4th Street, Decatur, IN 46733
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School Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
during the school year

Principal

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School Secretary

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Preschool/Daycare Supervisor

Laura Sutton
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lsutton@sjdecatur.org

School Board President

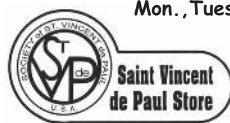
Carrie Binegar

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