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Respect Life Month
October 2026

October 11, 2026

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Hello everyone,

Next week, Fr Bonaventure and I have to go to Plymouth for the annual continuing education conference. We will be gone October 13-15. Thanks to Fr Dale for covering the masses while we are gone.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their Bishop's Appeal pledge for the year. The response has been strong. It really shows your love and support for the diocese and the parish. Your pledges help us right here at St. Mary's. If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do so in the coming weeks. I would love to hit our goal quickly!

I wanted to let you all know that we currently have 11 weddings scheduled for 2027. Please keep all these couples in your prayers. I love working with couples for marriage preparation. I really enjoy helping these couples get ready to begin marriage and family life. I would love to see our whole parish praying for couples that are preparing for marriage. These couples are the future of our parish. May God bless them.

I want to say a word of thanks to Jean Braun and Mary Ann Webb. For many years, they have been coordinating the decorations and appointments for the church. They do a great job of giving us all a beautiful place to pray and worship. However, they asked to step down from this role that they have been doing for a long time now. Again, thanks to them for their service.

If you would be interested in stepping into this role and helping our parish with your time and talent in this role, please let me know.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

October 12 - October 18 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, October 12

8:10 a.m. L-D: Kim (Hoffman) Leach Family

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Joan Goulet †

Tuesday, October 13

8:10 a.m. John Schultz †

5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession

6:00 p.m. Helen Wellman †

Wednesday, October 14

8:10 a.m. L-D: John & Susann Gilbert Family

Thursday, October 15

8:10 a.m. Julia Heimann †

6:00 p.m. L-D: Louis & Loretta Rumschlag Family

6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, October 16

8:10 a.m. Norm & Phyllis Rorick †

9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession

1:30 p.m. L-D: Jacob & Frances Heimann Family
(Woodcrest Mass)

Saturday, October 17

8:10 a.m. Maurice Miller †

8:45 a.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

Sunday, October 18

7:00 a.m. David & Geneva Brown †

8:30 a.m. Teresa Steinke †

11:00 a.m. Luke Schultz †

"On behalf of the board and staff of Catholic Charities and, most importantly, those that we serve, thank you for your generosity in the recent "Do Small Things Together" drive. Your donations will benefit many individuals across our Diocese."

Weekly Offertory Collections

October 4, 2026

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	$12,819.55
Online Giving same period	$6,595.50
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Total Offerings for the week	**$20,263.55**

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Ministry Schedule October 17/18

	Proclaimer	Knights of the Altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Joan Siefring	Miles Johnson	Kevin Wellman
		Claire Kable	Linda Wellman
		Raphael Presas	
		Griffin Ranly	
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Don Lengerich	Patrick (Pete) Braun	Deb Hawkins
		Olivia Brown	
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Angie Richert	Macy Bohnke	Steve Loshe
		Frank Morgan	Joy Reynolds
		Jordan Rumschlag	
		Cameron Rumschlag	
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Brady Malone	Joel Albertson	Cassie Feece
		Beau Albertson	Diana Macklin
		Olivia Hackman	
		Mia Hackman	

Steph's Spot

Religious Education for1st-8th grades

October 11=RE classes for kids only at 9:30am.

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

Choir Practices

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the choir loft.

In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of
Kermit E. Summers
and
Terry N. Ashley

Please keep them and their family and friends in your prayers.

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

Thank You!

Eleanor Fennig would like to extend her appreciation for all of the cards and well wishes on her recent birthday. She is especially thankful for the cards made by the St. Joe School students in Grades 5 - 8.

May God bless you all!



Thank You, Fr. Desmond!

We are very grateful for Fr. Desmond and for the time, care, and service he has shared with our parish and with St. Mary's, Geneva. For the next couple of months, Fr. Desmond will be serving at St. Patrick's in Walkerton. If you would like to send Fr. Desmond a note or card expressing your gratitude and appreciation, you may mail it to:

Fr. Desmond Perera
807 Tyler St.
Walkerton, IN 46574



Pray for Vocations

Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."
Matthew 22:14

On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate.



Recently Baptized

Please welcome into the family of Christ:
Eleanor Ann Selking
Daughter of Payton & Allison (Kostoff) Selking
"May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11



Congratulations

Chad & Alexis (Hurst) Craft

who recently celebrated the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Next Gathering:
Wednesday, October 14 2:30-4 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Signup deadline online
by Tues., Oct. 13
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Next Gathering:
Sunday, October 11 6-8 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Food and Fellowship
Be sure to RSVP online for food prep
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ONLY Grades 5-7

DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP
Week of July 26-30, 2027
Signup deadline online
by Oct. 31
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth
Contact Mrs. Smith - asmith@sjdecatur.org for the details and aid info!

We all need to be reminded that we are sons and daughters of a loving Father. Only then can we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the fullness of life in Christ.
If you're hungry for a time of rest, prayer, community, and adventure, come and discover what God has for you at the next Damascus Men's or Women's Retreat. We have a Women's Retreat on October 9-11 and a Men's Retreat on November 6-8.

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His Church isn't, either.



SAVE THE DATE
St. Joseph School students will be praying the Patriot Rosary on November 11, 2026 at 12:30 PM in church. Please come, pray for our country.

Providing Free Home Cleanings to People in Need

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- Trash Bags
- Paper Towels
- Floor Cleaner
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- Kitchen Degreaser
- Windex
- Razor Scraper

Collection Baskets Located in the Parish Hall October 10th - 18th

Monetary donations can be placed in the envelopes labeled "Nussbaum Ministries."

Donate Directly through the Amazon Wish List

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Nussbaum Ministries Supply Drive

Oct. 10th - 18th

For more info.
Contact:Taylor Nussbaum
(260) 525 - 0566



Bottles of Hope

Baby Bottle Campaign
Fill the baby bottle with change, bills, or checks (payable to the Hope Clinic). Bring it back to church by November 1, 2026. Bottles are available at all the church exits.

Thank you for your support of the Hope Clinic and our clients. God bless you!

www.friendsofthehopeclinic.net

Food for the Soul

FREE meals on Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the basement of the SVDP Center (corner of Adams & 1st St). All are welcome!

If you would like to volunteer, please call or text: Patsy Smith (260) 223-3154
or
Julie Darling (260) 223-1698
Free will donations are welcome.





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hi! My name is Ellen Selking. I teach middle school foreign language and K–5 enrichment. I have been teaching at St. Joe for 15 years. I grew up in Fort Wayne and moved to Decatur 35 years ago when I married my husband, Joe Selking. We have four grown children, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. We are very lucky to have them all living close by.

I'm happy to say that all of my children attended St. Joe. The teachers, paraprofessionals, and the St. Joe/St. Mary's community created—and continue to create—a wonderful learning environment. They contributed to both the academic and spiritual growth of my children.

I feel blessed to be a member of the teaching staff here. It is a privilege to help our students grow in both faith and academic excellence. I love that prayer, Mass, and discussions about our faith are a regular part of our school community.

My favorite way to spend my free time is with my family—enjoying family meals, vacations, and summer weekends at the lake. I also love to travel, both within the country and abroad, and I am always looking forward to my next adventure. Because of my love of travel, my favorite saint is St. Christopher!

I am grateful for the opportunity to teach at St Joe and to be part of a community that supports academic, spiritual, and personal growth of our students.

Thank you, Mrs. Selking, for 15 years of service!

Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 14th
3:00 - 4:00 PM Ainsworth Gumbel
4:00 - 5:00 PM Scherer - Zimmerman
5:00 - 6:00 PM Hackman - Rumschlag
(Middle School and Area Specialists will be in the auditorium.)

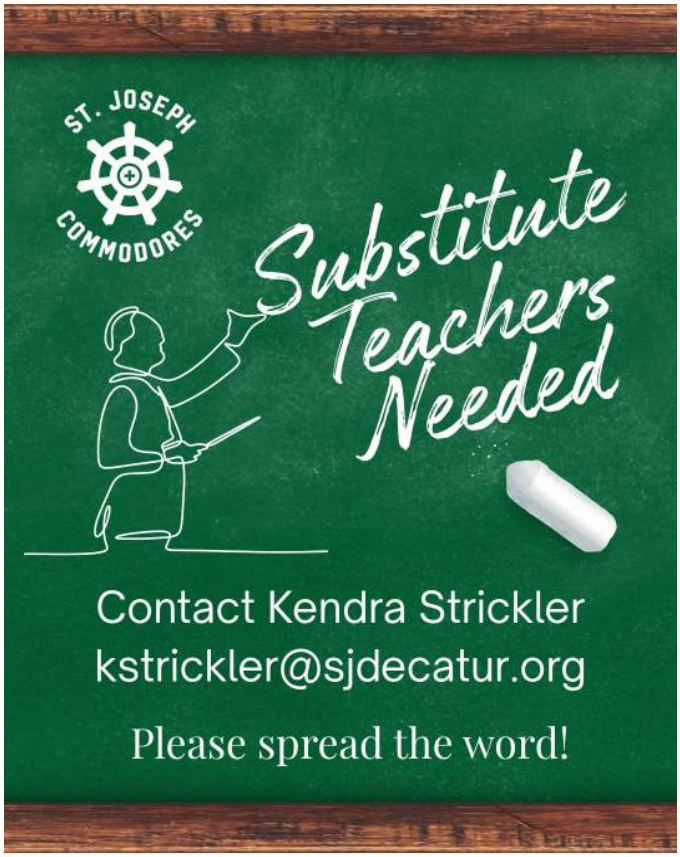


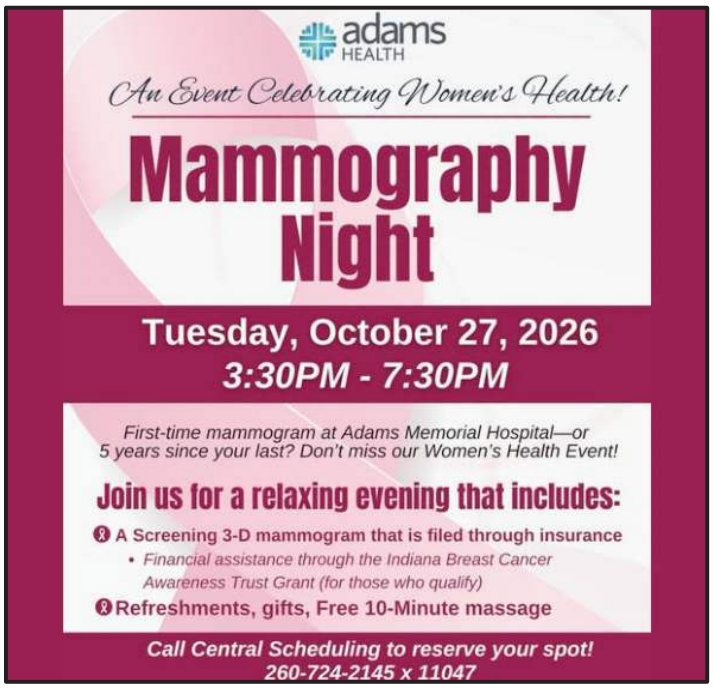
Millenium Madness Winner

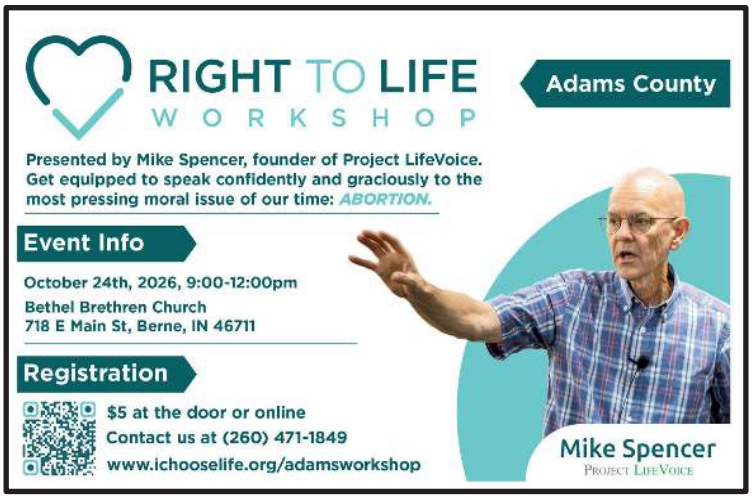
Congratulations to James Sandal, winner of $200, for the week of 10/5/26 with number 441.

The winning ticket was sold by the Destiny Gattis Family.







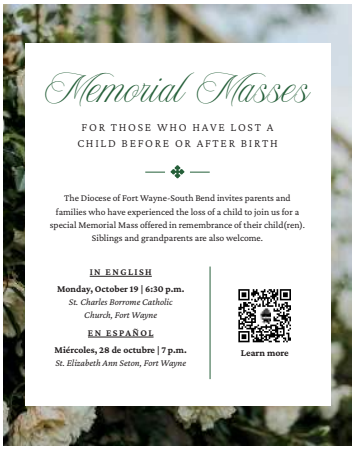




These ladies from our parish enjoyed The Kingdom Builders: Enflame Retreat at the Coliseum this past weekend with a great day of reflection, confession, adoration plus some amazing speakers.

Mental Health Sunday & Novena for Mental Health

Mental health touches all of our lives, and no one should have to journey alone. On Sunday, October 11, join Catholics across the country in observing Mental Health Sunday, a time to pray for those experiencing mental health challenges and to reflect on how we can better welcome, listen to, and accompany one another. The U.S. bishops invite all to join in a nationwide Novena for Mental Health, beginning on World Mental Health Day, October 10, and continuing through the Feast of St. Luke, patron of health care, on October 18. **Learn more at usccb.org/mentalhealth.**





Please pray for all those who are ill or injured.

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

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@ymail.com, text 260-525-0424 or reply to Flocknote emails.

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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)

Annointing of the Sick
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After Office Hours, Call (260)706-7136

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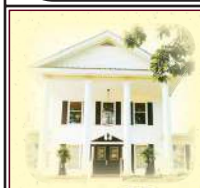
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