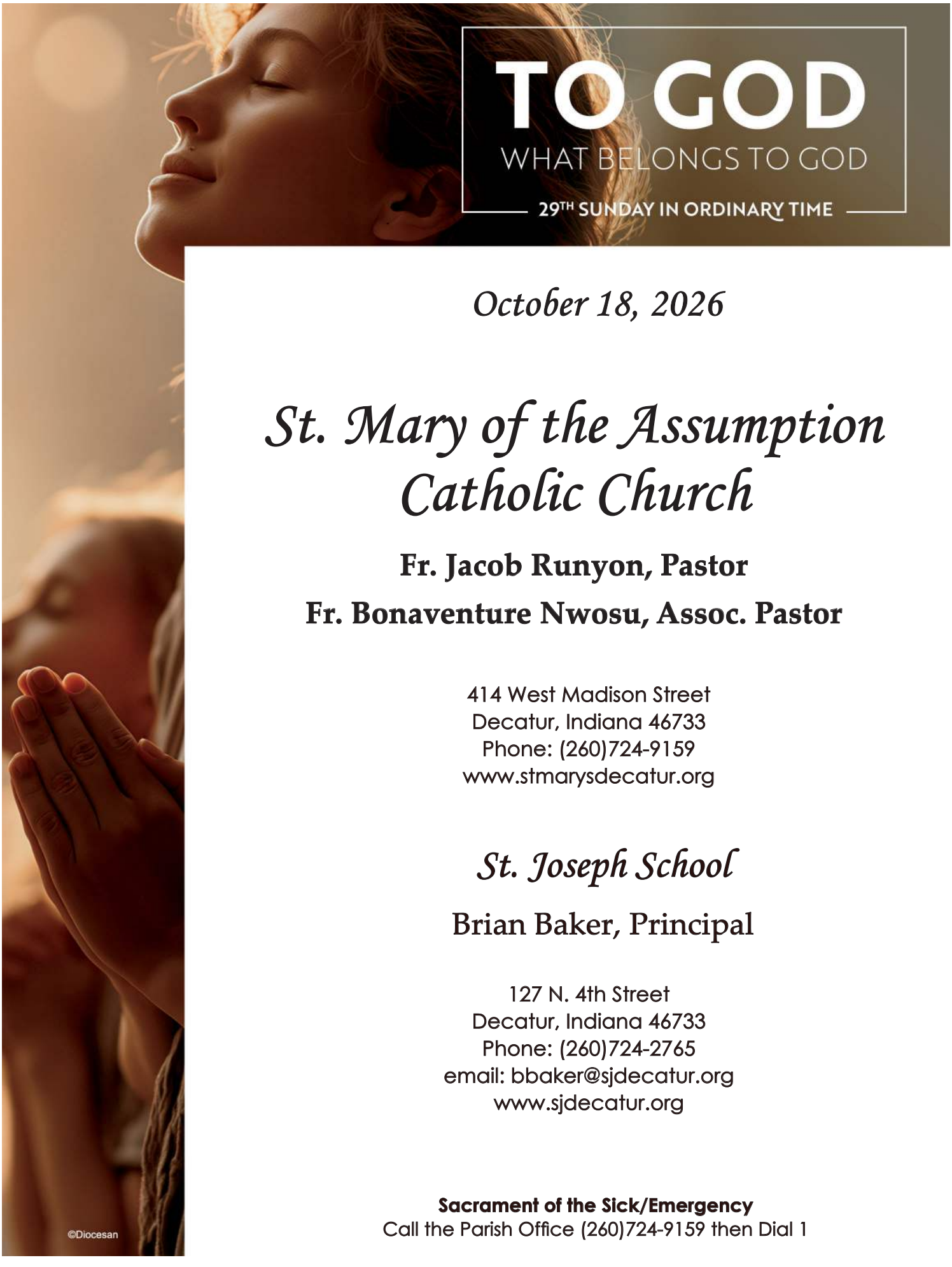


October 18, 2026

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Hello everyone,

We have weddings the next two weekends. So please keep these couples in your prayers as they begin their married lives. Pray for Meghan Busick and Eric Herman on October 17th; and pray for Jordan Gilbert and Ben Baker on October 24th.

Small update on the diocesan synod. The first session will take place October 31st and November 1st in South Bend. There will be 5 sessions where we will discuss the following topics: evangelization, catechesis, spiritual and liturgical life, vocations, and outreach. All of these are important topics. I will appreciate your prayers as we go through this process. Also pray for Larry Braun who is our parish delegate. I won't be at the parish that weekend since I'll be in South Bend. But, I'll give you an update when I return. Until then, please keep the whole thing in your prayers.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

Weekly Offertory Collections

October 11, 2026

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	$13,433.00
Online Giving same period	$9,880.50
Loose Change	$792.75
Total Offerings for the week	**$24,106.25**

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.**



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October 19 ~ October 25 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, October 19

8:10 a.m. L-D: Ruth & Joe Wilder Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Todd Hawkins †

Tuesday, October 20

8:10 a.m. Patricia Lengerich
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Mark Bauman †

Wednesday, October 21

8:10 a.m. Patricia Poole †

Thursday, October 22

8:10 a.m. Fr. Stephen E. Colchin in Celebration of his 80th Birthday
6:00 p.m. Roger Gage †
6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, October 23

8:10 a.m. L-D: James & Marilyn Staub Family
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:30 p.m. L-D: Jim Coyne Family *(Woodcrest Mass)*

Saturday, October 24

8:10 a.m. Andrew Hackman †
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. John Schultz †

Sunday, October 25

7:00 a.m. Maurice & Mary Tracey
8:30 a.m. Betty Lengerich †
11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

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CEMETERY ROSARY



The annual praying of the Rosary will be held Sunday November 1 at 1:00 p.m., weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

Please come and participate in our service at our lovely cemetery grounds.

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Ministry Schedule October 24/25

	Proclaimer	Knights of the Altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Sandee Teeple	Claire Kable	Alan Etzkorn
		Raphael Presas	Roxanne Ray
		Owen Skramstad	
		Henry Zelt	
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Richard Fortman	Olivia Brown	Dan Miller
		Tom Katen	
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Eric Allmon	Aden Beer	Sharon Braun
		Macy Bohnke	Suzy Wilder
		Barrett Schumm	
		Sawyer Zimmerman	
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Justin Lengerich	Audrie Drake	Jocy Allmon
		Xavier Heimann	Erika Hebble
		Frank Heimann	
		Sebastian Heimann	

Steph's Spot

Religious Education for1st-8th grades

November 8=RE for parents and kids at 9:30.
November 8=Theology of the Body Meeting at 12:15 for 7th grade PARENTS ONLY. Breezeway door #12.

November 14=8th grade Confirmation Retreat 8:45am-7pm

November 15=RE for kids ONLY at 9:30

Reminder: you must have 2 years of formation prior to receiving a Sacrament.

Serving you in Christ,
Steph Brite
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Recently Baptized



Please welcome into the family of Christ:
Georgia Renee Miller
Daughter of Bryan & Jenna (Feasby) Miller
and
Jericho Scott Cerami
Son of Alexander & Monica (Miller) Cerami

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

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.

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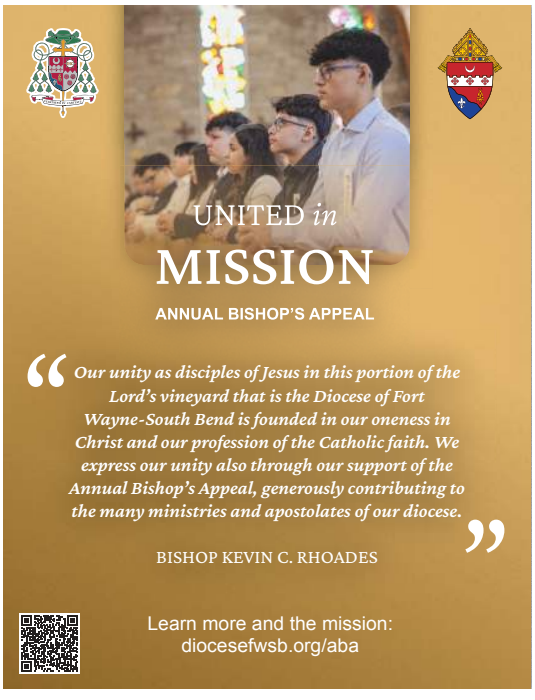
Pray for Vocations



Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
Matthew 22:21

While we make choices in our daily lives, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, invites us to surrender our will to His, offering our lives in loving service. Consider where God is calling you to place His will above your own. Talk to 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



Church Website

If you haven't been on in awhile, please check out our website for updated information.www.stmarysdecatur.org

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Next Gathering:
Monday, October 19 5:30-7 p.m.
in the Parish Hall
Signup for dinner plans!
We are stuffing Treat Bags and planning hours of service!
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Go to the YOUTH webpage and sign up for a shift at our MANY church ministries for Acts of Service during Fall Break!
www.stmarysdecatur.org/youth

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL 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!

ST. MARY'S
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays
7:00-8:30 PM
in the Parish Hall

November 12
November 19
December 3
December 10

Additional dates to come in January

Opportunity: 6pm Mass followed by Adoration and Confessions

$10 sign up for the book

Sign up on Flocknote

God is Good, All the Time!



High School Youth enjoying Lazarus Mummies & Apple Nachos.

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.

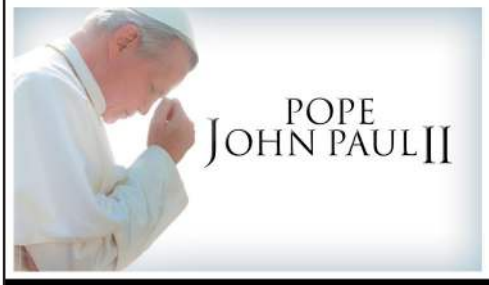
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An offering from the Augustine Institute

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.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Angela (Morningstar) Sonnenberg has been a paraprofessional at St. Joe for 10 years. Mrs. Sonnenberg has been married to her husband Mike for 30 years in December. They have 4 daughters: Emma (Paul) Stedman, Samantha (Parker) Braun, Madelyn (Nicolas) Alles, and Avery. They have a grandson, Brooks (son of Samantha), and a grandson on the way, Deacon (son of Avery). All four of her daughters are graduates of St. Joe.

Mrs. Sonnenberg enjoys reading, baking, crochet, sewing, traveling, and traveling the backwoods of the Upper Peninsula in Michigan.

She joined the Catholic Church in 1992. Her favorite Saint is St. Joseph because of his acceptance of his role as the earthly father of Jesus and his commitment to his holy family. Her favorite bible verse is John 20:29, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Thank you,
Mrs. Sonnenberg,
for 10 years of service!

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Millenium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Karla Barger, **winner** of $200, for the week of 10/12/26 with number 031.

The winning ticket was sold by the Henry Barger Family.

Callithumpian Food Tent
October 26, 2026
St. Joseph Catholic School
8th Grade Class Fundraiser

Food will be served from 11 AM until the parade ends or supplies sell out.

Free delivery to Decatur businesses within city limits will be available from 11 AM - 3 PM.
Call or Text Michelle Barker to place your order (260) 223-1343.

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$10 Chicken & Noodles
Served with mashed potatoes, corn & dinner roll



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PROCEEDS WILL HELP FUND THE ST. JOE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC IN MAY



Please send your donations in with a St. Joseph School Student/Family.

St. Vincent dePaul
FOOD DRIVE

October 26-30	November 2-6	November 9-13
Cereal, Crackers, Peanut Butter	Canned Goods: Veggies, Fruit, Ketchup	Toiletry Items: Shampoo, Body Wash, Deoderant, Toothpaste

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Bishop Luers High School

Open House

Thursday, November 5th from 6pm-8pm.

Prospective students and parents can meet teachers, coaches, and staff, get a guided tour of the school, learn more about clubs and extra-curricular activities during the evening.

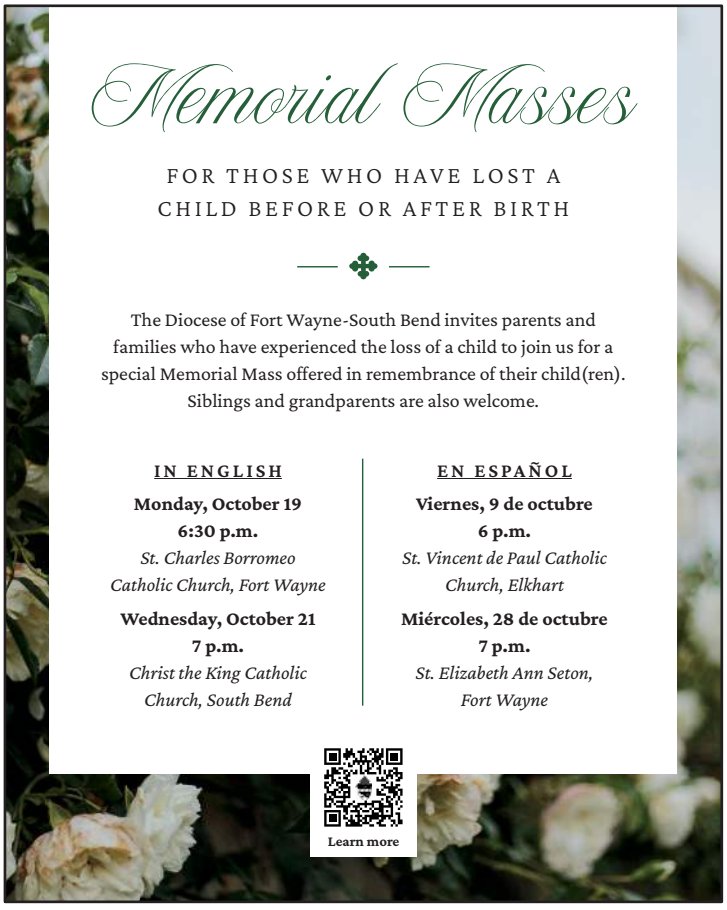
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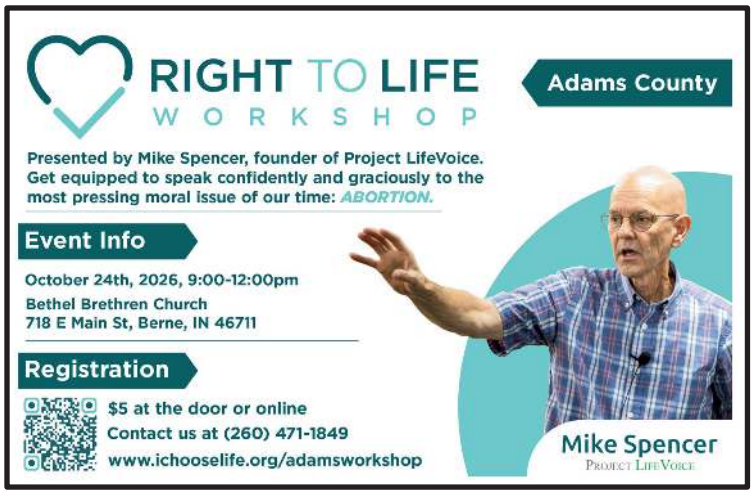
Questions contact Admissions Director, JennyAndorfer, at jandorfer@bishopluers.org.

Henry Keefer Scholarship Exam

Prospective 8th grade students considering freshman enrollment in 2027-28 are invited to take the Henry-Keefer Scholarship Exam for the potential to earn academic based tuition assistance for the 27-28 school year. Two dates are offered to qualify: Saturday, November 7th at 8am or Saturday, December 5th at 8am. Students should bring a few #2 pencils, a water bottle and light snack if needed; the exam ends at approximately 11:30am. Students with an IEP/ISP/CSEP should take the exam on November 7th in order to receive accommodations.

Questions contact Jenny Andorfer at jandorfer@bishopluers.org





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Bennett Ricks	Jeni Hamilton	Peggy LaFontaine
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Emmy Alberson	Megan Reed	
Gary Harvey	Mel Gee	
Gene Koenig	Mike Lindsay	

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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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)

Annointing of the Sick
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