

October 25, 2026

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Hello everyone,

I wanted to let you know that I signed a contract this past week to replace the entry doors on the main entrance (4th Street) of the church. I wanted to replace these about a year ago, but it has taken a while to find the right replacement. We wanted to put modern, crash bars on the doors so that we could lock the doors while the church is occupied (if/when necessary). But, I wanted to do something more artistic than simply replace the commercial-looking glass doors. So, the design that we chose has a metal panel at the bottom, and a large glass panel on the top 2/3 of the door. That glass panel will be filled with stained glass, which should match the stained glass pattern of the doors that separate the nave of the church from the vestibule. Originally, we tried to get wood doors to match the originals for the church, but we could not find anyone who would make them because of warranty and durability issues. So, this metal door will be a good compromise, and the stained glass will match our current architecture. I'm excited to have these doors installed in the next month or two. The stained glass will take a little longer for the company to make, and they will be installed in the early part of 2027. Thank you for your financial support of the parish which makes these kinds of projects possible.

God bless you all,

Fr. Jake

Weekly Offertory Collections

October 18, 2026

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	$10,149.00
Online Giving same period	$8,556.50
Loose Change	$758.50
Total Offerings for the week	**$19,464.00**

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.**

October 26 – November 1 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, October 26

8:10 a.m. L-D: James B. Marilyn Roop Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. Dorothea Hartman †

Tuesday, October 27

8:10 a.m. Luke Schultz †
5:00 p.m. Adoration/Confession
6:00 p.m. L-D: Ed & Judy LaFontaine Family

Wednesday, October 28

8:10 a.m. John Velez †

Thursday, October 29

8:10 a.m. L-D: Troy & Bridget Merkle Family
6:00 p.m. Guy (Tom) & Henrietta Trentadue †
6:30 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Friday, October 30

8:10 a.m. L-D: Joe & Barb Loshe Family
9:00 a.m. Adoration/Confession
1:30 p.m. Brent Lambright † *(Woodcrest Mass)*

Saturday, October 31

8:10 a.m. Charles Eckhart †
8:45 a.m. Confession
4:00 p.m. Teresa Schurger †

Sunday, November 1

7:00 a.m. Phillip J. Schurger †
8:30 a.m. Connor Brite †
11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

Sign up for All Night Adoration November 6th/7th using the QR code or the webpage:

https://bit.ly/4yOIGBH



Ushers for November

Saturday
4:00 PM Pat Fullenkamp
Lew Seffernick

Sunday
7:00 AM Mike Gremaux
Fred Velez
8:30 AM Alan Etzkorn
Evan Etzkorn
11:00 AM Eugene Grote
John Hess

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Ministry Schedule October 31/November 1

	Proclaimer	Knights of the Altar	Extraordinary Minister
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Mary Ann Webb	Miles Johnson	Alan Etzkorn
		Griffin Ranly	Linda Wellman
		Matthew Selking	
		Jacob Selking	
Sunday, 7:00 AM	Deborah Jones	Olivia Brown	Kyle Drescher
		Benjamin Pidgeon	
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Dena Loshe	Benjamin Barton	Larry Smith
		Samuel Juengel	Joseph Wyss
		Crimsyn Steury	
		Alexander Trapp	
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Laura Mailloux	Brody Hess	Matt Dyer
		Blake Massoth	Ashley Fullenkamp
		Genevieve Zelt	
		Henry Zelt	

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
706-7127/223-9789
sbrite@sjdecatur.org

Join us for Coffee & Donuts hosted by:

November 1 Mark & Darlene Juengel Family

December 6 St. Joseph School 3rd Floor Staff

Please contact Debbie Myers, 260-706-7134 or dsmyers@sjdecatur.org if your family or organization would like to host in 2027.



Church Cleaners Needed

Cleaners are needed in the months of May (Tuesdays), June (Fridays), and August (Tuesdays).

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Libby Alberding: 260-223-4252 or Abby Dyer: 260-706-7126



In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of

Robert F. Braun,
Michael Dale Sonnenberg,
and
Ada "Eppy" (Nunn) Mendoza

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.



Need to update your membership info?

You can share your information through a link on the website: www.stmarysdecatur.org or by picking up a membership form in the back of church. Forms can be emailed to secretary@sjdecatur.org or placed in the collection basket.



Congratulations

Eric & Meghan (Busick) Herman

who recently celebrated the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.



Pray for Vocations

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

" You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart . . . and your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage call us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around 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



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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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

St. Mary's Youth

All Middle School and High School youth are invited to watch the Calithumpian Parade together in front of the Courthouse.

Monday, October 26th

St. Mary's Youth

All Middle School & High School youth are invited join us in passing out candy at the Trunk or Treat event in the St. Joe parking lot.

Friday, October 30th

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

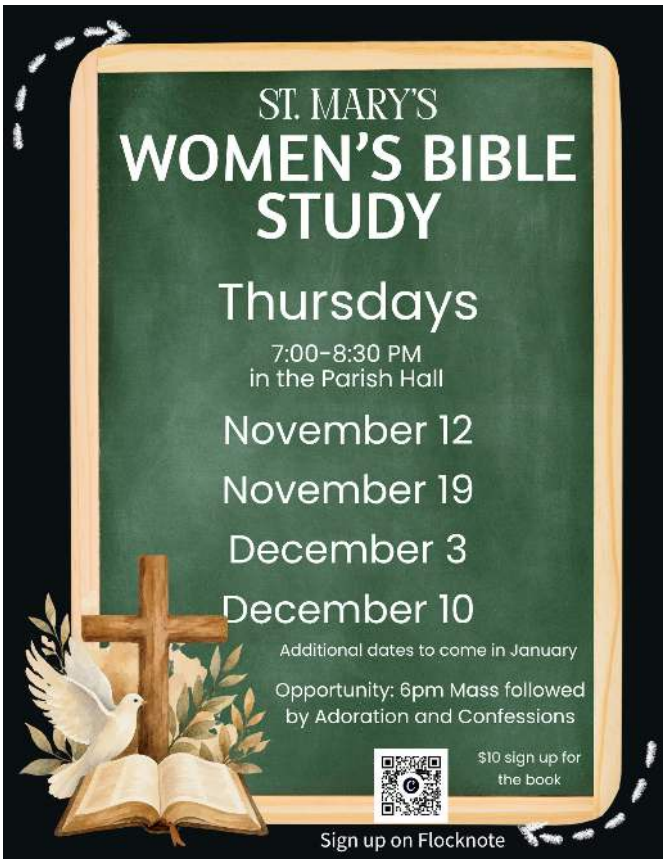
DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP

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!



Middle School Students ~ Creating Lazarus Mummies



NEW: Project Mustard Seed (at BHS)



Fall Break Volunteer Opportunity



Baby Bottle Campaign

Please bring your filled baby bottles back to church next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!



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St. Joseph School Board Minutes

The St. Joseph School Board met on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. This month the board reviewed and updated the components of our "Catholic Identity" portion of the school's Strategic Plan. In continuation of the dialog of strengthening our Catholic identity, the success of Grandparent's Day and the value of multigenerational support of our school and students alongside training additional altar servers were highlighted.

The school continues to be attentive to school safety with compliance with mandated drills and certifying School Safety Specialists (Mr. Baker, Ms. Ross and Mrs. Sutton). With changes to standardized testing in the younger grades, additional chrome books are being purchased. Also, the board was informed of the initial inquiry into streamlining communication between classroom and the school to families by use of one app with more to come.

HASA presented information about their sponsored field trips for 5 of our grades and meals they will provide for our staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences next week (WED OCT 14!). A final congratulations to our fall student athletes~much success and many accomplishments by our cross country runners! Keep up the great work students!

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.





ROSARY at ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Grades 5-8 will gather at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery to honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away on Wednesday, November 5th. We will pray the Holy Rosary. Anyone is welcome to join us in this Spiritual Work of Mercy for the eternal rest of all the faithful departed.

The rosary will begin at 12:45 PM.

Millenium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Richard Gattis, winner of $150, for the week of 10/19/26 with number 451.

The winning ticket was sold by the Destiny Gattis Family.

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NOVEMBER 7TH

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PRESENTS

AARON RICHARDS

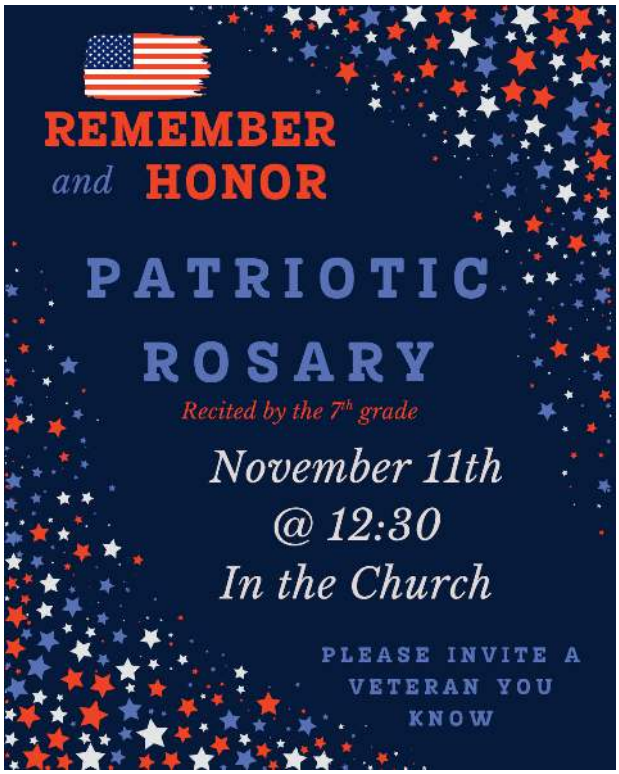
Saturday:

10:25 AM- Patriotic Rosary
11:00 AM- Mass with Fr. Ryan Timossi
12:00 PM- Light Lunch
12:45 PM- Presentation by Aaron



Through his work as Executive Director with Damascus and Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Aaron Richards has developed a love for presenting the Gospel message of freedom, dignity, power and identity in a way that is engaging, entertaining, and direct. Aaron is a gifted and personally invested worship leader, musician, teacher, and evangelist, a native of Columbus OH, holds a BS in Theology and Chemistry from Ohio Dominican University, and has 20+ years of experience in professional ministry. He and his wife Monica have worked in leadership with CYSC since 2001 and are raising a mission family with their five beautiful children.

Please, Join Us



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 Retreat.
We have a Men's Retreat on November 6-8.

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His Church isn't, either.

All requests for Parish Hall Reservations, bulletin inserts, and Mass announcements should be directed to Abby Dyer.
adyer@sjdecatur.org or call 260.706.7126

Please pray for all those who are ill or injured.

Al Fennig	Jack and Noah Price	Mike Lindsay
Alayna Garcia	Jane Lengerich	Morgan Esquibel
Anita Myers	Jane Wendel	Nancy Hackman
Betty Clary	Jason Schurger	Nancy Keller Gumpp
Bennett Ricks	Jeff Coyne	Peggy LaFontaine
Bobby Walters	Jeni Hamilton	Rick Roop
Bruce Dicke	Jessica Thieme	Ron Andrews
Bruce Williams	Jim Bowers	Rosalie Boyle
Chloe Blythe	Joe Brite	Sally Minnick
Curt Thompson	Judy Faurote	Steve Lee
Dave Heimann	Judy Kable	Steve Rickord
Dave Smith	Julie Hauenstein	Steve Roman
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Deb Jones	Lindsy Lutes	Suzanne Ashton
Donna Webb	Lisa Inskeep	Terry Myers
Dorie Wyss-Brite	Lisa Pilgrim	Theresa Ashley
Emily King	Maddie Miller	Tricia Anderson
Emmy Alberson	Mary Jane Gates	Vincent Collier
Gary Harvey	Mary Lou VanCamp	
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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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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After Office Hours, Call (260)706-7136

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Carrie Binegar

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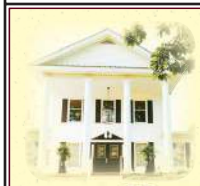
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