

# The 40 Days OF LENT

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**  
***First Sunday of Lent***

## **St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church**

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### Parish Finance Committee Members

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Kyle Heimann, president  
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## Farewell to Deacon Jerry

We priests joke at this time of year about the "Angel of Transfer" coming upon us to move us to another parish. Father Jose and I are experiencing a "Passover" from the angel so far this year and hope to continue serving here at Saint Mary's. As it turns out, we are sad to lose Deacon Jerry through transfer effective next Sunday, March 8, to Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish in downtown Fort Wayne, just a few blocks from the Cathedral to assist Father Phil Widmann.

I was blessed to work with Deacon for a second time here at St. Mary's. The first time was early during his Diaconate training and formation when we crossed paths at St. Therese in Fort Wayne about ten years ago. I hope we cross paths again, and we wish Deacon Jerry well as we welcome visits from him if his schedule allows.

Please say extra prayers for all of the priests in our diocese and world who make Jesus present in the Sacraments, especially the daily sacrifice of the Mass and for all of our deacons who assist in church ministry and in a particular way with the Word of God. — **Fr. Dave Ruppert**

### St. Mary's Messengers

#### Coffee Hour & Bon Voyage

St. Mary's Messengers is hosting a reception in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend. Come say goodbye to Deacon Jerry and Ginny Kohman. Members of the Messengers will also be available to answer questions and/or take suggestions about parish activities. Join us for coffee, cake, donuts and cookies.

You may write to Deacon Jerry at 809 Perry Lake Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

### Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour at bedtime on Saturday night.

### Sponsor of the Week

#### **The Galley**

622 N. 13th St., Decatur, IN 46733

*Celebrating 42 Years!*

Planning a party or banquet?

Please consider us!

Greg & Harry Meyer, parishioners

**260 724-8181**

## March 2-8 Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, March 2

8:10 a.m. Rozann Kwasneski † (Women of St. Mary's)  
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. Eugene & Marilyn Fullenkamp ††

#### Church Cleaners

Team 3

### Tuesday, March 3

8:10 a.m. Lois Rumschlag † (Women of St. Mary's)  
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Gianna Laskowski

### Wednesday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Kevin McBarnes †  
8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Frank Braun Family  
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. **No R.C.I.A.**  
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice until 8:00 p.m.

#### Choir Practice

Wed., Mar. 4  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, March 5

8:10 a.m. Ed Hammond. Sr. †  
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Miguel Zamora Family  
6:30 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for priests & seminarians

#### K of C Fish Fry

Fri., Mar. 6  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

### First Friday, March 6

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: August Lengerich Family  
9:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
1:30 p.m. Woodcrest: Living-Deceased Walt Mowery Family  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
8:00 p.m. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

### First Saturday, March 7

8:10 a.m. Leonard & Leona Lengerich Family  
8:45 a.m. Confessions  
3:30 p.m. K of C Rosary for the Unborn Children  
4:00 p.m. Eugene & Frances Gase † †  
5:15 p.m. Confessions

#### Mary & Martha Circle

Team 6

### Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. Mary & Philip Bogdon; Chase Imel † † †  
8:30 a.m. Living-Deceased: Mike & Susan Wilder Family  
11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish

## Parish Mission during Lent

### Meditations in Stone: Michelangelo's Pieta

#### Tuesday, March 17th, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

A Lenten presentation by Dr. Esperanca Camara, Associate Professor of Art History at the University of Saint Francis.

Michelangelo's *Pieta*, now housed in St. Peter's in Rome, is one of the most famous works of art ever made. This exceptionally beautiful sculpture marked the beginning of Michelangelo's life-long meditation on Christ's death and the Virgin's suffering.

This presentation examines his deeply personal and theologically-rich reflections on this theme, and invites the audience to experience the visual arts as inspiration for prayer and meditation.

# Steph's Spot

## Religious Education Events

**Attention 2nd grade parents: This Sunday, Mar. 1st, is a meeting regarding First Holy Communion at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Joe Auditorium. Enter the school breezeway door #12.**

**Attention all 8th graders:** You should have already turned in the blue forms (Confirmation Information and Parent Agreement), a copy of your Baptismal Certificate (if you were not baptized at St. Mary's), your Saint Report and Sponsor Eligibility Form (if your sponsor is not a member of this parish) and a Letter to the Bishop. **The next due date is March 15th for your Shield and Service Hours form.**

**Reminder:** Confirmation and First Communion are two-year programs. Students are required to have completed 7th grade before moving on to 8th grade for Confirmation; and 1st grade should be completed before moving on to 2nd grade for First Communion.

### KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

**Congratulations to the following servers** who advanced to the 2nd Order of St. George: Lilly Alberding, Grady Baker, Emily Barton, Benjamin Binigar, Quinn Buchan, Brianna Converset, Alyssa Gumbel, Jack Johnson, Janessa Lengerich, Annabelle Norman, Matthew Smitley, Zoey Wemhoff, Ava Woodworth and Henry Wright.

Those advancing to the **Order of St. Michael**...your red paperwork and three letters of recommendation are due on or before April 5th. Don't procrastinate!

All Knights are welcomed and encouraged to serve at evening Masses, Saturday morning Masses or while you are on vacation or holiday breaks. Adults servers are scheduled and would love the extra help. Check the bulletin for Mass times and just show up. If you have questions or want extra training – call, text or email me. My contact information is below.

### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) if you would like to listen to your reading ahead of time. There is an audio section under the Media tab. Make sure you click on the correct date to hear your reading.

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

If you want to receive Communion or have a priest visit wherever you are...please call the Rectory or have someone call on your behalf.

### WOODCREST SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**March 1** .....Joyce Schultz & Suzy Wilder

**March 8** .....Jim & Brenda Kuhnle

**March 15** .....Larry & Jean Braun

**March 22** .....Dan & Judy Miller

**March 29** .....Larry & Rose Sundheimer

Be at the Chapel by 10:30 a.m. Please check off who you visited and slip it under the Activity Director's door.

**Steph Brite, 724-9159, ext. 102**  
**Religious Education & Pastoral Care**  
**223-9789 (cell); 724-6979 (home)**

[sbrite@sjdecatur.org](mailto:sbrite@sjdecatur.org)

**"Serving you in Christ"**

# News & Announcements

### **Recently Baptized**

Please welcome into the Family of Christ: Ann Marie Selking, daughter of Jordan and Nicole (Schultz) Selking.

### **Recently Deceased**

Please remember David Kable, Juan Huereca, Rozann Kwasneski, Lois Rumschlag and their families in your prayers.

### **Millennium Madness Winner**

Congratulations to Deb Wilder, the winner of \$200.00 with number 646.

### **The Light is On for You**

This Lent, every Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have Confessions available on **Tuesday, Mar. 10th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a scheduled Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church.

### **Parish Penance Service**

St. Mary's Parish Penance Service will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 18th at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions.

### **Pray for Vocations**

*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 1, 2020*

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 260-422-4611 or [info@discernpriesthood.com](mailto:info@discernpriesthood.com).

### **Debt Reduction Envelope**

Watch the mail for your April collection envelopes packet...it will contain a new Debt Reduction envelope. This new giving fund is available now through the Online Giving program. Want to sign up for Online Giving? Contact Abby Wilder at (260) 724-9159, ext. 126.

## Weekend Offertory Collections

**Please consider including  
St. Mary's Parish in your will or estate.**

### **FEBRUARY 23 2020**

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	14,523.00
Online Giving same period	5,517.00
Loose Change	629.45
Total Offerings for the Week	20,669.45
Current debt to the Diocese	628,921.04

*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.*

# LENTEN FISH FRY

March 6 • March 13 • March 20 • March 27 • April 3

**MEALS SERVED 5-7PM**

## ADULT DINNER

All you can eat  
Age 10 and up

10.00

## CHILD DINNER

All you can eat  
Age 5-9

6.00

Fried fish, French fries, cheese pizza, applesauce, coleslaw and salad.  
Carry-out available.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 864 1703 HIGH STREET • DECATUR

*Bake sale items available at an additional charge.*

### My Generation

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you are not able to increase your amount at this time, please turn in your blank card, this will take you off the list for future mailings. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your recurring Offertory gift electronically.

### Online Giving Gifts

Would you like to update your Offertory gift via your Online Giving Account? It's easy! Go to [www.stmarysdecatur.org](http://www.stmarysdecatur.org), scroll down to Online Giving and click the Online Giving Registration link. From there you will be able to log in, select View or Update My Current Gifts. Under NAME click on the fund you wish to update. Once you are in your account, it will show what your current gift amount is, and you can type in your new amount. If you have questions, call Abby Wilder at (260) 724-9159, ext. 126.

### Preschool and Daycare

Open House and Registration  
for the 2020-2021 School Year

Parishioner Registration: March 9-13  
Open House: Monday, March 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Non-Parishioner Registration: March 16th  
Open House: Monday, March 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Preschool offers full-day classes for children aged four and five years old; and half-day classes for those who are three years old.

If you have questions, please call the Daycare at 724-2737 or the Preschool at 724-2765.

### Holy Land Olive Wood

There will be a display of the Holy Land religious items in the Parish Hall next weekend. Please stop by the display after all Masses as you will find a beautiful collection for your house or as gifts for your loved ones. Thank you and God bless you!

— The Alfred Salsa Family

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday .....8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Parish Staff**

**Pastor** .....Fr. David A. Ruppert

**Parochial Vicar** .....Fr. Jose Panamattathil, VC

**Deacon** .....Jerry Kohrman  
 223-7136

**Financial Manager** .....Judy Converset

**Director of Religious Education and  
 Pastoral Care Ministry** .....Stephanie Ortiz Brite  
 724-9159

**Music Director** .....Parker Maas  
 419-672-9254

**Safe Environment Coordinator** .....Debbie Myers  
[dsmyers@sjdecatur.org](mailto:dsmyers@sjdecatur.org) .....724-9159

**Development Director** .....Abby Wilder  
 724-9159

**Youth Ministry** .....Karen Weber  
 223-3138

**Secretary** .....Toni DeBolt

**Parish Hall Rental** .....Suzan Downing  
[sdowning@sjdecatur.org](mailto:sdowning@sjdecatur.org) .....223-3022

**Computer Prayer Line**  
<https://www.stmarysdecatur.org/157>

**St. Vincent DePaul** ..... Chris Hakes, 728-9423

**Food Pantry** .....301 Mercer Ave., 728-9423

**Store** .....1209 Village Green Dr., 724-8500

**St. Joseph Cemetery, 651 W. 600 N., Decatur**  
 Patty Kriegel.....223-1950  
 Don Kriegel.....223-1949  
 By email at.....[stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com)

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday.....7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass** .....See Schedule in the Bulletin

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
 Monday.....5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday.....8:45 a.m., 5:15 p.m.  
 or Anytime by Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Call Fr. Dave Ruppert at 725-9159, ext. 105  
 to schedule a baptism or register for class.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Call the Parish Office six months in advance.

**Sacrament of the Sick**  
 Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Bulletin Deadline** .....Monday at Noon  
 Call the rectory or email information to  
[tdebolt@sjdecatur.org](mailto:tdebolt@sjdecatur.org)

**New to Parish/Registration**  
 Stop by or call the Parish office.

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St. Joseph Catholic School provides a Christian learning environment that nurtures the growth of each student in mind, body and spirit. Our school offers unique educational experiences that provide the values, knowledge and skills students need to be successful in life.

**School Office Hours**

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 During the school year.

**Principal** ..... Brian Baker, 724-2765, ext. 125

**Secretary** ..... Jane Beery, 724-2765, ext. 120

**Development** ..... Abby Wilder, 724-9159, ext. 126

**Home And School Association President**  
 Erika Hebble .....724-2765

**School Board President**  
 Kyle Heimann .....223-4737

**Preschool Supervisor**  
 Laura Sutton .....724-2765

**Scrip Coordinator**  
 Suzan Downing.....223-3022

**St. Joe Daycare** .....724-2737

**Athletic Director** ..... Amy Ross, 724-2765