

The 40 Days OF LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Committee Members

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Taking Precautions

We received instructions from Bishop Rhoades to suspend distributing the Precious Blood in the chalice during Eucharist for awhile due to health concerns with flu and viruses. Recall that the fullness of Christ is in both the Body and the Blood and that receiving only one species, Body or Blood, does not diminish full Communion with Christ and His Church. You cannot divide Jesus in half!

We want to do all that we can possibly do to promote good health for everyone so I am soliciting and considering other ideas for the good of all.

Our Eucharistic ministers already do hand-washing as they prepare to distribute Holy Communion. You may have noticed at the baptism font that there are several push-top bottles to provide waterless soap. While I am certainly not making this mandatory, I would like for each person to consider if you will please receive Eucharist on the hand as an act of love for your neighbor by eliminating possibly more contagious contact directly with the mouth and tongue. — Fr. Dave Ruppert

Redeemer Radio – Thursday, March 19

Fr. Dave will join the Redeemer Radio Sharathon at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Mission This Week

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Thursday evening Mass will be moved from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a Teaching Mass in church to conclude our Parish Mission.

Easter Bingo!

Thursday, April 2, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Pavilion

1703 High St., Decatur, IN 46733, 260-724-2002

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

\$2.00 for a children's card
\$3.00 for a 3-card sheet
\$5.00 for a 6-card sheet

Prizes include Easter hams, Easter baskets, toys, gadgets, household items, more!

Open to Everyone • Concessions Available

March 16-22 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 16

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: John & Florence Koors Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Dave Bowers †

Mary & Martha Circle

Team 6

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

8:10 a.m. James Staub †
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased:
Charles & Florence O'Shaughnessey Family

7:00 p.m. **March Mission** Michaelangelo's Pieta

Church Cleaners

Team 3

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Adrian & Agnes Wemhoff † †
8:10 a.m. Jacob Binegar: In honor of his 10th birthday
5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. **Parish Penance Service** Several priests

Thursday, March 19

Joseph, Husband of Mary

First Day
of Spring
March 19

8:10 a.m. Timothy & Janet Zoll Family School Mass
6:00 p.m. **Holy Hour** for Vocations
7:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Frank Wellman Family Teaching Mass

Friday, March 20

8:10 a.m. Mary Ann Harvey †
9:00 a.m. Holy Hour
1:30 p.m. Woodcrest: Eileen Gardner †
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
8:00 p.m. Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

K of C Fish Fry

Fri., Mar. 20
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

8:10 a.m. Msgr. Vince Lengerich †
and Sr. Dorothy, Sr. Rosella & Sr. Ancilla Lengerich † † †
8:45 a.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Richard Reilly
5:15 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: David Swygart Family
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish
11:00 a.m. John & Diana Snyder Family

Parish Mission Evening

Meditations in Stone: Michelangelo's Pieta

this 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

- March 22**No RE Classes – Spring Break!
- March 29**No RE Classes – Spring Break!
- April 5**RE Classes Resume
- April 12**No RE Classes – Happy Easter!
- April 19**RE Classes Resume
- April 26**Last RE Class!!

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

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 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 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. 127
 or Direct Line at 706-7127
 Religious Education & Pastoral Care
 223-9789 (cell); 724-6979 (home)
sbrite@sjdecatur.org
 "Serving you in Christ"

My Generation

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, March 29th in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report.

Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving.

For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular Offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

Pray for Vocations

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"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty."

Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office (260) 422-4611 or email at info@discernpriesthood.com.

St. Joseph Cemetery

Contact Information

Manager: Patty Kriegel, (260) 223-1950
 Email: stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com

Weekend Offertory Collections

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

MARCH 8 2020

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	14,476.50
Online Giving same period	7,363.00
Loose Change	626.99
Total Offerings for the Week	22,466.49
Current debt to the Diocese	788,978.47

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.

Sponsor of the Week

Graber Insurance, Inc.

304 N. 13th St., Decatur, IN 46733
 Barbara Affolder, parishioner

1-800-7GRABER
Berne 260-589-2156
Decatur 260-724-3050

Help Wanted Fall Fest Committee

The Fall Fest Committee is looking for someone to chair the Auctions Committee for our annual festival. Love to organize? Love to ask for free things? Then we are looking for YOU!

**Contact Abby Wilder by April 1st at
724-9159, ext. 112
or directly at 706-7112.**

Preschool and Daycare

Open House and Registration
for the 2020-2021 School Year

**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.

News & Announcements

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Joe Ruble, the winner of \$200.00 with number 841.

Debt Reduction Envelope

Your April collection envelopes packet has a new Debt Reduction envelope. This new giving fund is also available through the Online Giving program. Want to sign up for Online Giving? Contact Abby Wilder at 724-9159, ext. 112 or call her direct line at 706-7112.

Visa Cards at Scrip

Disposable VISA cards are available through our SCRIP program in \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$250.00 denominations. There are no added fees and they are not traceable to your bank account even if you purchase one by personal check. Questions? Call Sue Downing at (260) 223-3022. You may also call the Scrip Office at 724-9159, ext. 138, or directly at 706-7138.

~ Clip 'n Save ~

New Phone Extensions at Church and School

Rectory 724-9159	Ext. #	Direct Line
Fr. Dave Ruppert.....	130.....	706-7130
Fr. Jose Panamattathil.....	132.....	706-7132
Toni DeBolt.....	126.....	706-7126
Judy Converset.....	128.....	706-7128
Steph Brite.....	127.....	706-7127
Abby Wilder.....	112.....	706-7112
Parker Maas.....	131.....	706-7131
Debbie Myers.....	134.....	706-7134

Parish Hall/Scrip 724-9159

Sue Downing.....	138.....	706-7138
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School 724-2765

Jane Beery.....	108.....	706-7108
Brian Baker.....	110.....	706-7110
Erika Hebble.....	109.....	706-7109
Preschool.....	111.....	706-7111
Daycare.....	113.....	706-7113

Lenten Fish Frydays

March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3

MEALS SERVED 5:00-7:00 P.M.

ADULT DINNER \$10.00

All you can eat
Age 10 yrs. old and up

CHILD DINNER \$6.00

All you can eat
Ages 5-9 yrs. old

Fried fish, French fries, cheese pizza,
applesauce, coleslaw and salad.

*Bake sale items available
at an additional charge.*

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Parish Staff

PastorFr. David A. Ruppert
Parochial VicarFr. Jose Panamattathil, VC
Financial Manager Judy Converset
 724-9159, ext. 128
Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Care Ministry Stephanie Ortiz Brite
 724-9159, ext. 127
Music DirectorParker Maas
 419-672-9254
Safe Environment CoordinatorDebbie Myers
dsmyers@sjdecatur.org724-9159
Development Director Abby Wilder
 724-9159, ext. 112
Youth Ministry Karen Weber
 223-3138
SecretaryToni DeBolt
 724-9159, ext. 126
Parish Hall RentalSuzan Downing
sdowning@sjdecatur.org223-3022

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

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
 Saturday.....4:00 p.m.
 Sunday.....7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily MassSee 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. 130
 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

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

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 127 North 4th Street
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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. 110

Secretary Jane Beery, 724-2765, ext. 108

Development Abby Wilder, 724-9159, ext. 112

Home And School Association President
 Erika Hebble724-2765

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