

The 40 Days OF LENT

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

The man "blind from birth" must have rejoiced after Jesus enabled him to see. (John 9:7). Years ago, this particular Sunday in Lent was called "Laetare Sunday." The word "Laetare" in Latin means "be glad" or "rejoice". On this Sunday, there is a brief break in the Lenten season, a moment of refreshment amidst the rigors of the Lenten penance and fasting. The change in the color of vestments, from purple to rose, indicated that this Sunday was somewhat different from the other Sundays of Lent.

In spite of beginning this season with ashes on our foreheads to remind us of death and taking time for repentance due to our sins and giving up things in our lives to strengthen us against temptation, the goal of this season is joyful. Lent is God's invitation to "Come Home". It reminds us that God is like the Father of the Prodigal Son anxious for his child to come home. If Lent awakens us and allows us to be drawn closer to God then it truly is a season of joy and rejoicing.

Fr. Dave Ruppert

Indiana's Catholic Bishops Suspend Public Sunday and Weekday Masses

A Letter from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Published March 17, 2020

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend,

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, I write to encourage you, in the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, "to live this difficult moment with the strength of the faith, the certainty of hope and the ardor or charity."

Like many other dioceses throughout our country and world, I have made the difficult decision, along with the other bishops of Indiana, to suspend the celebration of public Masses in our diocese due to the escalation of the virus and to help prevent its spread. This suspension begins on Wednesday, March 18th and will remain in effect until further notice.

Not being able to attend Mass is very difficult spiritually since the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." As Catholics, we must do our part to help protect those who could be infected by the virus at public gatherings.

K of C Easter Bingo Cancelled

K of C Fish Fry ~ March 27
Carry-out or Curbside Only

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Call 260-724-2002

Knights of Columbus Pavilion
1703 High St., Decatur, IN 46733

Fall Fest Committee Help Wanted

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.

Weekend Offertory Collections

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

MARCH 15 2020

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	63,341.00
Online Giving same period	7,648.00
Loose Change	1,218.25
Total Offerings for the Week	15,207.25
Current debt to the Diocese	780,797.63

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

**Haggard-Sefton, Hirschy & Zelt
Funeral Home**

225 W. Adams St., Decatur, IN 46733
At-Need Service, Pre-Arrangements,
Monuments

hshfuneralhome.com

260-724-7167

Steph's Spot

Religious Education Events

Religious Education classes have been suspended for the remainder of this year. The last session was March 15th. If your child was not in attendance, please pick up his/her workbook at the Rectory Office to complete at home. 8th graders may turn in Confirmation requirements at the Rectory also.

A big thank you to the RE Catechists for their dedication to our Faith and children! Karen Colchin, Rheanna Brodbeck, Melissa Brandt, Sydney Jauregui, Scott and Krista Jauregui, Cindy Lengerich, Patsy Smith, Abby Wilder, Sue Whitright, Roxy Harmon, Becky and Olivia Brown, Rylie Velez, Jessica Faurote, David and Allie Hamel, Rich Reilly, Charles Ehinger and Gretchen Summers.

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.

ATTENTION EMHC TO WOODCREST AND/OR THE HOSPITAL

All Communion calls have been suspended. I will notify you when they will resume.

Steph Brite, 724-9159, ext. 127
or Direct Line at 706-7127
Religious Education & Pastoral Care
223-9789 (cell); 724-6979 (home)

sbrite@sjdecat.org

"Serving you in Christ"

My Generation

Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our My Generation campaign. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday Offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in the very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be part of the ongoing missions of St. Mary's.

Pray for Vocations

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"The Lord looks on the heart."

Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Many books, brochures, and prayers are available about Vocations in the Parish Hall near the water fountain on the Vocation Shelves.

Care Package for Seminarist Vince Faurote

The Vocations Committee is putting together a care package for Seminarist Vince Faurote. Care package baskets will be at each door in the church next weekend (March 28-29) for non-perishable items for Vince and fellow DFWSB seminarists. On behalf of the Vocations Committee, thank you!

St. Joseph Cemetery

Contact Information

Manager: Patty Kriegel, (260) 223-1950

Email:

stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

Please remember Roger Cole and his family in your prayers.

6th Annual St. Joe HASA Fun Run

Date April 18, 2020
What Kids 1 Mile Fun Run
 HASA 5K Race
Where Race will begin and end at the
 American Legion Park (aka Cannon Park)
 501 Winchester St., Decatur, IN 46733
Time 8:00am— Race Day Registration Opens
 9:00am— Start of Kids 1 Mile Fun Run
 10:00am—Start of 5K Race.



For more information please
 contact St. Joseph School at
 260-724-2765 or email
 Sara Baker at
 sebaker1977@gmail.com

AGE GROUPS

14 & Under, 15-18, 19-29, 30-39,
 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+
 Awards will be given to the top three
 finishers in each age group (men & women)
 and overall men's & women's top finisher.

Registration and Cost

- \$20.00 Early Registration Fee (Includes a T-shirt).
Due by Monday, March 30, 2020.
- \$40.00 Family Early Registration Fee for St. Joe Families only,
 includes 2 shirts (\$10.00 per Extra Shirt)
- \$20.00 Day of Race Registration Fee (Does not include a T-shirt)
- \$15.00 Kids 1 Mile Fun Run (Early Reg. includes a T-shirt)



This race is a part of the Adams County 5K Wellness Challenge. Please visit www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com
 for information on participating in the challenge and individual race/challenge results.

ENTRY FORM & WAIVER OF LIABILITY MUST BE SIGNED TO PARTICIPATE

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 DOB _____ Age on Race Day _____ Gender: Male Female
 Race Entering: 1 mile 5K Predominant Style: Walk Run
 Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL
 Youth Size: YS YM YL
 Signature _____

Make checks payable to St. Joe HASA
 Due Monday, March 30, 2020 to be preregistered.
 Mail or drop off registration and payment to:
 St. Joseph Catholic School., 127 N. 4th St, Decatur, IN 46733

Release and Indemnification – Read Before Signing:

The signing of this entry blank and the participation in the St. Joe HASA Fun Run 5K Run/
 Walk is with full knowledge of the risks involved therein and the undersigned individually
 and/or as parent or guardian assumes the risk of any injury, sickness or health defect including
 death, resulting from or received during participation in the race and further releases and
 agrees to save harmless St. Joe School, Adams Memorial Hospital and its affiliates, City of
 Decatur,
 St. Mary's Church, its committees, sponsoring and assisting agencies and individuals from any
 liability, damage, claim or judgment that may result from or arise out of the participation of
 the participant in this race. I grant permission to be photographed, video tapped & recorded
 for all media.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Directory

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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

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 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.....sjosephcemetery@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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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

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 Erika Hebble724-2765

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 Kyle Heimann223-4737

Preschool Supervisor
 Laura Sutton724-2765

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

St. Joe Daycare724-2737

Athletic Director Amy Ross, 724-2765