

**“Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the LORD!”**

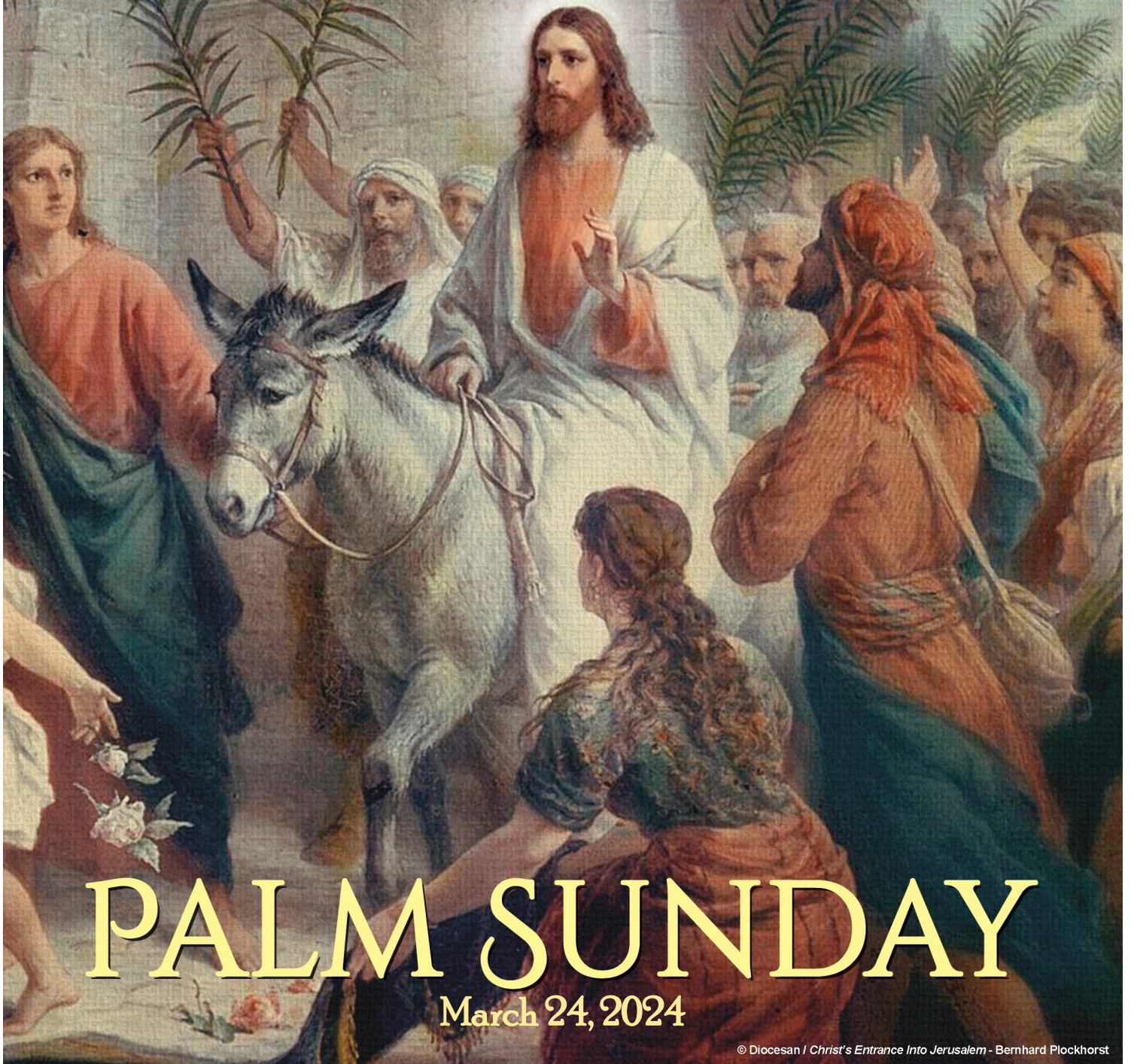
Mark 11:9

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PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Dave

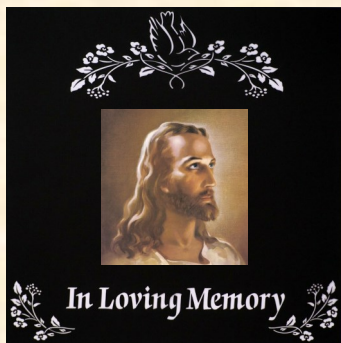
The Jerusalem Gazette - Obituaries - 33AD

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth died Friday at Mount Calvary, Golgotha, surrounded by his loving mother and close friends. Jesus was born in Bethlehem to the late Joseph, his foster father, and Mary, His Virgin Mother. He is survived by His devoted mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many followers including, hopefully, you.

Jesus was self-educated and spent his entire life doing the Father's will. He worked as a carpenter, Teacher and Doctor. He enjoyed sharing the Good News, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, helping the poor, and forgiving others whether friend or foe. Jesus greatest happiness was spending time with His Father in heaven. Whether alone in prayer or feeding 5,000 people, Jesus cherished the Father's will.

The family thanks Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus for assistance with final arrangements. Friends may visit on Thursday, March 28, from 8pm-10pm during Adoration service at St. Mary Catholic Church, Decatur.

A memorial service will be held next Friday, March 29, at 1:00pm at St. Mary Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the poor whom you will always have with you.



Weekend Offertory Collections

Please consider including our parish in your will or estate.

March 17, 2024

Weekend Offerings/Envelopes	-----	\$11,180.00
Online Giving same period	-----	\$8,855.40
Loose Change	-----	\$669.43
Total Offerings for the week	-----	\$20,704.83
Current Debt to Diocese	-----	\$103,499.92
Debt Reduction Envelopes	-----	-\$620.00
St. Mary's Double Down	-----	-\$620.00
Debt to Diocese	-----	\$102,259.92

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

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Missy Burkhalter—Parishioner

March 25-March 31 Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 25

8:10 a.m. Living-Deceased: Becky Strack Family
5:00 p.m. Adoration
5:00 p.m. Confession
6:00 p.m. Living-Deceased: Dave and Rita Swygart Family

Tuesday, March 26

8:10 a.m. Allen Fleming †
5:00 p.m. NO Adoration
5:00 p.m. NO Confession
6:00 p.m. NO Mass
7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne

Wednesday, March 27

8:10 a.m. William Hartman †

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

8:10 a.m. NO Mass
7:00 p.m. John E. Rauch †
8:00 p.m. Confession *Until last person*
8:00 p.m. Adoration *Until 10:00pm*

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

8:10 a.m. NO Mass
1:00 p.m. Good Friday Communion Service
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena
1:30 p.m. NO Woodcrest Mass

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

8:10 a.m. NO Mass
8:45 a.m. NO Confession
4:00 p.m. NO Mass
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Living-Deceased: Frank Wellman Family

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Guy (Tom) and Henrietta Trentadue †
8:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish
11:00 a.m. Living-Deceased: Larry and Jean Braun Family

March Ushers:

4pm=Dick Stimpson
& Pat Fullenkamp
7am=Mike Gremaux
& Denny Bentz
8:30am=Terry Ashley
& Logan Gonzalez
11am=Jesse Mendez
& Jim Serna



In Memoriam

We note the recent passing of Margaret (Rickard) Pogue and James Hill. Please keep them in your prayers as well as their families.

Millennium Madness Winner

Congratulations to Angie Hurst winner of \$200 the week of 03/18/24 with number 004.

Marriage Matters

"Boys raised with two parents are about half as likely to commit a crime leading to incarceration by their early 30s."

—Heritage Foundation





Come Make a Joyful Noise

Choir practice will take place this Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm in the choir loft.



Last K of C Fish Fry March 29 • 5-7pm



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

March—For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



April 2
4:30-6pm Meeting at Youth House



Pray for Vocations

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 24, 2024

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? 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



"THE HARVEST IS LARGE AND THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

Our St Vincent De Paul Thrift store is in need of some special donations to help with the many requests from our Decatur community. We are need of the following:

- Furniture: lamps, couches, dressers, bed frames & tables
- Washer, dryer, microwave & frig, for those who have none
- Kid riding toys & bicycles
- Outside furniture and play items

Always glad to help you with down sizing and pickup is available--- please call our store!!

Our Thrift store helps turn donations into revenue to support the many SVDP ministries in our Decatur community, won't you come help us with the growing needs our community. **THANK YOU!**

Beginning in April, we will only have Saturday morning Mass on the first Saturday of the month. There will be some exceptions due to Mass Intention Requests. These exceptions will be posted in the bulletin as they come.

Steph's Spot

Religious Education

Assignments due in April:

*Background Reading

Parent's Guide=April pgs. 246-282;
Essay pgs. 317 & 320; Discussion Q & A

*Activities

#4 pg. 262 in Parent's Guide—**1st-4th Grade**
Activity Book=pg. 156 **(RETURN IN APR.)**

#5 pg. 264 in Parent's Guide—**5th-8th Grade**
Activity Book=pg. 157 **(RETURN IN APR.)**

#4 pg. 277 in Parent's Guide
Activity Book=pg. 169 **(RETURN IN APR.)**

#5 pg. 279 in Parent's Guide (Prayer Journal)
Activity Book=pg. 171 & 184

Your Prayer Board

#6 pg. 266 in Parent's Guide
Activity Book=pg. 158 (Keep at home)

Suggestion:

Read Mary's Story on pg. 267 in P.G.

***Kids=bring blue folder with assignment(s) to return & Activity Book to all RE classes.**

March 3=RE Classes at 9:30—Parents and Kids
Last Parent's Meeting—bring prayer journal and prayer board.

March 10=RE Classes at 9:30—Kids ONLY

CONFIRMATION: EVERYTHING IN BY MARCH 3

DCRS RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowls to the big bowl in front on Good Friday. **Make checks to: St. Mary's.**

***Bowls will be accepted thru Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday

PLENARY INDULGENCE

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.

Jesus to St. Faustyna Kowalska

diocesefwsb.org/divine-mercy-sunday

Chrism Masses



Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. | St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. | Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

SPRING CLEANUP

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

The cemetery board will begin their annual Spring clean-up April 1st.

Please remove **ALL** decoration. Anything left after April 1st will be removed and discarded by cemetery maintenance crew.

DO NOT place any decoration on grave site until after April 14th.

As rules state no glass of any kind, shepherd hooks must be placed at the end of the monument pointing inward, and all decorations must be placed at the ends or top of the monument.

Thank you.

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Board of Trustees

BE A TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY

diocesefwsb.org/totus-tuus

This summer, join other college-aged missionaries who receive training and travel to parish sites for summer formation programs with youth. Stipends and accommodations provided.

Spiritual Adoption Program



Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, Saint Mary's announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of Saint Mary's parish family will have the opportunity the weekend of April 6 & 7 to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 3,200 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt".

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by completing a pledge card during the weekend of April 6 & 7 and putting it in the collection basket or baskets that will be available at each of the parish doors. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby acknowledging the baby's humanity. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. We will celebrate the birth of our babies in 9 months!

Watch for details to come!

Watch the bulletin for monthly reports describing your baby's development.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?

"Never worry about the numbers. Help one person at a time..."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta-

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ST. JOE KINDERGARTEN KICK-OFF

Children should
be age 5 by
Aug. 1, 2024

Register your future Kindergartener



Check it out

- Tour Kindergarten classrooms & school
 - Meet Kindergarten teachers
 - Activities and photo booth
- ALL FAITHS WELCOME

When

Wednesday
April 10th
5:00-7:00pm



Please Bring

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate (outside Parish only)
- Social Security Number
- Copy of tax form (1040) if available



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ST. JOE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



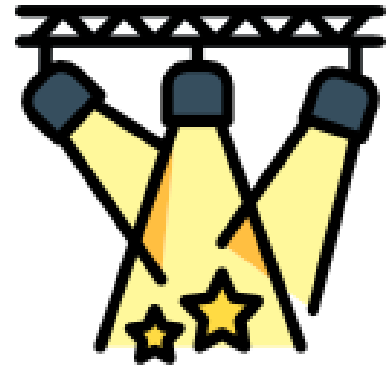
1ST GRADE STUDENT

This student's favorite artist is Morgan Wallen, book is Pokemon and movie is *Puss in Boots*.

His favorite subject at St. Joe is gym and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Schultz.

He enjoys eating spaghetti, playing kickball at recess and making funny faces. He loves to play soccer.

This student wants to be a builder when he grows up!



ST. JOE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



4TH GRADE STUDENT

This student's favorite TV show is "Quarterback," book is Dinged and movie is *Home Alone*.

He enjoys eating wings and sour patch kids, playing sports and watching TV after school. His hidden talent is his eyes can change color.

His favorite memory at St. Joe is playing football at recess. His favorite subject is math and teacher was Mrs. Fravel.

This student would love to become a basketball player!



ST. JOE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



6TH GRADE STUDENT

This student's favorite song is "Dawns," book is Fly Guy and movie is *The Longest Yard*.

His favorite subjects are Social Studies and Language Arts. His favorite teacher was Mrs. Thomas.

He enjoys eating cheeseburgers and tropical skittles, playing baseball, basketball and annoying his brother Cameron.

This student wants to follow in his dad's footsteps and take his job someday!



St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Directory

ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 414 Madison Street, Decatur, Indiana 46733
www.stmarysdecatur.org
Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Friday9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Church Office724-9159
secretary@sjdecatur.org

Parish Hall Rental Ashley Myers
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Bookstore.....Amanda Johnson 223-2502

Computer Prayer Line
<https://www.stmarysdecatur.org/mass-request.html>
 Email: angierichert@gmail.com

St. Vincent DePaul Chris Hakes, 728-9423
Food Pantry301 Mercer Ave., 728-9423
Store 1209 Village Green Dr., 724-8500

St. Joseph Cemetery, 651 W. 600 N., Decatur
 Patty Kriegel.....223-1950
 Don Kriegel223-1949
 By email at stjosephcemetery@yahoo.com

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass See Schedule in the Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
 Monday, Tuesday5:00 p.m.
 Thursday6:45 p.m.
 Friday, Saturday8:45 a.m.
 or Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
 Debbie Myers..... dsmyers@sjdecatur.org
 706-7134

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

Sacrament of the Sick
 Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.
After Hours Emergency Contact: 260-706-7136

Bulletin Deadline Monday at 3pm
 Call the rectory or email information to sbrite@sjdecatur.org

Mass Request - ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION (stmarysdecatur.org)

New to Parish/Registration
 Stop by or call the Parish office 724-9159.

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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.

PrincipalBrian Baker, 724-2765, ext. 110

School Secretary....Erika Hebble, 724-2765, ext. 109

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 Nicole Selking

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