

# *St. Mary Church*

DeKalb

*The Year of Mercy*



*2016 Guide Book & Directory*

## *St. Mary's Church of DeKalb*

### *Mission Statement*

We, the Catholic, Christian family of St. Mary Parish, empowered by the Holy Spirit through our common Baptism and nourished at the table of the Eucharist, pledge ourselves under patronage of Mary, Mother of the Church, to discipleship with Jesus through word, worship, and witness.

### *Church*

329 Pine St., DeKalb, IL (physical location)

### *Office*

(mailing address)

302 Fisk Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115

Phone: (815) 758-5432

Fax: (815) 758-2487

Website: [stmarydekalb.org](http://stmarydekalb.org)

Email: [mail@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:mail@stmarydekalb.org)

### *Office Hours*

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

### *St. Mary School*

210 Gurler Rd., DeKalb, IL 60115

Phone: (815) 756-7905

Fax: (815) 758-1459

Website: [stmaryschooldekalb.org](http://stmaryschooldekalb.org)

Email: [smsoffice@stmaryschooldekalb.org](mailto:smsoffice@stmaryschooldekalb.org)

## *St. Mary Cemetery*

531 Sycamore Rd., DeKalb, IL (physical location)

Cemetery plot sales and all business activities are handled through the parish office. Funeral arrangements are routinely handled through the funeral home which contacts the parish for specific arrangements. St. Mary is blessed to have a Funeral Luncheon Committee, staffed by volunteers, which coordinates a luncheon following the Funeral Mass if the family chooses. For more information contact Deacon Greg Urban at (815) 758-5432 ext. 102.

### *Eucharistic Liturgies (Mass)*

Saturday Vigil:	4:30 PM
Sunday:	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Spanish:	Sundays 4:00 PM; Tuesdays 7:00 PM
Vietnamese:	2nd Sunday of the month 1:30 PM
Weekdays:	Monday-Friday 7:00 AM and Saturday 8:00 AM
Holy Days:	Check the bulletin or website for times.
St. Mary School:	All School and Chapel Masses - Check the bulletin or website for dates and times.
Area Care Facilities:	Check the bulletin or website for dates and times.

### *Reconciliation (Confession) Schedule*

#### **English**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:	7:35-8:00 AM
Saturday:	8:35-9:15 AM & 3:30-4:15 PM

#### **Spanish**

Tuesday:	6:00-8:30 PM
Sunday:	3:30-7:00 PM

### *Pastoral Staff*

Pastor.....	Rev. Dean Russell.....	ext. 104
	<a href="mailto:frussell@stmarydekalb.org">frussell@stmarydekalb.org</a>	
Permanent Deacon.....	Deacon Steve Puscas.....	(815) 758-5432
Permanent Deacon.....	Deacon Armando Regalado.....	(815) 758-5432
Principal.....	Roseann Feldmann.....	(815) 756-7905
Director of Stewardship and Development/Business Manager.....	.....	.....
	Deacon Greg Urban.....	ext. 102
	<a href="mailto:regu@stmarydekalb.org">regu@stmarydekalb.org</a>	
Cemetery.....	Deacon Greg Urban.....	ext. 102
Director of Choral Music.....	Paula Vasko.....	ext. 106
Coordinator of Faith Formation Annalisa McMaster.....	.....	ext. 110
	<a href="mailto:annalisam@stmarydekalb.org">annalisam@stmarydekalb.org</a>	

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## *Support Staff*

Receptionists.....Linda Jackiw & Marlene Norris..... ext. 100  
Ministry Secretary.....Mona O'Bryan..... ext. 107

## *Contact Information*

Parish Office..... 302 Fisk Ave. – (815) 758-5432  
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed./Youth Ministry ..... (815) 758-5432  
E-mail .....mail@stmarydekalb.org  
Website .....stmarydekalb.org  
School.....210 Gurler Rd. – (815) 756-7905  
E-mail .....stmaryschooldekalb.org

### **DeKalb Deanery Hispanic Ministry: (815) 758-1377**

(Rev. Darwin A. Flores), ext. 114  
Hispanic Secretary: Susana Garcia, ext. 113

### **Diocesan Vietnamese Ministry:**

Rev. Anthony Vu Khac Long, (815) 312-9661

### **Bulletin Deadlines**

Monday 8:00 AM  
Send requests to: bulletin@stmarydekalb.org

### **Website, Weekly Bulletin and Announcements**

Our home on the Internet can be found at [www.stmarydekalb.org](http://www.stmarydekalb.org). Visitors can learn more about our parish and school by visiting this website. News items and other information pertaining to our faith family can be emailed to the parish office at [mail@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:mail@stmarydekalb.org) for consideration for posting on the website. Additionally, we will print information in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to submit information, the deadline is **Monday 8:00 AM** (call parish office for holiday deadlines.) Send all requests to: [bulletin@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:bulletin@stmarydekalb.org). All information is subject to editing and approval by the pastor. If you would like to place information on the bulletin board in the church, it must first be approved by the pastor. Our bulletin contains a prayer list. If you or someone you know would like to be mentioned, please contact the parish office. We ask all groups and organizations to please submit their annual calendar and room request forms to: [calendar@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:calendar@stmarydekalb.org). By doing this you will be able to secure a meeting place for your group and also be mentioned in the weekly calendar section of the Sunday bulletin. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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## *Mass Intentions*

Parishioners are invited to give an offering for Mass Intentions in the name of deceased loved ones, for the intentions of someone in need, or in thanksgiving for a blessing received from the Lord. There are nursing home and school Masses also available. In accordance with Church law, one intention per Mass will be accepted for an offering of \$10.00 per Mass. You may schedule 3 Mass intentions for a person per year. If you wish to have more masses said, we will send them to the Chancery. They will be said by retired priests of the Diocese. You may schedule ONE Mass intention on a weekend per year. (This allows more people the chance to schedule a weekend Mass for their loved ones.) For more information or to schedule, please stop by the parish office.

## *Contributions and Envelopes*

The entire operation of our parish relies on the sacrificial giving of our parishioners and visitors. St. Mary Parish strives to be a 100% Stewardship parish. Weekly contribution envelopes are sent out bi-monthly. Each family is assigned a number for bookkeeping purposes. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. An alternate way to support the parish is through an automated giving program that replaces weekly envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the program will collect weekly/monthly donations from your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. To sign up, please contact Deacon Greg Urban or visit our website and click on the link to sign-up for online giving.

## *Parish Registration*

We are happy to welcome new members to our community. Please call the parish office or visit our website at [stmarydekalb.org](http://stmarydekalb.org) for more information.

## *Daily Rosary*

The rosary is recited before daily Mass at 6:30 AM Monday-Friday and 7:30 AM Saturday.

## *Eucharistic Adoration*

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7:30-8:30 AM  
Wednesday (24 Hour Adoration) from 7:30 AM to Thursday at 6:50 AM  
Saturday from 8:30-9:30 AM

For more information or to sign up, please contact Pat Sloan at (815) 758-8313.

Everyone is welcome.

## *St. Mary School*

With a Catholic-Christian foundation, students excel academically at St. Mary School. Throughout their academic career at our school, faculty and staff expose students at all grade levels (Pre-K to 8th) to diverse learning opportunities not normally included at the elementary level, such as daily Spanish classes and NIU Art programs. Taking advantage of these great learning opportunities prepares our students for high school placement exams. Many graduates secure admission to highly respected Catholic High Schools and place in advanced programming at the high school level.

Safety and security take dominance on our school campus. Security measures include:

- video and voice surveillance at the main and secondary school entrances and in select locations throughout the building
- locked building during the school day
- faculty and staff monitoring of students at all times in the classroom, lunchroom, gymnasium, and during recess
- background screening and “All God’s Children” certification for ALL volunteers working with the children in academics, sports, and special programs and
- “valet service” type of drop off and pick up of students at the beginning and end of the school day, parents are assured of their child’s safety. Bus service is also provided by the DeKalb school district.

### **Catholic Identity is ever present in our school!**

The 2016/2017 school schedule follows on the next page. For more information and to register your child(ren), visit [stmaryschooldekalb.org](http://stmaryschooldekalb.org) or call (815) 756-7905.

### **Testimonials**

“We love Catholic education because our kids are exposed to their religion daily. The biggest reason we love St. Mary School is because of the teachers. The class sizes are smaller and that allows the teachers to know the students on a personal level.” Mr. & Mrs. Tyson & Juli Shelley

“My husband and I love everything about St Mary School. Our girls told us they want to be there to learn about Jesus and be able to talk about Jesus at any time.” Mrs. Holly Dziaba, Alex ‘18, Joey ‘21

## 2016-17 School Calendar at a Glance

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Academic Event</b>	<b>Special Information</b>
August	22nd	Teacher Institute Day	
	23rd	Teacher Institute Day	
	24th	First Day of School Grades 1-8	
	25th	First Day of School for K	
	29th	First Day of School PK & Pre-School	
September	2nd	Early Dismissal (NO Dismissal Bus Service)	Teacher In-Service
	5th	No School	Labor Day
	8th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
October	7th	No School	Deanery Institute
	10th	No School	Columbus Day
	13th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	28th	End of First Quarter	Attendance Interruption Policy/Tuition Paid to Date
November	3rd	Early Dismissal	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	4th	No School	
	11th	NO Bus Service	Veteran's Day
	23rd - 25th	No School	Thanksgiving Vacation
December	8th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	21st	Early Dismissal (NO Bus Service)	Teacher In-Service
	22nd	No School	Christmas Vacation Begins
January	2nd - 3rd	No School	Christmas Vacation
	4th	Classes Resume	
	12th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	16th	No School	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
	20th	End of Second Quarter	Attendance Interruption Policy/Tuition Paid to Date
February	9th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	17th	NO Bus Service	
	20th	No School	President's Day
March	9th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	24th	End of Third Quarter	Attendance Interruption Policy/Tuition Paid to Date
	27th	No School	Spring Break Begins
April	3rd	Classes Resume	
	6th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	7th	NO Bus Service	
	14th	Early Dismissal (NO Bus Service)	Good Friday
	17th - 19th	No School	Easter Vacation
	20th	Classes Resume	
May	11th	No Dismissal Bus Service	
	26th	Early Dismissal (NO Dismissal Bus Service)	Teacher In-Service
	29th	No School	Memorial Day
June	2nd	End of 4th Quarter	Last Day of School (Without Snow Days)





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## *Sacraments of the Church*

**Baptism:** Those planning a baptism should contact the parish office at least 4 months prior to the anticipated birth. The parish provides a Baptism Preparation class for parents expecting a child. As first teachers of the faith, it is essential that parents have a commitment to the Christian life and their responsibility for their child's faith formation. Once a baptism preparation session is attended and all required information is complete, then a date will be set for the baptism. For more information, contact the parish office at (815) 758-5432.

**First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Children who are beyond the age of 7 (2nd grade) and students in the Religious Education Program and at St. Mary School will be offered the opportunity to enter a process to prepare for these sacraments. Each fall, parents of these children will receive information regarding this process. For more information contact Annalisa McMaster at the parish office (815) 758-5432 ext. 110 or [annalisam@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:annalisam@stmarydekalb.org).

**Confirmation:** There is a sacramental preparation program for candidates for Confirmation. Contact Annalisa McMaster at (815) 758-5432 ext. 110 or [annalisam@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:annalisam@stmarydekalb.org) for more information.

**Matrimony:** Those planning to be married at St. Mary Church should contact the parish office prior to making any other wedding plans. Participation in pre-marriage programs is required and these should be scheduled at least 6 months prior to planned date of wedding. The couple needs to meet with the parish priest several times in preparation to celebrate this sacrament. For more information go to our website [stmarydekalb.org](http://stmarydekalb.org) and follow the link to Diocesan Marriage Preparation for guidelines.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This sacrament is for one who is seriously ill and in need of God's healing and anointing whether in the hospital, nursing home, or in their home. It is not only for the dying. If you would like to receive the grace and healing of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, call the parish office (815) 758-5432 ext. 100 during normal business hours. In an emergency call the parish office and follow the directives on the recording.

### **Who may receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?**

- Any member of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. Anyone facing surgery for a serious illness.
- People who suffer from chronic illness.
- Elderly people if they have become noticeably weakened even though no serious illness is present.
- Sick children if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by the sacrament.

The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers and then falls ill again, or if the person's condition worsens. The sacrament may be conferred on a sick person who has lost consciousness, but who, as a Christian believer, at least implicitly asked for it when he/she was in control of his/her faculties.

**Holy Orders:** Have you ever thought of becoming a priest? A deacon? A monk of a Religious Order? As one who listens to the inner prompting of such a call, visiting with a spiritual guide can help discern one's vocation. If you would like to talk to a priest regarding a vocation to the priesthood contact Fr. Dean Russell at (815) 758-5432 ext. 104 or [frussell@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:frussell@stmarydekalb.org).

### **Becoming Catholic**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For more information, contact Fr. Russell at the parish office (815) 758-5432 ext. 104.

## *What is Stewardship?*

According to the 1992 U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a steward is defined as a disciple of Jesus who "Receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others and returns them with increase to the Lord."

### **Stewardship - A Way of Life...**

Stewardship is a way of living out our faith as individuals, as a faith community, indeed in the actions of our daily lives. Stewardship is making a choice to live a Christ-centered life. It means realizing that all we have and all that we are able to do are gifts from God, and that everything that we choose to do with those gifts is, in a sense, our gift back to God in gratitude. This is the way we fulfill our baptismal promise to love and serve the Lord. Stewardship is our way of responding to God's call with a life of gratitude.

St. Mary is a stewardship parish and as a stewardship parish our belief is that we give back to God a portion of what He has given to us - in our time, talent, treasure and assets. We ask our members to prayerfully consider giving sacrificially by striving to tithe (giving 10%) to charitable organizations. A guideline for giving of one's treasure in the Diocese of Rockford is to strive to give 5% to your parish, 1% to the Diocese, and 4% to other worthy causes.

## **Modern Interpretation of the Biblical Tithe**

As committed disciples of our triune God, we constantly seek to ask ourselves the same question that the psalmist struggled to answer, “How do I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12). Our response progressively takes on a radical conversion and turning over all of our life as an offering to God in gratitude and love. In the Old Testament one manifestation of this response to God was the tithe – the unconditional sharing of 10% from the first fruits of their labor. In current Catholic thinking, stewardship gift giving principles are offered to the committed disciple to prayerfully consider adopting.

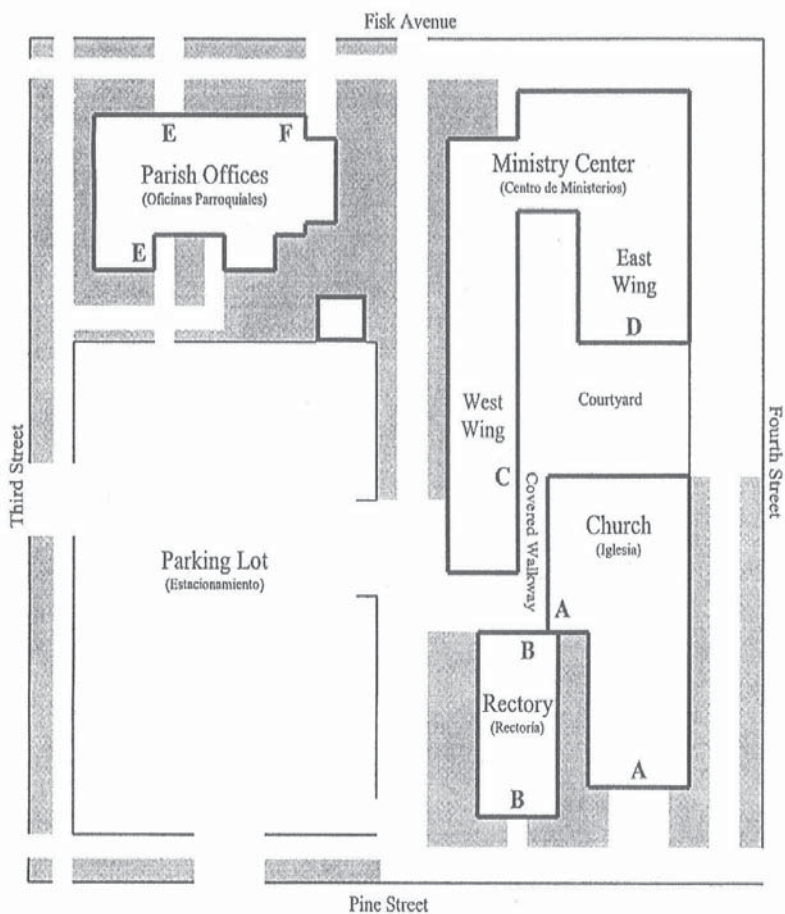
For our stewardship of time and talent gifts, commit a time each day for prayer. When our parish conducts a time and talent appeal, prayerfully consider making a commitment to one ministry. There are also many ways to volunteer your time and talent with community, state and national organizations that seek the common good.

## **Five Principles for Giving**

As a symbol of my total commitment to Christ, I give back to God

- In thanksgiving and gratitude for all that God has given to me
- As a sacrifice – both meanings of the word
  - to make something holy
  - to do without something – to reorder my priorities
- In a planned way – my gift comes from my first fruits – off the top
- In proportion to what I have received – a tithe of my time, talent, treasure and assets
  - 5% to my parish
  - 1% to my diocese
  - 4% to other worthy charities, i.e., Universal Church ministries, United Way, college, community and/or international charities.
- Wrapped in my Sunday envelope
  - I unconditionally give my gift – no strings attached
  - For my Sunday offering, I use the envelope provided to wrap my gift as an example to others of my commitment.
  - For other charities, as I send it, I dedicate my gift to God for His use through these groups.

St. Mary Parish – DeKalb, IL



**KEY**

**A – CHURCH ENTRANCES**

**B – RECTORY ENTRANCES**

**C – MINISTRY CENTER – WEST WING**

- MARIAN ROOM
- ST. ANNE ROOM
- ST. JOACHIM ROOM
- ST. JOHN ROOM
- ST. JOSEPH ROOM
- ST. LUKE ROOM
- ST. MARK ROOM
- ST. MATTHEW ROOM

**D – MINISTRY CENTER – EAST WING**

- BETHANY ROOM
- CAFETERIA
- EMMAUS ROOM
- GYMNASIUM
- LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER
- RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE
- SVDP FOOD PANTRY
- YOUTH CENTER

**E – PARISH OFFICE ENTRANCES**

- ADMINISTRATION & STAFF OFFICES
- PRESENTATION ROOM
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OFFICE

**F – CENTRO HISPANO CUERPO de CRISTO**