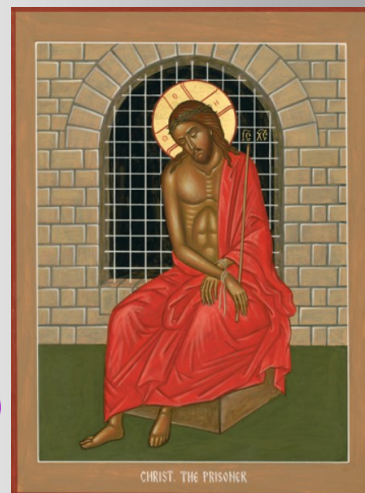


# Prison Outreach Project

“I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me;  
I was in prison and you came to Me.”

(Matthew 25:36)



Great Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The St. Demetrios parish *Compassionate Friends*, *Ladies Philoptochos*, and *PCA* parish organizations are sponsoring this *Prison Outreach Project* and invite the entire parish of St. Demetrios to participate. We have created a link in *Amazon* with selected items for the female offenders at the *Decatur Correctional Center* and a few things for their visiting children. We will also have a collection basket in the Narthex as an optional method to donate as you leave the church following Divine Liturgy. We invite you to help prepare the care packages once we accumulate donated items. Contact *Helen O’Sullivan* or *Toula Hilaris* for more information or to volunteer. [helen.osullivan@comcast.net](mailto:helen.osullivan@comcast.net) or [toulahilaris@gmail.com](mailto:toulahilaris@gmail.com)

Please click “Donate Online via Amazon” to purchase items and please be sure to include the quantities that you wish to donate. Items will be delivered to our parish.

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Thank you for your support and God Bless you and your families. Wishing you a very blessed PASCHA!

**“Prison Outreach Project” Ends May 23, 2021**



### Facility Information

The mission of the *Decatur Correctional Center* includes providing a continuum of programs and services to help female offenders reestablish and strengthen their relationships with their children and enhance their ability to grow within the family structure. The facility offers female offenders a variety of programs aimed at achieving these goals that also address the diverse needs of the offenders, including medical, social, psychological and educational needs. All programs are intended to equip the female offender for a successful reintegration back into the community.

On Jan. 24, 2000, the Decatur Correctional Center received its first female offenders. The facility is a minimum security female facility with eight dormitory style-housing units.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/facilities/Pages/decaturcorrectionalcenter.aspx>