

# Church of Saint Mary

October 13th & 20th  
2024

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## Mass and Sacraments

### Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am

Monday-Friday: 7:00am

### Sacramental Confession

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45pm

Sundays: 7:15-7:45am

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Church anytime  
day or night.

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## Parish Office

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Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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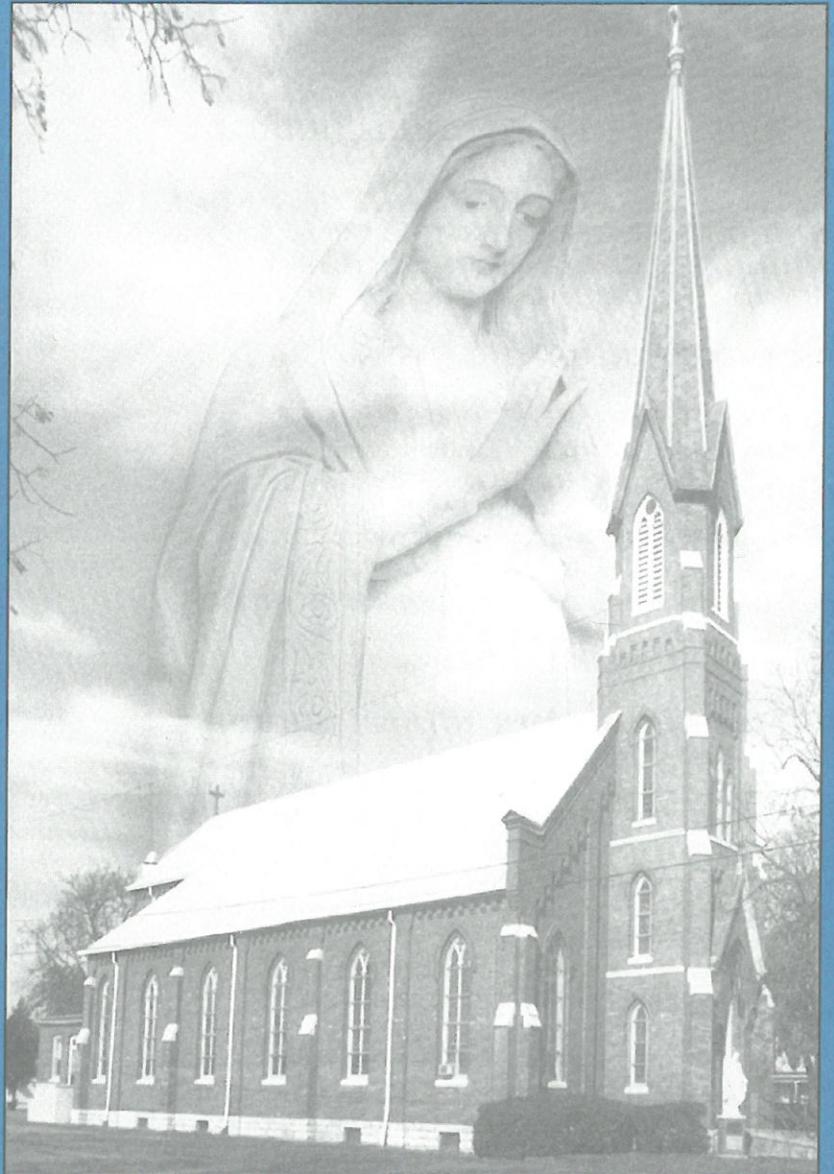
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in the name of Jesus Christ and founded the Mission of the Immaculate Conception. A monument in his honor stands in the northeast corner of the property. That mission eventually became the Church of Saint Mary. In 1858 a small frame church was built which was destroyed by fire seventeen years later and a brick and stone church was built. The Reverend Canon Jeremiah Moynihan was appointed the first resident pastor in 1884. The Reverend Francis J. O'Reilly succeeded Canon Moynihan in 1888 and in the same year erected the present church. In September 1986, Saint Mary's Church was completely redecorated. Though damaged, it survived the Utica tornado of 2004 and was quickly restored.



Saint Mary's Church  
Diocese of Peoria  
303 S. Division Street  
North Utica, IL 61373

## Mass Intentions and Schedule

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH - 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Carolee Farris by Kathy Jo Lindner

10:00am + Douglas Holland (anniv. + 10/17)  
by Mary Holland

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH - ST. CALLISTUS I

7:00am Joshua Loy (birthdate 10/11)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH - ST. TERESA OF JESUS

7:00am + Patricia Corrigan-Burk (anniv. +)  
by Wayne and Karen Williams

7:00pm ADORATION IN CHURCH

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH - ST. HEDWIG

7:00am + Kathryn Lee

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

7:00am Tom Varney by Krissy Diaz

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - ST. LUKE

7:00am + Patricia Weberling by Kathy Jo Lindner

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH - ST. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm KC #1775 Deceased Members and their families

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH - 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am For the People of the Parish

10:00am + Jerry Lorenzi by Mary Lou Lorenzi

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

7:00am Mark Walker (birthdate 10/19)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND - POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

7:00am + William Wallace (anniv. +) by Joyce Mix

7:00pm ADORATION CANCELLED FOR TODAY

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

7:00am Special Intention of Katrina and Zach Steffes

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

7:00am + Julia Reynolds by Mary Lou Lorenzi

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Olinger  
Family

## Weekly Offering

Donations received September 25th—October 8th

Adult Envelopes	\$3,570.00
Loose Collection	\$1,650.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$85.00
Online Giving	\$145.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Altar & Rosary	\$60.00
Catholic Education	\$147.00
Holy Days	\$15.00
Mission Sunday	\$20.00

## Gospel Meditations by John Muir

### For October 13th

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

### For October 20th

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory" (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indigent reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance ("you do not know what you are asking."). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the "slave of all." The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

### Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

October 13th	Nathan and Nina Leffers, Ava Myers
October 20th	Bentley DiLuciano, Peter and Olivia Villareal
October 27th	Jake and Joey Patyk, Ava Myers

## Weekends of October 13th & 20th

### Readings Week of October 13th

**Sunday:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30  
**Monday:** Galatians 4:22-24; Psalm 113; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Ephesians 1:1-10; Psalm 98; Luke 11:47-54  
**Friday:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145; Luke 10:1-9  
**Saturday:** Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8; Luke 12:8-12

### Readings Week of October 20th

**Sunday:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45  
**Monday:** Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 100; Luke 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 85; Luke 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Ephesians 3:2-12; Isaiah 12; Luke 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 33; Luke 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 24; Luke 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122; Luke 13:1-9

## Announcements

**Mission Priest Appeal:** Fr. Christopher Magesa will be visiting our parish and offering the Masses the weekend of October 19th-20th. While he is here, he will also be speaking on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Geita, Tanzania. Fr. Christopher is raising funds to help support the young seminarians of that diocese who are aspiring to the priesthood. Donations go to help with school and personal fees. Currently, there are forty-one seminarians studying philosophy and theology. Any donation you can provide will be highly appreciated. Envelopes can be found at the ends of the pews. You can donate by check or cash through our parish office.



### Butter Braid Sale: NOW-November 6th

Looking for something delicious for your Thanksgiving or Christmas morning breakfast or brunch? St. Mary's Altar & Rosary can help! We will once again be sponsoring a Butter Braids Fundraiser. With several flavors to choose from, you're sure to find one that your family will love. Altar & Rosary provides many items for the Church during the year, helps support the Diocese Seminarian fund, and decorates for the Easter and Christmas seasons. Your support helps make all this possible AND is greatly appreciated. Orders are due in by November 6th. Pickup will be November 15th between 4:30-6:00 p.m. on the rectory porch.

**Marseilles Ravioli Dinner:** St. Joseph Church will be holding their 83rd Annual Ravioli Dinner on Sunday, October 27th from 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Carryouts will be available. Cost is \$12 for an adult ticket, and kids age 5-10 can enjoy the meal for only \$6.

~ Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. ~

**Attention 10:00 a.m. Altar Servers:** It is time to start working on the schedule for November and December. Please e-mail or call the parish office with any conflicts you are aware of. We appreciate your service to our parish!

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Our Holy Hour will be cancelled on Tuesday, October 22nd as Fr. Driscoll will be attending Priest Assembly Days at the Diocese. In October there will be Adoration available on the 15th and 29th from 7:00—8:00 p.m.

**Respect Life Month—Collection Drive:** A playpen will be set up in the back of church the last TWO weekends of October (19th-27th) to drop off baby items in support of the Abigail Baby Boutique AND respect life month. Below are some of the items they are most in need of receiving.

- Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 3, 5, 6 & 7)
- Pull-up (All sizes up to 4T/5T)
- Lotions, Shampoo, Diaper Cream, Petroleum Jelly
- Pacifiers, Toothbrushes and Paste, Sippy Cups
- Boys Clothing (18mo.-4T)

**All Souls Memorials:** Once again we will be remembering/honoring our deceased loved ones with flowers to adorn the sanctuary in November. The flowers serve as a reminder to pray for those that have died. Please use the form on the back of the bulletin to submit names. Forms should be returned no later than Sunday, October 27th.

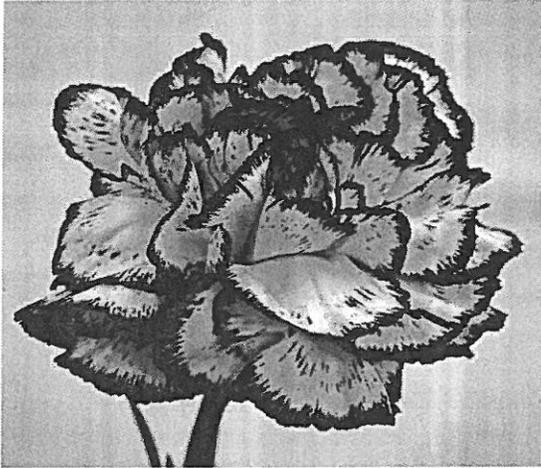


Chuck Voreis and Ed Brown, (pictured above) two of our local KC members paint the handrail in front of the rectory. It was the perfect finishing touch after the new front steps were poured by Ruppert Concrete Construction. Many thanks to the Utica Knights of Columbus for their continual efforts to keep the grounds and buildings of our parish at their best!

## Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Tim Burgess, Rory Carter, Don and Pam Edwards, Tony Hinterlong, Darlene Jenkins, Jill Kain, Mary (Snell) Kalisiak, Richard Kepper, Ed Liss, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Tom Varney, Dennise Watson, Karen Williams

# All Souls Remembrances



Please clearly PRINT names of deceased loved ones. Flowers will adorn the sanctuary in November to remind us of those that have gone before us.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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*Suggested Donation is \$3/flower*

*Checks should be made payable to: St. Mary Catholic Church*

## Kids Corner

**Word Search.** Words can go in any direction - up, down, forward, backward, diagonal.

H K B Q Y L S K N S V S  
 N Q H R I M K Y S I B T  
 X I T M O I N T I S O N  
 K S U I N T R J A T X E  
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 E C Q I C N E E D L E M  
 W J I H Z P F O C L T O  
 W F M R F W H N V X Q C

Word Bank

BROTHERS	CAMEL	COMMANDMENTS
HEAVEN	HOUSES	INHERIT
KINGDOM	NEEDLE	RICH
SISTERS	TEACHER	TREASURE

**Maze.** Make your way through the maze to follow Jesus.

Amen, I say to you,  
 there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters  
 or mother or father or children or lands  
 for my sake and for the sake of the gospel  
 who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age.

