

Church of Saint Mary

April 26th, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter



Mass and Sacraments

Beginning May 2nd

Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:15pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Church anytime
day or night.



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Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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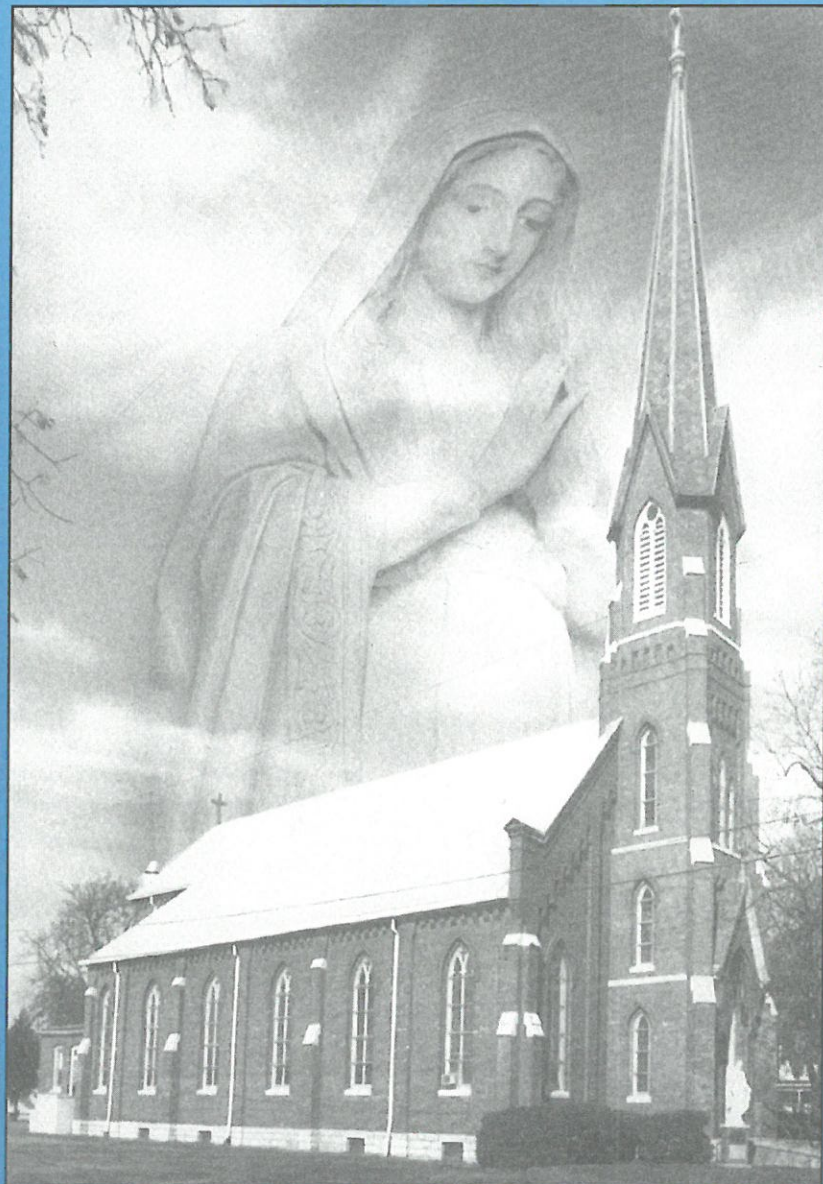
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in 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.

NEWS & EVENTS



It's Doughnut Sunday! Join us in the main vestibule and front lawn in Oglesby for coffee, doughnuts and fellowship. Served after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses compliments of the Altar & Rosary Society.

Prayers for our 1st Communicants: Over the next two weekends (May 3rd and May 10th), 20 youth from St. Mary and Holy Family Churches will receive Our Lord for the first time in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This is a moment of great joy for our parish family! We invite you to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to encounter Jesus in this beautiful and sacred way.

In Remembrance: A funeral Mass was offered this week at Holy Family for Lorraine Roliardi Schwass, who passed away April 14th. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Altar & Rosary Meeting - Utica: The April meeting will be held this Monday, April 27th, in the church rectory. Please note the earlier start time of 5:00 p.m., which will allow time to take down Easter decorations afterward. We hope you can join us.

Correction: The unified schedule in last weekend's bulletin listed incorrect office hours. Please note the correct times:
1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday in Oglesby
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday in Utica



Please join us for a
30th Anniversary of Ordination
celebration for
Fr. Jeffery Windy

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated
on Sunday, the Seventeenth of May
two thousand twenty six
at ten thirty in the morning

Holy Family Church
311 N Woodland Avenue
Oglesby, IL 61348

A light reception to follow at
Knights of Columbus Hall
307 E Florence Street
Oglesby, IL

Kindly RSVP to Jennifer by May 11th
815.883.8233

REMINDER *Weekend Mass Times*

Holy Family
Sat 4:00 PM
Sun 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM

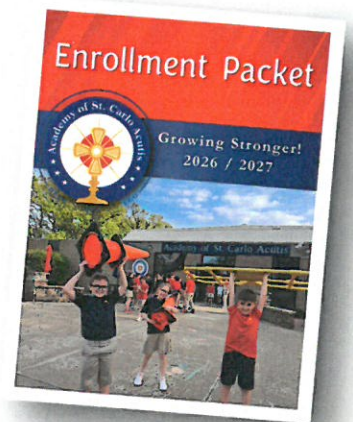
St. Mary's
Sat 5:15 PM
Sun 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions: With the new Mass schedule in May, intentions will be moved to the closest Mass time. Some dates may change if no Mass is offered that day. Please contact the parish office with questions or if you prefer to reschedule.

Altar & Rosary Closing Dinner: Oglesby members are asked to RSVP by this Wednesday for our Spring Closing Dinner. Simply leave a message for Amie at (815) 200-7379. Guests will order off the menu with the club picking up the tip for the evening.
Cortileno's ~ Thursday, May 7th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Join the ASCA Family:
Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now underway at The Academy of St. Carlo Acutis. Visit the school's website academyofstcarlo.org to learn more.

~ or ~
Call (815) 200-1991 to schedule a visit.



Dressing for Holy Mass: As the weather gets nicer, a friendly reminder to take the time to dress for Mass. While we don't dress to impress our neighbors, clothes say something about what we think and what we value. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. Sometimes it seems to say, "Nothing is really all that important." But that is not true. Going to God's house is important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Casual or sloppy attire in these circumstances is simply inappropriate if we really think about what we are doing, where we are going, and Who it is we will meet. It does not necessarily follow that we must wear tuxedos and formal gowns. But dignified and modest attire seems wholly appropriate. Sunday is special; God's House is special. Some things really are important, and our clothing and demeanor reflect this truth.

-Msgr. Charles Pope, Spiritual Director Legion of Mary

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

April 25th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)

Reader: Deena Pavinato
EMHC: Maureen Polster
Altar Servers: Lola K., Emery L., Everly S.
Ushers: Joe Vittone
Tim Watkins

April 25th, 5:00 p.m. (STM)

Reader: Connie Guerrero

April 26th, 8:00 a.m. (HF)

Reader: Nathan Boudreau
EMHC: Jim Clinard
Altar Servers: Aubrey D., Aubrey G., Conner J.
Ushers: Jim Clinard
Joel Gerdovich

April 26th, 8:00 a.m. (STM)

Reader: Kathleen DiLuciano
Alar Server: CJ DiLuciano

April 26th, 10:00 a.m. (HF)

Reader: Brian Sherman
EMHC: Rachel Sherman
Altar Servers: Aubrey E., James O., Kaitlynn O., River R., Liam T., Camden V., Nola O.
Ushers: Gary Peterlin
Andy Schmollinger

April 26th, 10:00 a.m. (STM)

Reader: Bill Mattingly
Altar Servers: Finn and Rory Carter

May 2nd, 4:00 p.m. (HF)

Reader: Sue Van De Wyngaerde
EMHC: Sue Van De Wyngaerde
Ushers: Ken Capponi
Mark Van De Wyngaerde

May 3rd, 7:30 a.m. (HF)

Reader: Nathan Boudreau
EMHC: Bryson Boudreau
Altar Servers: Maggie B., Bryson B.
Ushers: Steve Kamnikar
Jake Newman

May 3rd, 9:00 a.m. (STM)

Reader: Colette Spears
Altar Servers: Bobby and Olivia Villarreal

May 3rd, 10:30 a.m. (HF)

Reader: Jill Shields
EMHC: Carter Dzik
Altar Servers: Brigham B., Carter D., Sadie D., Sam K., Griffin S., Sadie S.
Ushers: Matt Glupczynski
Cathy Granata

MASS SCHEDULE

4/25,

4:00 p.m. (HF) **Saturday**
+ Eric Scott Van De Wyngaerde (birthdate) by Mark and Sue Van De Wyngaerde
5:00 p.m. (STM) + Ragan DeMaso by Skip and Miranda DeMaso

4/26,

8:00 a.m. (HF) **4th Sunday of Easter**
Deborah Sweeden by Michael Flavin
8:00 a.m. (STM) + Mary Ann Newell by her family
10:00 a.m. (HF) Living and Deceased Members of the Hamilton Family by Lorene Munson
10:00 a.m. (STM) For the People of the Parish

4/27,

7:00 a.m. (STM) **Monday**
Joseph Windy (80th birthday 4/28)

4/28,

7:00 a.m. (STM) **Tuesday**
Stone Wong (birthdate)
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Dr. Clem Jasiek
by James and Jennifer Manning
10:15 a.m. (HF) Jim and +Mary Ann Loebach, Rizzo Family
by Deb Kotar
7:00-8:00 p.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN UTICA

4/29,

7:00 a.m. (STM) **Wednesday**
Elizabeth Wong (birthdate 4/27)
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Richard Janowiak and Lou Riva
by Kristin and Chuck Riva Family
4:30-6:30 p.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OGLESBY

4/30,

7:00 a.m. (STM) **Thursday**
+ Joseph Story
7:30 a.m. (HF) Living & Deceased Members of the Szajerski Family by Pat Rudzinski

5/1,

7:00 a.m. (STM) **Friday**
+ Deceased Members of the Miroux Family
by Tom and Lori Wojciechowski

5/2,

4:00 p.m. (HF) **Saturday**
+ Don Biagini (wed. anniv. 5/3)
by The Biagini Family
5:15 p.m. (STM) + Joseph M. Carey (birthdate) by Teresa Carey

5/3,

7:30 a.m. (HF) **5th Sunday of Easter**
+ Hazel Conrad by Bruce and Annie Muffler
9:00 a.m. (STM) + Fritz and Connie Harmon by family
10:30 a.m. (HF) + Arnold and JoAnn Daley

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Holy Family

Adult Envelopes: \$3,455.00
Easter Envelopes: \$30.00
Loose Donations: \$603.25
Mail-in Donations: \$680.00
Online Giving: \$520.00
ADA: \$295.00
Diocesan Collections: \$215.00
Maintenance: \$70.00
St. Martin Society: \$
Altar & Rosary: \$50.00

St. Mary

Adult Envelopes: \$1,635.00
Easter Envelopes: \$20.00
Loose Donations: \$1,008.00
Online Giving: \$145.00
Catholic Charities: \$10.00
Building Fund: \$140.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Kids Corner

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Maze. Help the sheep find its way to the shepherd.

