

Church of Saint Mary

May 1st & 8th
2022

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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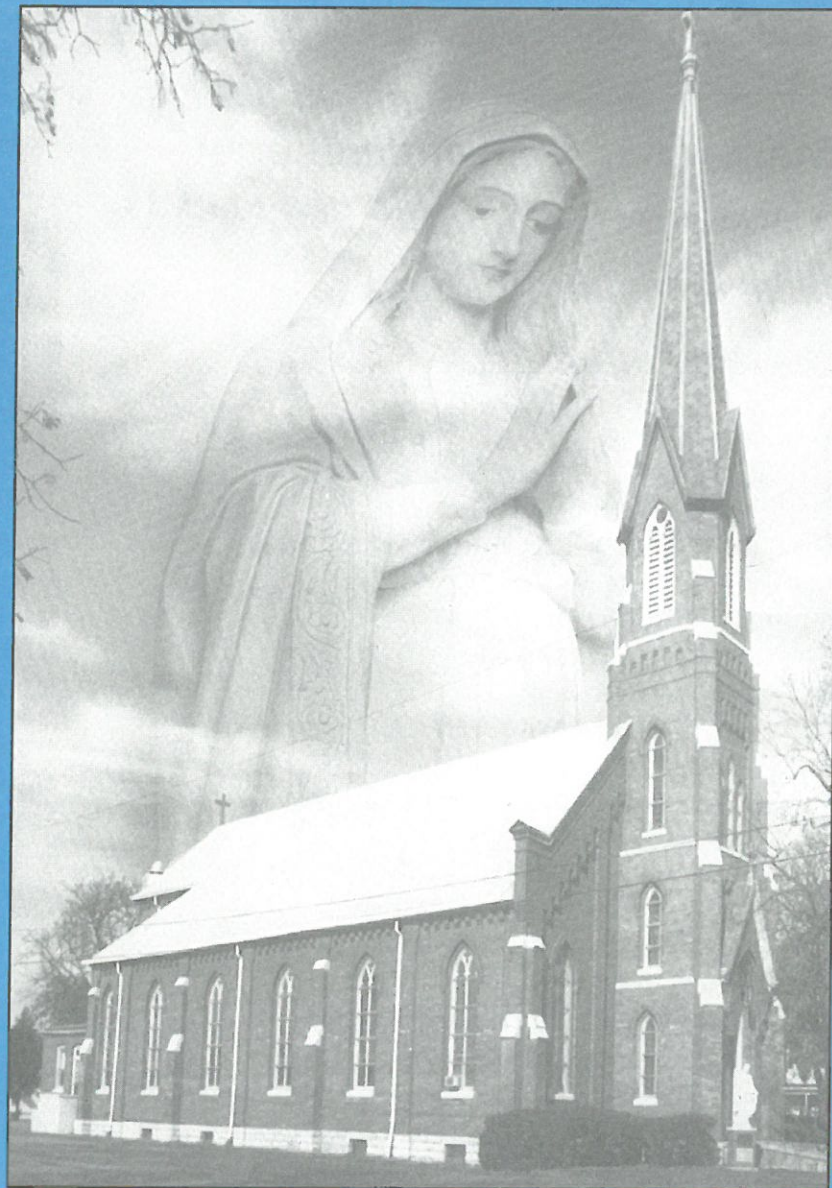
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8:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

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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, APRIL 30TH

5:00pm + Karen Robey (anniv. + 4/28) by Donald Robey

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am For the People of the Parish

10:00am + James and Elizabeth Naughton
by Cathie Pezanoski

MONDAY, MAY 2ND - ST. ATHANASIUS

7:00am + Virginia McLachlan
by Sharla and Greg Scullans

TUESDAY, MAY 3RD - STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

7:00am + Jordan Carr

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH

7:00am + Andy Senica Jr.

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

7:00am + Fr. Harold Schmitt

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

7:00am + Ron Chadwick by Adriane Chadwick

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Margaret Fitzgerald (birthdate 5/9)
by JoAnn Waibel

10:00am + Sandra Harbeck (anniv. + 5/9) by Roger Harbeck

MONDAY, MAY 9TH

7:00am + Mary Ann Newell by Carol Mathey

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH - ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

7:00am Kevin Daly

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

7:00am Special Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH - STS. NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS

7:00am + Fr. Richard Brunskill

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

7:00am + Msgr. James J. Swaner

Meditation from The Word Among Us - May 1st

Peter . . . said to him, "Lord, you know everything."

Did you know that stained glass windows get their name from the stains that color them? Artisans add impurities such as metallic salts to the glass, which produce the rich, deep colors. These glass panes lift our hearts whenever we see them. But when the sunlight illuminates them, their true splendor appears.

Peter probably wasn't feeling very "splendid" during his conversation with Jesus in today's Gospel. We can imagine his dismay when Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" not one, but three times. Peter could not have missed the link between Jesus' threefold questioning and Peter's threefold denial. His flaws and failures stood front and center for everyone to see. It was as if a spotlight were shining on Peter and his "impurities." He could only reply, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you".

How remarkable that Jesus does not berate or even correct Peter! Quite the opposite, he immediately commands him to feed his sheep. Peter's denials didn't disqualify him from following Jesus or serving him. Rather, they served as lessons in humility and prepared him for his mission.

We all fall short from time to time as we try to follow the Lord. Our weaknesses and sins hinder us from loving and obeying Jesus as we should. But like Peter, we can learn from our failures and humbly return to the Lord for the grace to begin again. Nothing disqualifies us from our call to be Jesus' disciples and feed his sheep. Just as impurities in stained glass bring forth beauty when the sun shines upon it, our weaknesses can show the Lord's grace when we come into His light. So let's not stay in the darkness counting our stains. Let's come into the light and let it shine through us.

"Lord, you know everything; shine through me today."

Weekly Offering

Donations received April 14-27

Adult Envelopes	\$3,860.00
Loose Collection	\$2,160.05
Easter	\$1,670.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Online Giving	\$195.00
Pink CCD	\$55.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$510.00

God Bless your Generosity!

Bulletin Submissions: Have something for our bulletin?
Submissions MUST be received by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays for
publication in the coming weekend's bulletin.

Please plan ahead while we are publishing every other week.

New Altar Server Schedule on Back Page!!

Weekends of May 1st & 8th

Readings Week of May 1st

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19; John 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66; John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66; John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116; John 6:60-69

Readings Week of May 8th

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42 & 42; John 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87; John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67; John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89; John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2; John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113; John 15:9-17

Announcements

Mass Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart: May is the month of Mary. All are invited to come for a special gathering of prayer and Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Guest celebrant will be Fr. Richard Cortese.

When: Tuesday, May 3rd

Where: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lostant

Time: 10:00 a.m.

For questions, contact: Toni Hartenbower

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Jobst 1st Communion Gifts: The big day for our 2nd graders is only a couple weeks away! If you are looking for the perfect gift/keepsake, consider shopping at Jobst Monument and Gifts in Ottawa (402 W. Main St.). They are open from 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. They offer bibles, rosaries, picture frames, crosses, prayer books, music boxes, medals, and more!

Easter Teardown: We are in need of helpers to remove Easter decorations on Saturday, May 21st. If you are available, please be at the church at 8:00 a.m.

We have 8 youth from our parish that will be receiving Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the 1st time on Sunday, May 15th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We ask that you keep these children in your daily prayers as they get ready to celebrate this special occasion.

Lunch Bingo: Join the fun at the Paramount Club in LaSalle. The May get together will be on Thursday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$15 for lunch and bingo.

1st Friday Latin Mass: Fr. Driscoll offers a first Friday Latin Mass at Ottawa's St. Elizabeth's hospital chapel. Mass time is always 11:30 a.m. The next date will be Friday, May 6th.

Bring Flowers of the Fairest: We will honor our Blessed Mother with May Crowning on May 15th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children from our parish are invited to be part of the procession. The church will provide flowers and Fr. Driscoll will give instructions on participating at Mass.

Change for Life: St. Mary's Parish and the local Utica Knights of Columbus will sponsor a baby bottle campaign. On Mother's Day weekend please consider taking a baby bottle and filling it with change, cash or a check as we will start our "Change for Life" campaign to support Abigail Women's Center of LaSalle County. Abigail's serves women who are pregnant and helps them make choices for life, and then helps provide supplies for their babies after they are born. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's Church. The campaign will end on June 5th.

KC Meeting: The next Fr. Marquette Council #1775 meeting will be held at the Utica Fire Department's meeting room on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Swaner Estate Sale: Thank you to everyone that stopped in the KC Hall for Msgr. Swaner's household sale. It made us so happy knowing that so many now have mementos to remember such a special priest! Many thanks to the KC for the Hall usage and pizza, to all that helped move furniture to the Hall, worked at the sale, provided lunch items for shoppers. For those that couldn't make it, we do have a few photos and prayer cards in the back of church. Please feel free to take some.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 8th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest". Pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and consecrated life.

A Prayer for Sacred Vocations

Heavenly Father. Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to bless our diocese and our Universal Church with many priests and consecrated men and women who will love You fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord; that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved; and that all may attain Heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. Amen

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Hank Farrar, Darlene Jenkins, Richard Kepper, Tori Lou Klimek, Ed Liss, Judy Lock, Ava Lukacsy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Dennise Watson

Kids Corner

Altar Serving Schedule - 10:00 a.m. Masses



Date	Servers
May 8th	Finn Carter, Jackson Myers, Nathan Leffers
May 15th	Joey and Jacob Patyk, Dominic DiLuciano
May 22nd	Ava Myers, Nina Leffers, Lexi Sawin
May 29th	Joey and Jacob Patyk, Dominic DiLuciano
June 5th	Nathan Leffers, Bentley DiLuciano, Finn Carter
June 12th	Jackson Myers, Finn Carter, Dominic DiLuciano
June 19th	Ava Myers, Nina Leffers, Lexi Sawin
June 26th	Joey and Jake Patyk, Bentley DiLuciano

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Word Bank

BOAT	CANA
CAST	CHILDREN
DIDYMUS	DISCIPLES
FEED	FISH
FOLLOW	GALILEE
GLORIFY	GOD
KNOW	LOVE
NIGHT	NOTHING
SHEEP	TIBERIAS



A Mother's Love - Author Unknown

There are times when only a mother's love
 Can understand our tears,
 Can soothe our disappoints
 And calm all of our fears.
 There are times when only a mother's love
 Can share the joy we feel
 When something we've dreamed about
 Quite suddenly is real.
 There are times when only a mother's faith
 Can help us on life's way
 And inspire in us the confidence
 We need from day to day.
 For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
 And a mother's steadfast love
 Were fashioned by the angels
 And sent from God above.