

Church of Saint Mary

August 3rd & 10th
2025

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

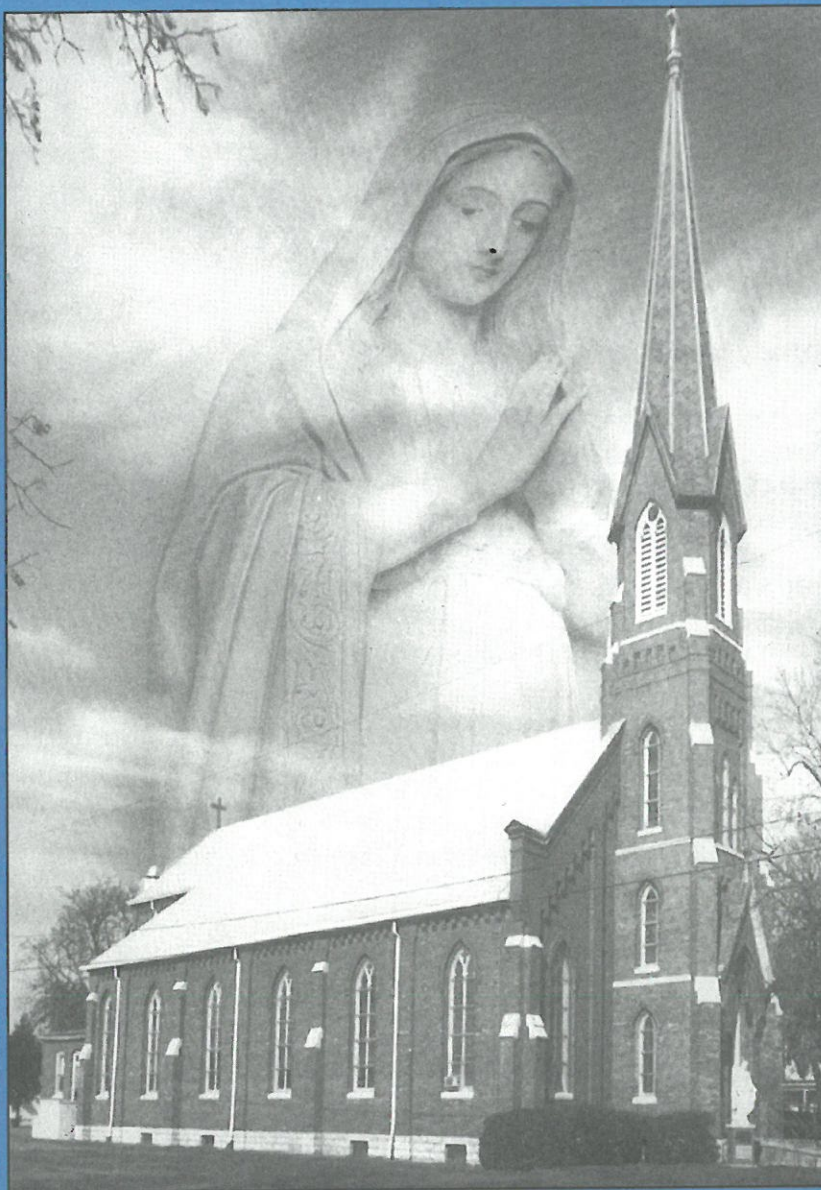
Please call the Church anytime
day or night.

Parish Office

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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, AUGUST 2ND—ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Don Pfalzgraf (birthdate)
by Geo and Mary Kay Hodgson

10:00am + Mary Cadegiani (anniv. +)
by friends and family

MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH—ST. JOHN VIANNEY

7:00am + Jodie Mosell

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

7:00am + Mary (Snell) Kalisiak

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH—TRANSFIGURATION

7:00am Luka Stevanovic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH—ST. SIXTUS II

7:00am + John Robert Lee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH—ST. DOMINIC

7:00am + Fr. Ernie Pizzamiglio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH—ST. TERESA BENEDICTA

5:00pm Adriane Chadwick (birthdate)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH—19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Eileen Rogowski Riota
by the Rogowski Family

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH—ST. CLARE

7:00am Lily Fernandez (birthdate) and Rebecca Kruse
(birthdate)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH—ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

7:00am Rosie Anthony
by Maurice and Jane Dust

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH—ST. PONTIAN

7:00am + Robert Lee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH—ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

7:00am Patrick Lee (birthdate) and Kathleen Ramos
(birthdate)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH—ASSUMPTION OF BVM

7:00am + Pat Wagner by family and friends

7:00pm + Alan Dewey

Gospel Meditation for August 3rd

One's life does not consist of possessions.

"You can't take it with you." This common expression might be a good way to sum up Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. The landowner had been blessed with a bountiful harvest, so he decided to build larger barns to store his grain. Then he planned a great retirement for himself. But God told him that he would die that very night, "and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

It can be so tempting to believe that our lives consist of our possessions. It's easy to succumb to the constant allure of new "toys" that appear on the market almost daily. The problem is that our desire to fill our lives with more possessions can overshadow our desire for God. We can find ourselves thinking more often about the next "thing" to buy than about our much more pressing need to draw close to God and care for his children in need.

The remedy is not to give away all our possessions—that's not what Jesus is asking of us. But he does want us to be aware of how much time and money we spend searching for and acquiring new "treasures" for ourselves. Even more, he wants us to recognize how this crowds out the time and resources we could spend on being "rich in what matters to God."

Everything we have is a gift from God. The man's bountiful harvest was a gift as well. Instead of trying to store up his grain so that he could "rest, eat, drink, and be merry," he could have blessed those who were less fortunate. In the same way, we can ask ourselves, "How can I reflect God's generosity and share more of my blessings with people in need?" It may mean buying or shopping less; it may mean giving more to people who truly need it. This may not be easy, but it will make us eternally rich in what matters to God!

"Jesus, help me to be generous with all you have given me!"

Weekly Offering

Donations received July 16th-29th

Adult Envelopes	\$3,600.00
Loose Collection	\$1,931.47
Building Fund	\$330.00
Food Pantry	\$100.00
Initial Offering Env.	\$205.00
Holy Days	\$20.00

Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

August 3rd	Ava Myers, Jake and Joey Patyk
August 10th	Abby Brown, Peter and Olivia Villareal
August 17th	Nathan and Nina Leffers, Peter and Olivia Villareal

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Tim Burgess, Don and Pam Edwards, Jill Kain, Richard Kepper, Ed Liss, Ava Lukascy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Tom Varney, Dennise Watson, Karen Williams

Weekends of August 3rd & 10th

Readings for Week of August 3rd

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21
Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalm 81; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm 51; Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95; Matthew 16:13-23
Friday: Deuteronomy 3:32-40; Psalm 77; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalm 18; Matthew 17:14-20

Readings for Week of August 10th

Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 147; Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 66; Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalm 114; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29; Psalm 16; Matthew 19:13-15

Announcements



Solemnity of the Assumption Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 15th
7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Join us in honoring Mary's entrance into Heaven as we gather in prayer, gratitude, and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

Sweet Corn Sale: This weekend (August 3rd) is your last chance to purchase some deliciously fresh sweet corn on the cob. It will be available for purchase after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick and the 12:15 p.m. Mass at St. Hyacinth. All proceeds benefit our area youth group.

In Remembrance: Our parish mourns the passing of John Henneberry. His funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday, August 5th. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ASCA Pool Party: The Academy of St. Carlo Acutis invites all school families (parents and students) to a "Back to School Pool Party" on Saturday, August 9th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Oglesby City Pool (55 Pool Drive).



Baptism Blessing: We joyfully celebrated the baptism of Kinsley Ann Ford (pictured above) on July 26th. She is the daughter of Adam and Katherine (Riva) Ford. May the waters of baptism gently bless her precious spirit, and fill her heart with peace, and her life with joy. Congratulations!

Fall Mum Sale: Brighten up your porch or garden with beautiful fall mums! The Altar & Rosary Society is holding a Fall Mum Sale as a fundraiser. These vibrant mums come in 8-inch pots and are available in a variety of rich autumn colors.

Order Deadline: Tuesday, August 19th

Pickup Date: Saturday, September 6th

Time/Location: 10:00 a.m. – noon @ the church

Orders and payment may be dropped in the collection basket. Extra order forms for friends and family can be found on the table at the back of church. Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your help in making this fundraiser a blooming success!



FULTON SHEEN RETREAT

by
Fr. Donald Francis Roszkowski

**Saturday,
September 20, 2025**

Location: St. Mary Cathedral and Spalding Ctr.



8:30am Opening Mass at St. Mary Cathedral
 9:30am Talk by Fr. Donald Francis Roszkowski
 11am Sheen Museum highlights by Sr. Lea, FSJB
 11:15am Museum tour
 12pm Lunch & Sheen television show
 1pm Sheen Point Cathedral Tour
 2pm Holy Hour with Msgr. Jason A. Gray

Cost: \$40 ~ Register at: CelebrateSheen.com

IV Cursillo: Join the IV Cursillo Community for our August Ultreya. It will be held August 9th at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church (510 Richard A. Mautino Dr., Spring Valley). Mass begins at 4:00 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner and program. Fr. Michael Schaab will be the guest speaker. All are welcome!

Word Search. Based on the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

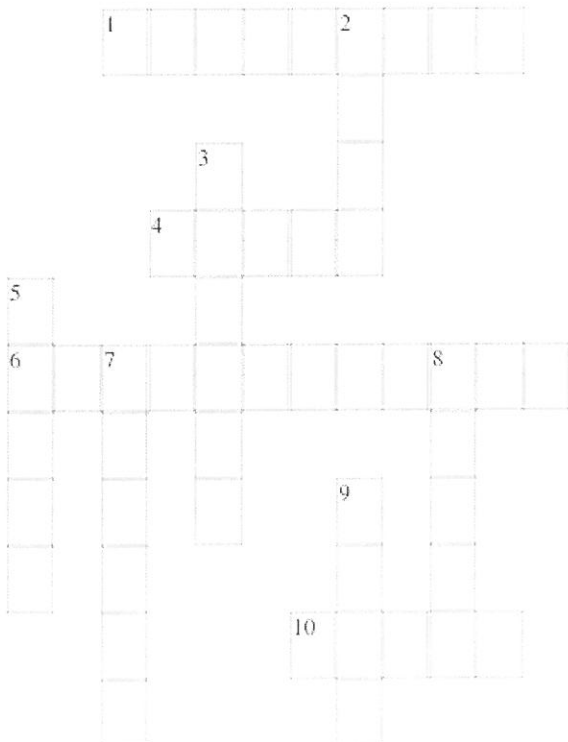
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Word Bank

CROWD	DEMAND	FOOL
FRIEND	GREED	GUARD
HARVEST	INHERITANCE	JUDGE
LIFE	PARABLE	PREPARED
RICH	TEACHER	TREASURE

Crossword. For the Transfiguration on August 6th.



The Assumption of Mary - August 15th

Open the portals! The Queen is approaching.
Lift up, O eternal gates!

Across

1. Reaction of the apostles.
4. Number of dwellings to build.
6. What the cloud did to them.
10. One of the apostles.

Down.

2. The appearance of his _____ changed.
3. "This is my Son, my _____; listen to him!"
5. What they heard from the cloud.
7. Prophet on the hill.
8. Color of Jesus' clothes.
9. Jesus took Peter, John, and James up to the mountain to _____.

Need help? Use these words: three, chosen, terrified, overshadowed, Elijah, face, pray, white, James, voice

St. Mary Altar & Rosary

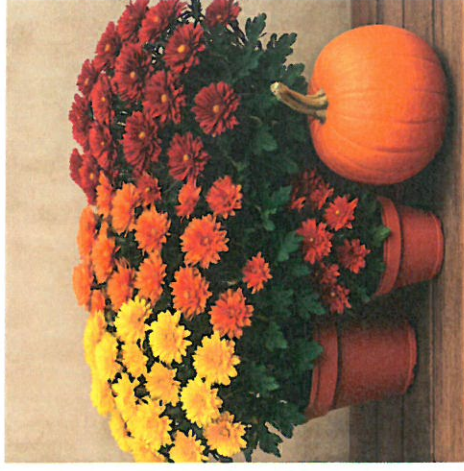
Fall Mum Fundraiser

- Locally Grown • 8" Pots • \$10 each

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Pickup Details:
 Saturday, September 6th
 10:00 a.m.—Noon
 At Church (303 S. Division St., Utica)



Color Description	Qty.	Price per Plant	Subtotal
Light Yellow		x \$10	
Dark Yellow		x \$10	
Bronze		x \$10	
Dark Red		x \$10	
Orange		x \$10	
Light Purple		x \$10	
Dark Purple		x \$10	

Make checks payable to: Altar & Rosary
 Orders due by August 19th

Total Enclosed: _____