

Church of Saint Mary

April 14th & 21st
2024

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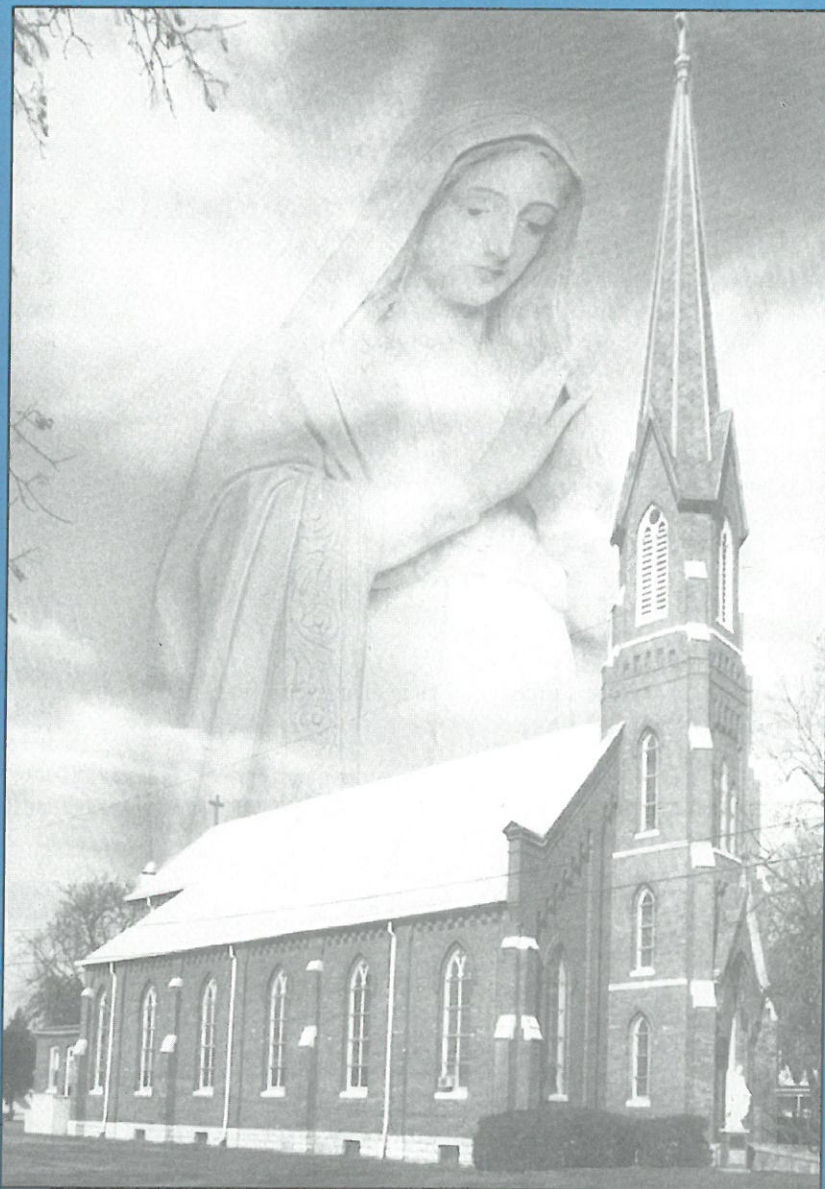
Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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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 13TH - ST. MARTIN I**
5:00pm For the People of the Parish
- SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:00am + Susy Pennell (birthdate 4/19)
by family and friends
10:00am + Loretta Harmon (anniv. + 4/18)
by +Don Gahan Sr.
- MONDAY, APRIL 15TH**
7:00am + Dave Mix by Kathy Jo Lindner
- TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH**
7:00am Christine Rauh
7:00pm ADORATION IN CHURCH
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH**
7:00am Mary Frances Fritts
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH**
7:00am Rena Daly
- FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH**
7:00am + Ron Lindner by Michael and Lisa Wetzel
- SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH**
4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS
5:00pm + Ron Chadwick (birthdate 4/23)
- SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS
8:00am + Patricia Corrigan-Burk
by Thomas and Penny Rott
10:00am For the Utica Tornado Victims
- MONDAY, APRIL 22ND**
7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Olinger
Family
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD - ST. GEORGE**
7:00am For the People of the Parish
7:00pm ADORATION IN CHURCH
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH - ST. FIDELIS/SIGMARINGEN**
7:00am John and Mary Pocivasek Family
- THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH - ST. MARK**
7:00am + Loretta Story
- FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH**
7:00am Special Intention

Weekly Offering

Donations received March 27th—April 9th

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| Adult Envelopes | \$4,300.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$1,951.33 |
| Building Fund | \$160.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$55.00 |
| Holy Land | \$330.00 |
| Easter | \$1,485.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$20.00 |
| Catholic Education | \$60.00 |
| Cemetery Upkeep | \$10.00 |

Gospel Meditation for April 14th

What a traumatic three days the disciples had just been through—from the Last Supper through Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' arrest, and Peter's denial, all the way up to Jesus' crucifixion! Everything they had staked their lives on had fallen to pieces—and they themselves had failed Jesus completely.

So it's no wonder that Jesus' first words when he appeared to the disciples were "Peace be with you". How they needed that peace! Then, just as he had done for the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he "opened their minds" to help them make sense of all they had just been through. Walking them through the Scriptures, he showed them how his death had been part of God's plan all along. He helped them see that it was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of all their hopes but the beginning of a glorious new future.

Have you ever felt the way the disciples did? Maybe you're in the midst of a painful situation right now that has you feeling confused, betrayed, or lost. Maybe a traumatic experience in the past still haunts you. Or maybe the guilt of some past sin continues to weigh you down.

Whatever your situation, Jesus longs to do for you what he did for his disciples. He longs to open your mind to his mercy so that you can be set free from guilt or shame. He longs to reveal his love so that you can see your past—especially the painful parts—through his eyes of love and compassion. He longs to give you new insight into his wisdom so that you can look to your future with hope and trust.

Quiet your heart today so that you can hear Jesus speak to you. Let him "open your mind" and show you how he looks at you. Let him give you his peace.

"Jesus, help me to see with your eyes, to hear with your ears, and to love with your heart."

Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

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| April 14th | Villarreal Family, Bentley DiLuciano |
| April 21st | Joey and Jake Patyk, Ava Myers |
| April 28th | Nathan and Nina Leffers |

Altar Server Schedule for May & June

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| May 5th | Finn Carter, Bobby and Olivia Villareal |
| May 12th | Ava Myers, Nathan and Nina Leffers |
| May 19th | Bentley DiLuciano, Joey and Jake Patyk |
| May 26th | Bobby and Olivia Villareal, Ava Myers |
| June 2nd | Finn Carter, Bentley DiLuciano, Nathan Leffers |
| June 9th | Joey and Jake Patyk, Nina Leffers |
| June 16th | Bobby and Olivia Villareal, Bentley DiLuciano |
| June 23rd | Nina Leffers, Ava Myers, Finn Carter |
| June 30th | Nathan Leffers, Joey and Jake Patyk |

Weekends of April 14th & 21st

Readings Week of April 14th

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Psalm 31; John 6:30-35
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 April 21st

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42 & 43; 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: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89; Mark 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2; John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98; John 14:7-14

Announcements

Memorial Service Planned: Engrained in the minds and hearts of Utica residents will always be the F3 tornado that passed through our little community destroying over 100 homes, toppling half of the business district, and claiming the lives of eight residents on April 20th, 2004. In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of this tragedy, you are invited to a memorial service.

When: Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Where: Memorial Park (corner of Mill & Church St.)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast: Enjoy some delicious pancakes this weekend (Sunday, April 14th) courtesy of our Utica Knights of Columbus. They will be manning the griddle at the Pancake Breakfast at Holy Family. Stop by the school (336 Alice Ave., Oglesby) from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10/adult, \$5 kids under 10 and includes pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, coffee or apple juice.

PADS Dinner: The sign-up sheet is available on the back table for the May 1st dinner at the homeless shelter. Please consider helping out. This will be our last meal to serve for the season.

Mass Intentions: Our Mass intention book for the 2024 calendar year is full. We can no longer accept requests. Our book for 2025 will open in August.

In Prayer: We are very excited for our upcoming Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception on April 21st. Our parish will proudly have seven students there to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This weekend our students will receive the Rite of Enrollment at the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We ask that you keep these youth in your prayers as they make final preparations for this special day.

- Matthew Brown • Mary Craven • Jameson Daley
- Bentley DiLuciano • William Kummer • Nina Leffers
- Nathan Leffers

KC Meeting: Our Utica Knights will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall.

Altar & Rosary: Our ladies group will hold their April meeting on the 30th of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the 308 Center. New members are always welcome!

Respect Life: Our parish will be holding a Baby Bottle Campaign throughout the month of May. Be on the lookout to pick up your bottle. Collecting change by giving up a daily coffee or eating at home instead of a restaurant are small sacrifices that can really add up. Every gift given will help a mother find the freedom to choose life in our community.



In Celebration: Our parish shares in the joy of Christine Rosengren and Monty Gingrich who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. May you always feel God's love surround you as you join us in worship. Congratulations!

Spalding Scholarship: Reminder to families attending or considering attending a Catholic School in our diocese; financial assistance is available! For more information, please visit www.cdop.org under *Catholic Education & Financial Assistance*. Applications are due by April 26th.

In Gratitude: We would like to thank our parish Altar & Rosary Society for purchasing new altar linens for each liturgical season. They are beautiful!

May Crowning: Our parish will hold May Crowning on Sunday, May 5th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We invite all children from our parish to participate in this beautiful tradition by processing with flowers for our Blessed Mother. *Flowers will be provided.*

Marquette News: Marquette Academy's biggest fundraiser of the year is just a few weeks away. May Merriment will take place on May 4th. Money raised helps support K-12 Catholic Education. Here are some ways that you can show your support:

- Purchase a Big Cash Raffle Ticket. Cash prizes vary from \$500 to the \$25,000 grand prize. Tickets can be purchased through the school's website (<https://www.marquetteacademy.net>).
- Attend May Merriment Dinner & Auction. Tickets are available on the website....it is sure to be a magical evening!
- Bid on the Auction Items. Visit www.bidpal.net/mmm42.

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

The new altar server schedule for May and June can be found to the left.

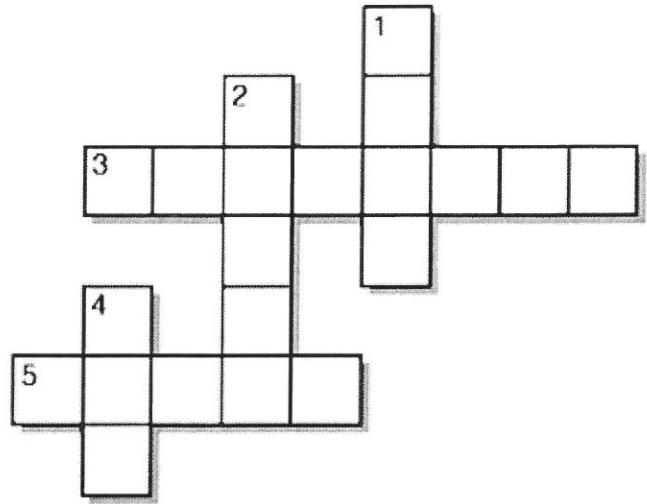
Kids Corner

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Crossword.



ACROSS

- The disciples knew it was Jesus in the _____ of the bread.
- In the old testament, _____ was instructed by God to write the ten commandments.

DOWN

- Today's Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____.
- Jesus always greets his friends the disciples with this word after he has risen— "_____ " be with you.
- Another word for happy, "they were filled with _____!"

Color.

