

Church of Saint Mary

September 28th &
October 5th 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.

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Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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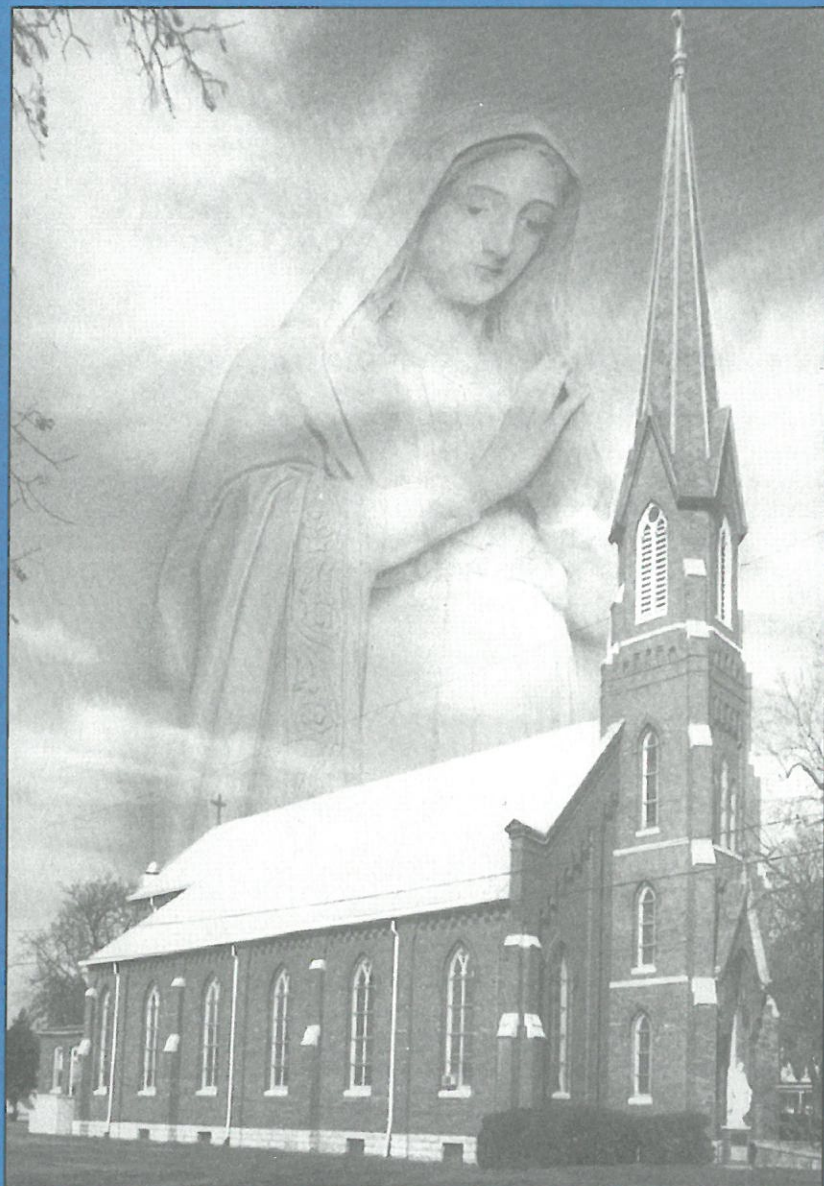
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in 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, SEPTEMBER 27TH - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

5:00pm + Mary Cadegiani by family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - 26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Ron Lindner (birthdate 9/29)
by Mark and Beth Ann Connell

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

7:00am Everett Smith (birthdate)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - ST. JEROME

7:00am + Robert Lee (anniv. +)

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - ST. THÉRÈSE/CHILD JESUS

7:00am + Andy Hurst

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

7:00am + Cecil, Zita, and Marie Story

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am For the People of the Parish

10:00am + Loretta and Ken (anniv. + 10/4) Harmon
by Sue Calkins

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH - ST. BRUNO

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7:00am + Robert Lee (birthdate)

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

7:00am + Joe Story (anniv. + 10/12)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH - ST. DENIS

7:00am For the intention of Fr. Michael Driscoll
by Maurice and Jane Dust

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - ST. JOHN XXIII

5:00pm + Leo and Edna Doherty by Barb Doherty

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH - 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Gene and Carolee Farris by Kathy Jo Lindner

10:00am For the People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

This Weekend's Server Schedule

September 28th	Jake and Joey Patyk, Nina Leffers
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Gospel Meditation for September 28th

They have Moses and the prophets.

Jesus draws a stark contrast in today's Gospel between a man who enjoyed his riches but had no concern for others and a poor man, Lazarus, whose life was filled with poverty, suffering, and humiliation. When the rich man died, he was condemned to the "torment" of "flames" in the underworld. Lazarus, however, rested peacefully in "the bosom of Abraham" after he passed away. When the rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers about what awaited them, Abraham dismissed his request. "they have Moses and the prophets," he said. "Let them listen to them".

Moses and the prophets. That's shorthand for the word of God. It's also a very revealing statement. This parable is not just about the dangers of ignoring the suffering of the poor. It's also about the importance and power of Scripture. It's even more powerful than being visited by someone who has been raised from the dead!

This is a troubling story, but it's also filled with promise. Jesus is telling us that the word of God can change even the hardest of hearts. Through the commandments God gave to Moses, he told us to be kind and generous toward those in need. And through the words of the prophets, he revealed his own heart for those who are vulnerable and neglected. Now he tells us that if we sit with these words and let them sink into our hearts, his Spirit will draw us out of our own selfishness. He will help us reach out of ourselves and share his love and generosity with anyone who is hurting.

What is Jesus saying to you today? Is there a word or phrase from one of today's Mass readings that is standing out to you? Take that word and ponder it, even if you're not sure what has drawn you to it. Be patient. Be open. Let almighty God speak to you.

"Lord, open my ears to your word! Open my heart to your call!"

Weekly Offering (September 10-23)

Adult Envelopes	\$3,434.00
World Mission Sunday	\$20.00
Loose Collection	\$2,267.00
Online Giving	\$75.00
Building Fund	\$846.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$60.00
PADs Dinner Donations	\$10.00
Altar & Rosary Env.	\$30.00
Assumption	\$10.00

October & November Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

October 5th	Nathan Leffers, Peter and Olivia Villareal
October 12th	Abby Brown, Finn and Rory Carter
October 19th	Ava Myers, Jake and Joey Patyk
October 26th	Nathan and Nina Leffers, Abby Brown
November 2nd	Finn and Rory Carter, Ava Myers
November 9th	Jake and Joey Patyk
November 16th	Ava Myers, Finn and Rory Carter
November 23rd	Peter and Olivia Villareal, Abby Brown
November 30th	Nina Leffers, Jake and Joey Patyk

Weekends of September 28th & October 5th

Readings for Week of September 28th

Sunday: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
Monday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138; John 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87; Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalm 137; Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalm 19; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79; Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69; Luke 10:17-24

Readings for Week of October 5th

Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10
Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Jonah 2:3-5, 8; Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130; Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86; Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b; Psalm 1; Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9; Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97; Luke 11:27-28

Announcements



Blessed by the Holy Spirit: Brady Holland and Julia Stewart (pictured above) were confirmed by Bishop Louis Tylka on September 23rd at Holy Family Church in Oglesby. May they be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations!

St. Patrick, pray for us.

St. Clare of Assisi, pray for us.

Word Among Us: Complimentary issues of The Word Among Us for October are on the back table in church. Please help yourself!

PADs Meals: Many thanks to our volunteers that will be preparing a meal for the homeless shelter on October 1st. We thank you for your time and talent. The November meal sheet will be put out soon. Please consider volunteering.

September Meeting: Altar & Rosary will meet Monday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the 308 Building. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

In Appreciation

- Altar & Rosary would like to thank all who placed orders for our mum fundraiser. Thanks to you, it was a huge success and will enable Altar & Rosary to continue to purchase needed items for our beautiful church.
- St. Mary's 350th Anniversary Picnic was a joyful celebration for all who attended! Parishioners enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch provided by The Cheese Shop, featuring sandwiches, potato salad, pasta salad, and fruit salad. We extend heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus for setting up tables and chairs, to our police department for ensuring safety by closing the road, and to all who served food and organized the children's games. Photos from the celebration can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

Save the date: On Sunday, October 26th we will have a going away get together for Father Driscoll. The event will be held at the Utica Community Hall after the 10:00 Mass. All are invited to wish Father well as he starts his new assignment in Granville and Hennepin on November 1st.

Visit the Relics of St. Faustina: St. Sharbel Church (2920 W. Scenic Drive, Peoria) invites you to join them Thursday, October 2nd - Sunday, October 5th (*Feast of St. Faustina*) for daily devotions to include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Meditations, Divine Liturgy, and Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina. Movies about St. Faustina and Divine Mercy will be shown in the parish hall on Saturday and Sunday. A complete schedule is available by visiting stsharbelchurch.org.

Is it time to fill up your car? Don't forget to use Pumps 7 & 8 at the Shell station in town. A portion of your purchase will benefit the KC's Tootsie Roll Drive.

Baby Item Supply Drive: There will be a playpen at the back of the church for donations for two weeks, beginning at the end of October. Our collection will provide much needed items for the Abigail Women's Center. A wish list will be printed in our next bulletin.



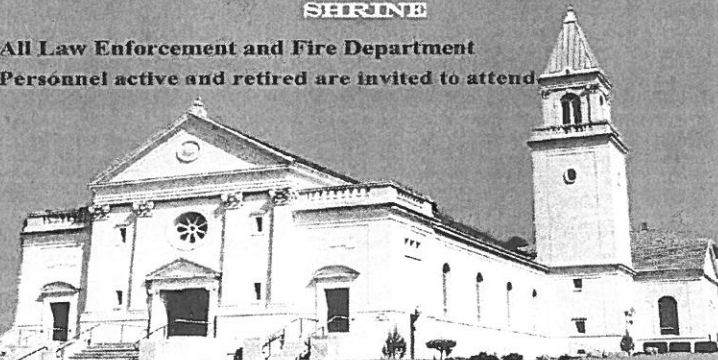
Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
6:30PM

QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY MEMORIAL SHRINE

All Law Enforcement and Fire Department Personnel active and retired are invited to attend.



350th Anniversary Picnic—September 14th

