

Church of Saint Mary

January 21st & 28th
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.

Parish Office

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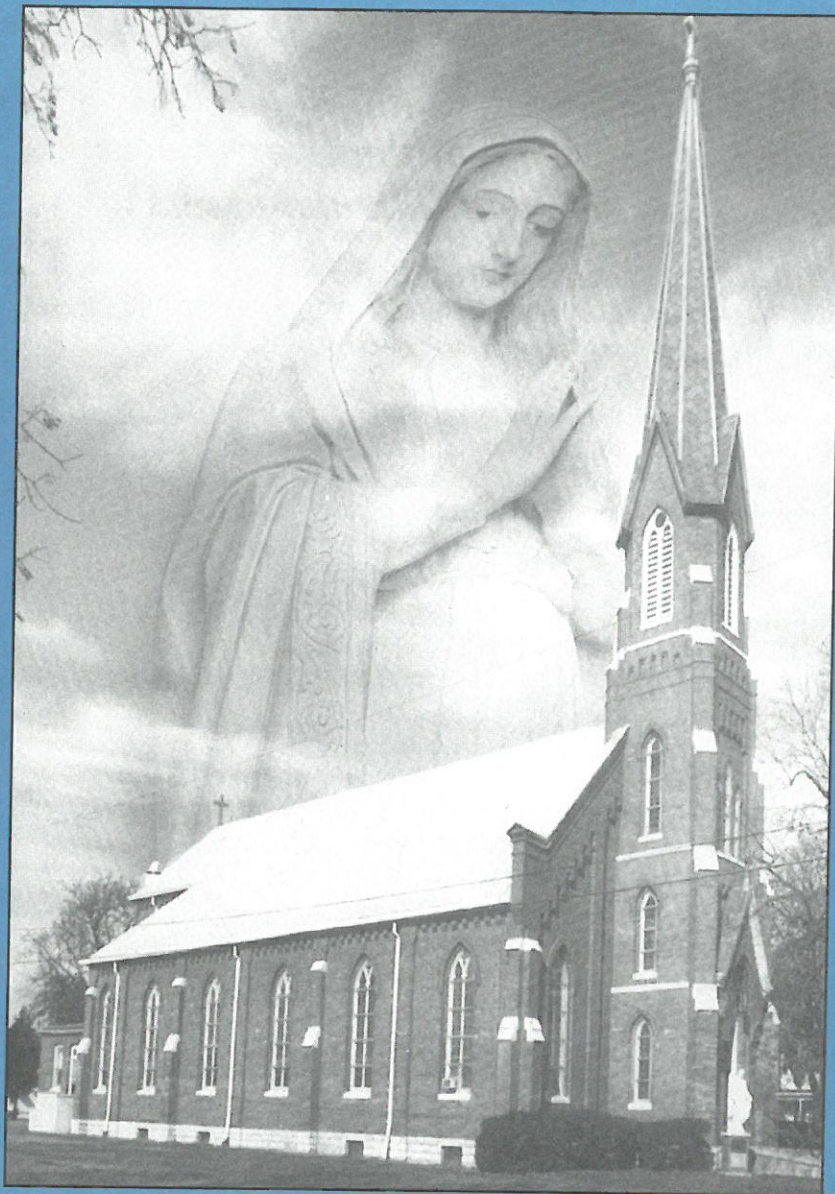
Hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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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, JANUARY 20TH - ST. FABIAN, ST. SEBASTIAN

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + Daniel H. Snell (anniv. + 1/23) by family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Dorothy Grennan (birthdate)
by Gary and Cherie Dorton

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

7:00am Special Intention of Joan Francis

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD - ST. MARIANNE COPE

7:00am + Heather (Mix) Endicott

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH - ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

7:00am + Ann Jansen (anniv. +) by Julie Toellen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH - CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

7:00am + Msgr. James J. Swaner
by Dick and Sharon Johnson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH - STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS

7:00am Special Intention of Stefania Skoczen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH - ST. ANGELA MERICI

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Bill Mix

10:00am + Eileen Rogowski Riota (birthdate)
by Amy and Rhodes Garland

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

7:00am + Bill Schott (anniv. +)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

7:00am + Irene Rohde (anniv. +)
by family and friends

CANCELLED - NO EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST - ST. JOHN BOSCO

NO MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

7:00am + Mary Ann Newell
by Terry and Ellen Fransen

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:00am David and Mary Mote

Meditation for January 21st

He called them.

What did Jesus actually say to James and John when he "called them"? Did he just approach them, as he did with Simon and Andrew, and say, "Come after me"? Or was there a longer, more involved conversation? Whatever happened, we know that this encounter had a powerful effect on these two fishermen. They "left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him".

How did Jesus call you? It doesn't matter whether it happened at a specific point in time or over many years. What matters is that like these first disciples, Jesus called you, and you chose to follow him.

The first call we hear is Jesus calling us to himself. He is the One who shows us the way to the Father and who fills our hearts with his love, mercy, and grace. As it did for these disciples, our relationship with our Lord becomes the foundation for our life and for everything else we do.

Jesus also calls us to mission. Whether we are called to marriage and family, to the priesthood, or to the religious or single life, we are all given a mission, a specific way he wants us to serve him. He may even call us to be missionaries like the first disciples.

But we can also receive multiple callings in our lives, and our calling can change or expand over time. Maybe in one season of life, we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family. In another, God might be asking us to spend more time meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, perhaps by teaching the faith or caring for the poor.

Spend some time at Mass today thanking Jesus for the ways he has called you. It's not always easy to say yes—we know that following Jesus will inevitably involve hardships as well as joys. But there's no greater honor or privilege we could ever hope to have!

"Jesus, I am forever grateful that you have called me to follow you."



Weekly Offering

Donations received January 3rd—16th

Adult Envelopes	\$5,083.00
Loose Collection	\$1,149.00
Building Fund	\$220.00
Food Pantry	\$17.00
Online Giving	\$100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

January 21st	Ava Myers, Joey and Jake Patyk
January 28th	Finn Carter, Bentley DiLuciano, Nathan Leffers

Bulletins are printed every two weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting information for publication.

Weekends of January 21st & 28th

Readings Week of January 21st

Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Psalm 89; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Psalm 24; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117; Mark 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Psalm 51; Mark 4:35-41

Readings Week of January 28th

Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalm 86; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119; Mark 6:30-34

Announcements

PRAY THE ROSARY

If you have to miss Mass because of illness, bad weather, or working 12 hour shifts all weekend, I encourage you to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes to pray the 15 joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of the Rosary. This is an excellent way to spend time prayerfully meditating on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, as well as the roles of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. God Bless, Fr. Driscoll

Upcoming Change: Due to a hospital retreat that Fr. Driscoll will be attending, we will be cancelling the Eucharistic Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 30th and the morning Mass for Wednesday, January 31st. Thank you for your understanding.

Feast of St. Blaise: The church recognizes the feast of St. Blaise, patron of illnesses of the throat on February 3rd. Fr. Driscoll will offer the traditional blessing of throats at the conclusion of the 5:00 p.m. evening Mass.

A little history of the symbolism found in the blessing: The red ribbon represents the blood of the Martyrs, and the candles held in the shape of an "X" represent the martyrdom of another saint, St. Andrew, who according to tradition was crucified on an X-shaped cross. Not only are we freed from disease, but from everything keeping us from God.



The Living Scripture Retreat: Are you a mother, a father, a grandparent, who has suffered the loss of abortion in your family? You need not suffer alone. Start your healing journey today by attending a Living Scripture Retreat. Registrations are being accepted for a weekend retreat for healing after abortion to be held in the Peoria area on February 9th-11th. Living Scripture Retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken by abortion. Call (309) 264-1489 or e-mail rvrpeoria@gmail.com.

B-I-N-G-O: Come have some fun AND support Catholic Education. Holy Family School will host Bingo at Cortileno's in Oglesby (131 E. Walnut St.) on January 25th and February 1st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost to play is \$5 per board. There will be cash prizes and 50/50 opportunities.

FESTIVAL CHOIR TOUR TO IRELAND AND SCOTLAND
The St Anthony Camerata Chorale Festival Choir is leading a tour to Ireland and Scotland with an optional 4-night extension to London, July 29th through August 7th, 2024. Enjoy the wondrous sights and sounds of our Gaelic adventure! You don't have to be a choral person to join us, all travelers are most welcome! However if you live out of the area and would like to be part of the festival choir, we will gladly send you music you can rehearse. Text or e-mail Mary Ann Fahey-Darling for a brochure.

Text: (309) 678-9166 E-mail: faheyirish19@gmail.com

Spring TEC: Teens Encounter Christ will be holding their boys Spring retreat March 2nd-4th. Boys of our parish are encouraged to attend. It will be a great weekend of prayer, adoration, new lifelong friendships, deep discussion, lots of delicious food, fun, and most importantly...encountering Jesus. For more information, visit www.peterstowntec.com.




The Rosary: Contemplating God's Mercy

St. Valentine Church
1109 Pulaski St., Peru, Illinois

An Invitation
Come for a three day retreat given by Dominican Father Lawrence Law, O.P., Promoter General of the Holy Rosary & author of 'Mysteries Made Visible' (Ignatius Press, 2022) and discover Mary's unique gift to humanity: the Rosary. Fr Lawrence will explain how **Our Lady gave St Dominic the Rosary** to console and help us, to empower us for the Gospel mission, and to bring peace to our troubled hearts.

Sun Feb 18 10:30am - Holy Mass 6:30pm - Talk with Confessions available	Mon Feb 19 6pm - Holy Mass 6:30pm - Talk with Confessions available	Tue Feb 20 6pm - Holy Mass 6:30pm Talk and Rosary Procession indoors, followed by Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity
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Donation Statements: Would you like a copy of your contributions to St. Mary's from 2023? Simply call or e-mail the parish office to make the request.

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Kids Corner

Word Search.

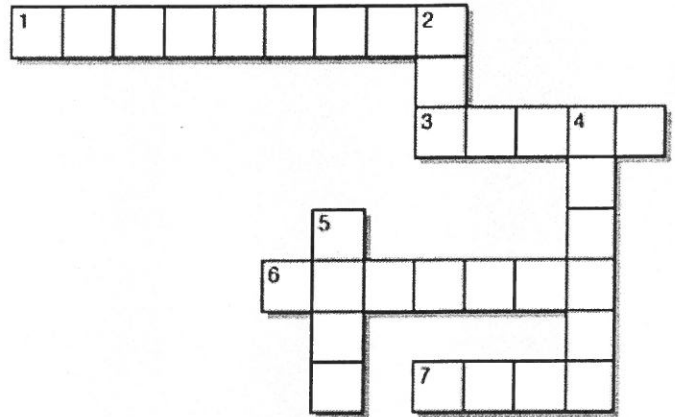
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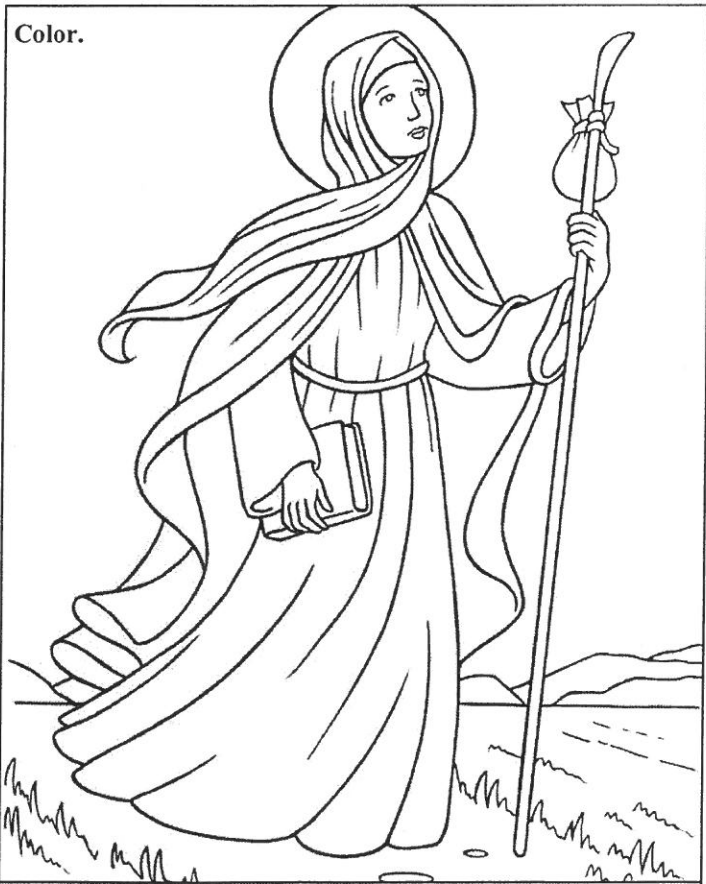
Word Bank

ANDREW	BELIEVE	BOAT
CAST	FISHERMEN	FOLLOW
GALILEE	JAMES	JOHN
KINGDOM	NETS	PROCLAIM
REPENT	SEA	SIMON
ZEBEDEE		

Crossword.



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St. Angela Merici
Feast Day: January 27th

**"A good tree, that is, a good heart
 as well as a soul on fire with charity
 can do nothing but good and holy works."**

Across

- We learn in this Gospel that the brothers Simon and Andrew were _____.
- Today is the _____ Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- Jesus is walking by the Sea of _____ when he spots Simon and Andrew.
- This is what fishermen use on the water to catch fish.

Down

- When fishermen try to catch a lot of fish, they cast out a _____ in the water.
- To feel or show that you are sorry for something bad or wrong that you did and that you want to do what is right.
- Our Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____.



More fun activities like today's crossword search can be found at catholicmom.com or by simply scanning the QR code.