

Church of Saint Mary

April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday



Mass and Sacraments

Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Easter Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am
Monday through Friday: 7:00am

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Church anytime
day or night.



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

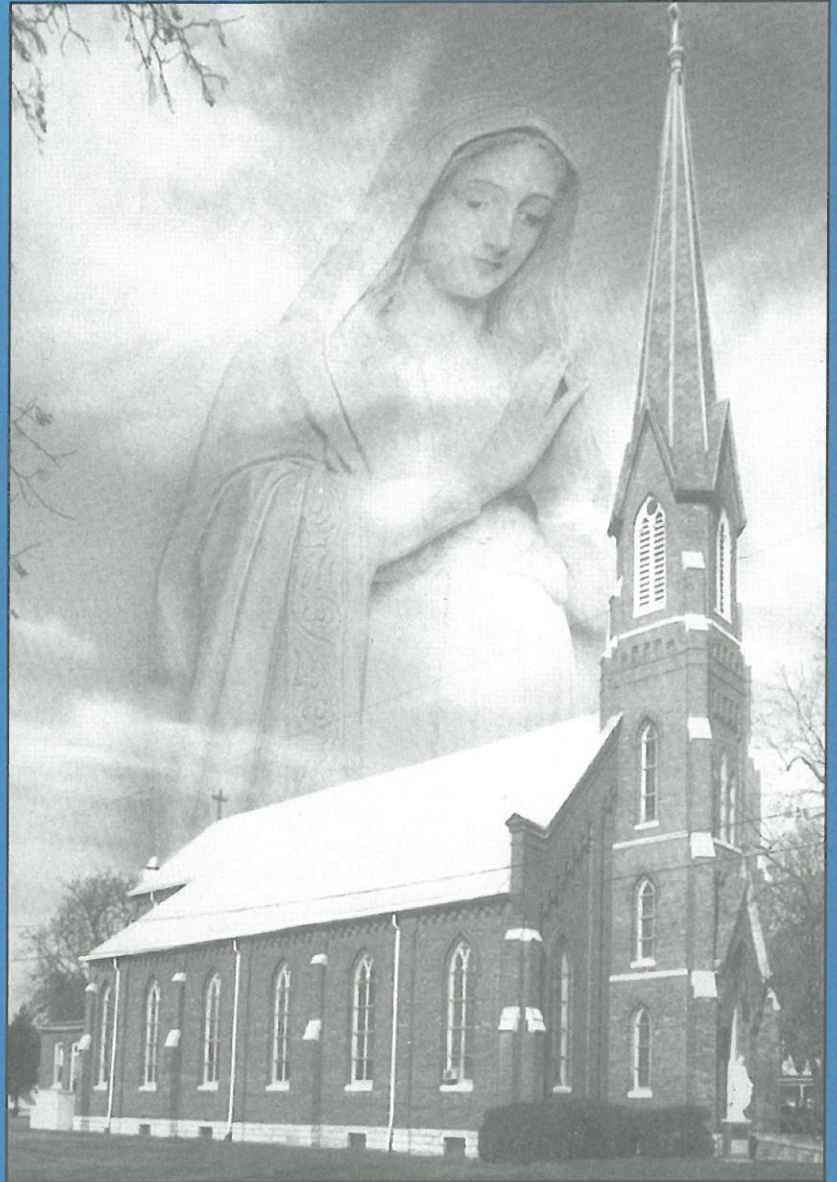


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Heather Leffers, CCD Coordinator
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. 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.

NEWS & EVENTS

In Gratitude: Many thanks to the family of Art Sunderbruch for their memorial gift in support of our parish Annual Diocesan Appeal. Memorial gifts are a beautiful way to honor our loved ones while supporting St. Mary's Church.

April Altar & Rosary Meetings: Our groups will meet as follows this month: Holy Family on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Mother's Chapel, and St. Mary's on Monday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Rectory. New members are always welcome!

IV Youth Group: Open to high-schoolers, registration is now underway for two great summer trips.

Camp Cana - June 29th-July 4th in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Encounter grace, mercy, and love at Camp Cana. You'll arrive as guests, but leave as family! Friendships grow through challenges, small groups, and prayer in a unique and lasting community. Space is limited. Contact Jason (815-252-0441, jmaus@lasallecatholic.org) or Gisela (223-0641, gbustos@lasallecatholic.org).
Steubenville Conference - July 17th-19th in Springfield, Missouri. In our ever-changing world, Jesus answers our deepest longing for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens and be transformed by the love of Christ. Scan the QR code to register!



In Appreciation: Our churches received extra care this past weekend. Thank you to all who gave their time to decorate for Palm Sunday and assist with yardwork in Utica (Carol Vesel, Mary Kay Hodgson, Martha Small, Jane Skolek, Sharla and Greg Scullans, Ed Brown, Tom Leffers, and Fr. Carlson). We also thank the volunteers in Oglesby for the deep cleaning the church received (Donna Stickney, RJ, Adrian, and Raudel Hermosillo, Mary Lee McLaughlin, Frank Strell, Frances Crew, Ken Sons, Deb Kotar, Jennifer and Jake Newman).



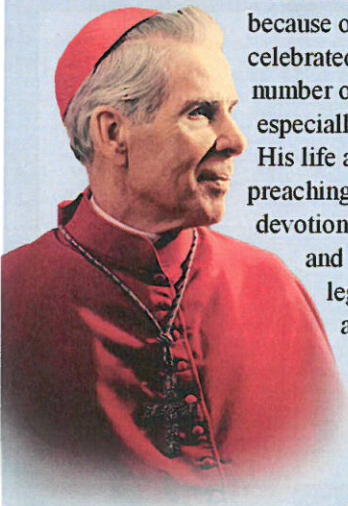
Bravo: The ASCA cast and crew put on two great performances of Godspell this past weekend. Way to let your talent shine! A special shoutout to our Holy Family altar servers who were part of the cast (Sierra Biagioni, Aubrey Ebner, Callie Hanson, and James Olson).

Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebrate the Feast of Mercy at St. Hyacinth Church, LaSalle next Sunday! Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. Confessions available 2:30-4:30 p.m.

May Merriment is Coming: Mark your calendars to attend Marquette's Academy's May Merriment XLIV—Wanderlust: A Night Around the World—on Saturday, May 9th. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus/Rivers Edge Event Center in Ottawa. The annual dinner and auction is the Academy's largest fundraiser and biggest social event of the year. The funds raised benefit every student at Marquette Academy, supporting financial aid, operating expenses, and important school improvements. This year, we celebrate the universal mission of Catholic education: forming students grounded in faith and prepared to make a difference anywhere in the world. *If you would like to donate, purchase a Big Cash Raffle ticket or dinner ticket, please visit the auction website at: www.bidpal.net/mmm44.*

STATEMENT REGARDING BEATIFICATION DETAILS OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN From Bishop Louis Tylka, Diocese of Peoria

“With great joy and deep gratitude to God, I am pleased to announce the Mass for the Beatification of the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, will take place on Thursday, September 24th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (central time) at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. With anticipation of a great number of people wanting to participate, we chose this location because of availability, being indoors, and the close proximity to the Diocese of Peoria. The Beatification will be celebrated by Cardinal Luis Tagle, who has been nominated as the Papal Representative. In addition, there will be a number of events in Peoria to celebrate this wonderful occasion. This is a moment of immense grace for the Church—especially for us in the Diocese of Peoria, where Archbishop Sheen was born, ordained, and first served as a priest. His life and ministry continue to inspire countless people to know and love Jesus Christ more deeply. Through his preaching, teaching, and personal witness, he brought the light of faith to millions, calling each of us to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist and to Our Blessed Mother. The Beatification Mass will be a profound moment of prayer and celebration for the faithful near and far. I invite all who have been touched by Archbishop Sheen's life and legacy to join us in spirit or in person for this historic event. More information, including details about attending the celebration, ordering tickets when they become available, and preparing spiritually for the Beatification, will be found at celebratesheen.com. As we prepare our hearts for this joyful day, let us continue to pray that the example of Archbishop Fulton Sheen will strengthen our own witness to the Gospel and renew our desire to bring Christ to the world.”



Easter Flowers

In Memory of:

Ron Lindner • Joe & Esther Campeggio • Gene & Carolee Farris • George & Patricia Weberling • Msgr. James J. Swaner • Newcomer & Assalley Families • Senica & Sauter Families • Mr. & Mrs. John Brown • Gary Calkins • Judy Hoffman • William & June Comiskey • Brian Comiskey • Mary Zeman • Larson Family • Ricci Family • Karen Williams • Anna & Ludwig Lushina • Tom Conaty • Mary Ann Conaty • Mary Alice Wolgast • Philip Conaty • Pfalzgraf Family • Hodgson Family • Kasik Family • Woodshank Family • Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Thorsen • Jerry Thorsen • Mr. & Mrs. John Gross • Melvin Mertel Family • Aldo Bernardoni Family • Fred & Dorothy Roda • Cayetano & Delores Guerrero • John & Ida Farrar • Polo & Dorothy Herrera • Andrew Harmon • Leanne Baker • Bill & Joellyn McConville • Connie & Fritz Harmon • Woodshank & Snell Family • Art & Margaret Sunderbruch • Bobbi Sunderbruch • Chip Sunderbruch • Joseph Carey • Joey Carey • Tatjana Kubiak • Valentina Kubiak • John Kubiak • Brown & Kain Families • Alleman & Lorden Families • James Doherty Doherty & Grusk Families • Margaret Aubry • Ed & Dody Rooney • Vesel Family • Long Family • Catherine "Kate" Schwarz • Dick Johnson • Ed & Charlotte Panneck • Tom Ulanowski • Block & Postula Families • Skolek & Hedrick Families • Jack Henneberry • Marvin & Clara Schmitz • Jerry Lorenzi • Lena & Al Lorenzi • Don & Paula Clark • Paul & Ann Pivonski • Lopatka Family • Lee Family • Reis Family • Barbara Carriere • Fialko & Scullans Families • Johnson & Trump Families • Holland & Aubry Families • Jim & Lista Plankenhorn • Jon S. Plankenhorn • Jim Plankenhorn • Joe & Judy Calderon • Harold & Marge Aubry • Candy Dubach • Bernie Inocencio • Tim Farrell • Doug Holland • Braun & Zolper Families • Tim Setterlund • Olga & Burt Setterlund • Irene & Alfred Servin • Tena & Art Davis • Donna Wheatland • Brady & Wheatland Families • Larry Bernabei • Dordan & Lucas Families • Karen Robey • Robey & Keller Families • Alvarado & Farrar Families • Guido Jereb • Regina Jereb • Orville Raines • Emily Raines • Annarita & Don Bennett

In Honor of:

Fr. Carlson • Fr. Driscoll
Fr. Windy



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SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH - EASTER VIGIL

8:00pm + Jean Conway
by Tom and Lori Wojciechowski

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH - EASTER

8:00am For the People of the Parish
10:00am + Tim Stevenson by his mother and father

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

7:00am + Jack Henneberry by Rita Mussatto

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

7:00am + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00-8:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN UTICA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

7:00am + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:30-6:30pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OGLESBY

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

7:00am Cassandra Stevanovic (birthdate)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Tom and Lucy Kelly Family by M.L. Saylor

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00am KC #1775 Deceased Members and their Families
10:00am + Gloria Steichen (wed. Anni. 4/11)
by Tim Burgess Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 4th @ 8:00 p.m.

Reader: TBD

April 5th, @ 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Mary Burgess

April 5th, @ 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Mary Ann Voreis
Altar Servers: Abby Brown

April 12th, @ 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Dave Ludford

April 12th, @ 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Colette Spears
Altar Servers: Bobby and Olivia Villareal

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

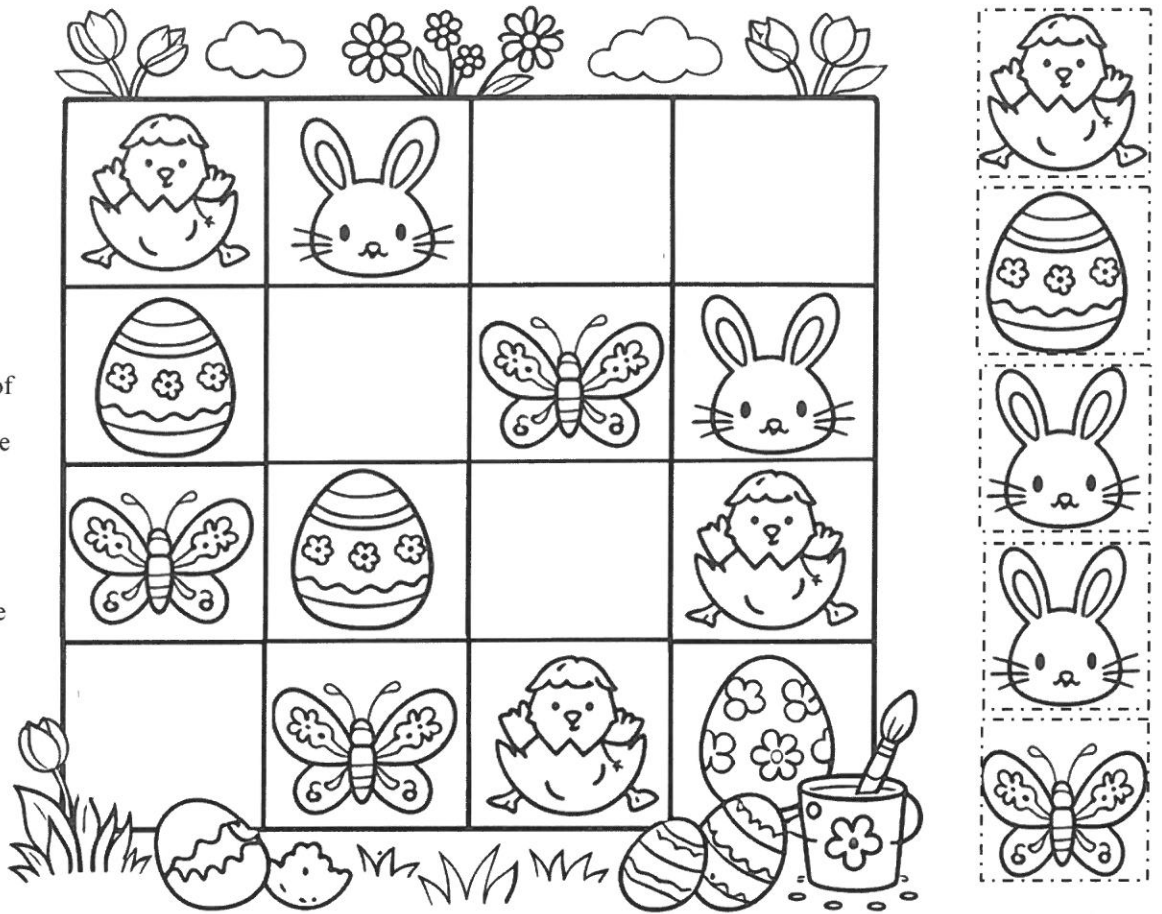
March 28th - April 1st

Adult Envelopes: \$1,700.00 Easter Memorials: \$40.00
Loose Collection: \$884.00 CRS: \$10.00
Catholic Charities: \$10.00
Building Fund: \$10.00
Cemetery Upkeep: \$20.00

Easter Sudoku & Color.
 First, cut out each picture on the righthand side with the dotted lines. You will use these to fill the empty boxes on the grid.

Each row, column and small box must have one of each picture. You cannot repeat a picture in the same row, column, or box. Use the pictures already given to help you figure out the rest.

Then enjoy coloring all the spring images.



Maze. The tomb is empty! Follow your way through the maze to find Jesus.

