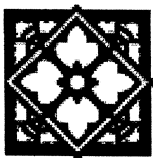




*Rejoice!*

Again I Say,  
Rejoice!



**Saint Mary's Church**  
**Diocese of Peoria**  
**303 S. Division Street**  
**North Utica, IL 61373**

## Mass Intentions and Schedule

### **APRIL 8TH - HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00pm + Margaret Fitzgerald (anniv. +)  
by JoAnn Waibel

### **APRIL 9TH - EASTER SUNDAY**

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS  
8:00am For the People of the Parish  
10:00am + Nicholas Connell  
by Mark and Beth Ann Connell

### **APRIL 10TH**

7:00am + Dorothy Grennan (anniv. +)  
by Gary Harmon

### **APRIL 11TH**

7:00am + Harold Aubry by Gary Harmon  
7:00pm EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

### **APRIL 12TH**

7:00am + John and Mary Pocivasek

### **APRIL 13TH**

7:00am + Fr. Theodore R. Hochstater  
by Jim and Jackie Galvan

### **APRIL 14TH**

7:00am + Mary Joan Casey (anniv. +)

### **Altar Servers**

April 8th Holy Saturday @ 8:00 p.m.	Nathan and Nina Leffers, Joey Patyk
April 9th Easter Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.	Jackson and Ava Myers, Lexi Sawin
April 16th @ 10:00 a.m.	Joey and Jake Patyk, Finn Carter

### **Gospel Reflection—April 9th, 2023**

*"He had to rise from the dead."*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And that changes everything.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "had to rise from the dead". But why? Wasn't it enough that he became a man? Wasn't it enough that he died for us? Actually, no. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins".

By rising from the dead, Jesus proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he has power over sin and death. Everything he said about himself is true. He is more than the victim of an unjust condemnation. He is more than an inspiring teacher or a philosopher or the founder of a new movement. He is more, even, than a healer and wonder-worker. He is the Son of God, the One whom death could not hold in its grasp.

By rising, Jesus did more than just vindicate himself. He also opened the way into new life for each one of us. He overcame the sin that was keeping us separated from our Father in heaven! Because of that, we who believe in him and are baptized can now "live in newness of life". Now we can hope in our own resurrection. We can experience power over sin and freedom from the fear of death that so often binds us up. We can count ourselves "dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus". We now know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that love is stronger than death.

It's easy to understand why Jesus' resurrection was always front and center when the apostles proclaimed the good news. You can see it in Peter's sermon from today's first reading. And you'll see it throughout the Book of Acts this Easter season. The apostles' preaching hinged on the resurrection of Jesus. Because the resurrection changes everything!

***"Jesus, risen Lord, I rejoice in you!"***



### Readings Week of April 9th

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15

### Weekly Offering

*Donations received March 30 - April 5*

Adult Envelopes	\$2,195.00
Loose Collection	\$614.00
Building Fund	\$150.00
Holy Land	\$150.00
Easter Collection	\$170.00
Easter Memorials	\$25.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00

## Announcements

**In Gratitude:** Thank you to everyone that took time out of their day to help decorate the church for Easter....it is simply beautiful!

**Away from the Parish:** Fr. Driscoll will be out of town April 18th and 19th. This will result in some changes to our normal schedule.

\* Holy Hour on the Tuesday the 18th will be cancelled.

\* Morning Mass will not be offered publicly on Wednesday the 19th. Fr. Driscoll will privately offer the Mass and scheduled intention.

*Thank you for your understanding.*

**PADS dinner:** May 3rd is our last scheduled dinner at the homeless for this season. We are so grateful to all the wonderful individuals that have given of their time and cooking talent to provide dishes for the shelter's clients. The new sign-up sheet is on the back table.

**In Remembrance:** Please keep Theresa Holdcraft in your prayers. She was laid to rest this week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**Growing Disciples:** Interested in the latest updates? Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Peoria, shares a video update regarding Priest Assembly Day and Pastoral Planning Commission's March meeting. Visit <https://cdop.org/pastoral-plan/latest-news/>.

### Important KC Dates

\* Our council is sponsoring a 4th degree dinner and meeting at Joy and Ed's Restaurant April 19th. Please contact Jim Polizzi at (815) 252-2084 if you plan to attend.

\* The next council #1775 meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

**Refuge Youth Group:** In our ever-changing world we need a refuge and Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts. Would your high schooler be interested in attending the Summer Youth Conference in Minnesota this year? If so, there will be a parent informational meeting on Sunday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Rosary Shrine, LaSalle.

### General Trip Information

When: Friday-Sunday (July 14th-16th)

Where: Mayo Civic Center - Rochester, Minnesota

Cost: \$240 (Includes conference, transportation, lodging, and 5 meals)

*Scholarships are available!*

**A/R Meeting:** April's meeting will be held on Monday the 24th. As is tradition, we will begin with the praying of the rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The meeting will follow in the 308 building. All ladies of the parish are invited!

**Easter Memorials:** Thank you to all who donated towards the purchase of flowers for our church. A listing of those remembered is on the back page.

# St. Mary Church - Easter Flowers

## In Memory of:

Lucas and Dordan Families  
Holland and Aubry Families  
Dianna Rose  
Irene and Boon Kennel  
Brent Fohrman  
Linda Young  
Karen Robey  
Woodshank and Kasik Families  
Donna Marie Wheatland  
Mary Alice Kistler Wolgast  
Thomas and Mary Ann Conaty  
Cruz and Rose Galvan  
Philip Conaty  
Jerry Lorenzi  
Paula Clark  
Lorenzi and Turini Families  
Pivonski and Steinz Families  
Annarita Bennett  
Alleman and Lorden Families  
Brown and Kain Families  
Carriere Family  
Doherty Family  
Grusk Family  
Ed and Charlotte Panneck  
Tom Ulanowski  
Johnson Family  
Wilson and Sunderbruch Families  
Rita Whipple  
Woodshank and Snell Families  
Zemanek and Wachowiak Families  
Stevenson and Lushina Families  
William and June Comiskey  
Brian Comiskey  
Pennell Family  
Glenda Henneberry  
Marvin and Clara Schmitz  
Richard and Marie Henneberry  
Bill Mix  
Block and Postula Families  
Mr. and Mrs. James O. Plankenhorn  
Jon S. Plankenhorn  
Kathryn M. Casey  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Calderon  
Ricci Family  
Larson Family  
John Rogowski Family  
Bob and Erline Porter

Fialko and Scullans Families  
Trump and Johnson Families  
Skolek and Hedrick Families  
Blair and Pavy Families  
Andy Senica and Son  
John Gross  
Helen Gross  
Kenneth Thorsen  
Darlene Thorsen  
Dorothy and Fred Roda  
Delores and Cayetano Guerrero  
Ida and John Farrar  
Dorothy and Polo Herrera  
Edward Lopatka  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lopatka  
Joe and Esther Campeggio  
Gene and Carolee Farris  
Ray and Helen Swietek  
Sandy Dudek  
Sharon Pickard  
Pozzi Family  
George and Patricia Weberling  
Sharon Towne  
Henry Lushina  
Becky Dabler  
Msgr. James J. Swaner  
Vesel and Long Families  
Klimek and Zimmer Families  
Ronald Chadwick  
Alvarado and Farrar Families

## In Honor of:

Fr. Michael Driscoll

