

SAINT MARY'S & HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM HF
5:15 PM SM

Sunday 7:30 AM HF
9:00 AM SM
10:30 AM HF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8:30 AM SM
Tuesday 7:30 AM HF
Wednesday 7:30 AM HF
8:30 AM SM
Thursday 7:30 AM HF
Friday 8:30 AM SM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15 PM HF
Sunday 7:00 AM HF
Tuesday 6:30 PM SM
Wednesday 5:30 PM HF
Friday 9:00 AM SM

ADORATION

Tuesday 6:00-7:00 PM SM
Weds 4:30-6:30 PM HF



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The seed sown on rich soil is the
one who hears the word and
understands it, who indeed
bears fruit.

MATTHEW 13:23

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JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWS & EVENTS

In Remembrance: Our parish family mourns the passing of several loved ones.

- Carmalee “Lee” Baima, a lifelong parishioner at Holy Family and sister of John (Julie) Baima, passed away on June 22nd. Funeral services were celebrated by Fr. Gregory Jarzombek, OSB.
- Tom Stevenson, son of Glenn and Dorothy (Lushina) Stevenson of Utica, passed away on July 2nd. In keeping with Tom’s wishes, memorial donations may be made to St. Bede Academy.
- Elizabeth Martyn, an Oglesby parishioner who passed away on July 3rd, was remembered at a Funeral Mass celebrated by Fr. Carlson on Friday. Memorials may be directed to the IV Alzheimer’s Group or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

May the souls of Lee, Tom, and Elizabeth, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and may the Lord bring comfort and strength to their families.

In Gratitude: Honoring her life of prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother, the “Oglesby Girls” made a donation in memory of Eleanore Nieslawski which allowed for the purchase of new dark blue hurricane glass for our votive candles at Holy Family.

Lighting a candle is a visible symbol of faith, signifying that your prayer of petition or thanksgiving continues long after you leave. We invite you to light a candle today to ask for the Blessed Mother’s intercession or to offer your own intentions to the Lord.

Communion for the Homebound: If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass because of illness, age, or limited mobility, our priests are happy to bring Holy Communion to your home or nursing facility. Since we respect each person’s privacy, we do not make visits unless they are requested. If you or a family member would like to receive this ministry, please contact the parish office so arrangements can be made.

Building Fund Collection: This weekend we will take up the second collection for the building fund at St. Mary’s. Thank you for your generosity!

Baby Bottle Campaign: Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Baby Bottle Campaign in support of Abigail Women’s Center. Through your generosity, Mary Lee McLaughlin and Tom Wojciechowski, representing the churches of Holy Family and St. Mary, presented checks totaling \$2,814.64 to Shelly Bell, Executive Director of the center.

Since 1997, Abigail Women’s Center has been serving the Illinois Valley by providing pregnancy services, education, counseling, support, and referrals for women facing crisis pregnancies or financial hardships that place their unborn children at risk. Your contributions help make this life-affirming ministry possible. Thank you for your compassion and generous support of mothers, babies, and families in our community.



Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat: The Catholic Diocese of Peoria will host a Spanish-language Rachel’s Vineyard healing retreat in the Peoria area from August 28th–30th. This confidential weekend offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone affected by a past abortion—including mothers, fathers, and family members. Financial assistance is available. To register, call (309)210-2519 or visit cdop.org/rachels-vineyard.

MSGR. GEORGE A. CARTON
Seminarian
Scholarship Dinner

We invite you to celebrate the gift of priestly vocations and support the formation of our seminarians.

The Msgr. Carton Scholarship Dinner is a joyful evening of fellowship, gratitude, and hope for the future of our Church. Through the generosity of faithful supporters, the Carton Scholarship ensures that no young man is prevented from discerning a call to the priesthood because of financial need.

RSVP



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd
COCKTAILS 4:30 PM
DINNER 5:00 PM

SPLADING PASTORAL CENTER
419 NE MADISON AVE.
PEORIA, IL

GIVE



ACADEMY OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS

GOLF

FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY
August 22, 2026

SPRING CREEK GOLF COURSE
286 SPRING CREEK DRIVE
SPRING VALLEY, IL 61362

\$95 PER PERSON

EVENT DETAILS:

- FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
- 18 HOLES OF GOLF W/CART
- LUNCH INCLUDED
- GAMES OF CHANCE AND SKILL
- AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 8 A.M. Registration
- 9 A.M. Shotgun Start

Registration Forms
located in back of church.

Send completed form &
payment to: ASCA—
Oglesby Campus

*Proceeds to support The Academy of St. Carlo Acutis

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire.
~ Amen.

Make Your Journey a Pilgrimage

This Fall, as you travel to attend the Beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, we invite you to go deeper—transform your trip into a sacred journey.

The Sheen Pilgrimage is a spiritual experience centered around prayer, reflection, and celebration. Beginning in Peoria, on September 15th, this pilgrimage includes the anniversary of Sheen's ordination, the historic Beatification Mass, and culminates in celebratory Masses and the Sheen Award Gala.

Whether you come for a day or the entire week, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a remarkable spiritual leader and grow in faith alongside pilgrims from around the world.

Visit celebratesheen.com to plan your trip!



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Holy Family

Adult Envelopes: \$3,170.25
Loose Donations: \$582.00
Mail-in Donations: \$762.00
Online Giving: \$760.00
ADA: \$145.00
Catholic Education: \$50.00
St. Martin Society: \$35.00
Maintenance: \$70.00
ADA Goal 2025: 235%

St. Mary (2 week totals)

Adult Envelopes: \$2,991.00
Loose Donations: \$1,350.00
Online Giving: \$380.00
Peter's Pence: \$132.00
Catholic Charities: \$30.00
Building Fund: \$80.00
Cemetery Upkeep: \$195.00
ADA Goal 2025: 84%

MASS SCHEDULE

7/11, Saturday
4:00 p.m. (HF) + Mr. and Mrs. William Warnell Sr. by their family
5:15 p.m. (SM) + Charlotte Klein (birthdate) by Megan Byczynski

7/12, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Mark McLaughlin (wed. anniv.)
by Mary Lee McLaughlin
9:00 a.m. (SM) + Jim Lorimer by Steve Harmon
10:30 a.m. (HF) Living and Deceased Members of the Spradling Family by Cathy Granata

7/13, Monday
8:30 a.m. (SM) + Linda Price by Sandra Donahue

7/14, Tuesday - St. Kateri Tekakwitha
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Hazel Conrad by Bruce and Annie Muffler

7/15, Wednesday - St. Bonaventure
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Joseph and Louise Gerdovich by Joel Gerdovich
8:30 a.m. (SM) + Pat Wagner (anniv. + 7/10)
by D.G. Nechrebecki

7/16, Thursday
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Neal and Nellie Cilla by Mena Tomsha

7/17, Friday
8:30 a.m. (SM) + Ruth Gehm by Brian and Sara Gross

7/18, Saturday
4:00 p.m. (HF) + Jane Piletic by Terry Piletic
5:15 p.m. (SM) Living and Deceased Members of the Wojciechowski Family by Tom and Lori Wojciechowski

7/19, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Ron and Carol Kulpa by their family
9:00 a.m. (SM) KC #1775 Deceased Members and their families
10:30 a.m. (HF) Living and Deceased Members of the Peterlin Family by Gary and Lana Peterlin

MINISTER SCHEDULE

July 11th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)
Reader: Deena Pavinato
EMHC: Claudia Bachman
Ushers: Ken C. & Joe V.

July 11th, 5:15 p.m. (SM)
Servers: TBD

July 12th, 7:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Colette Spears
EMHC: Landon Moss
Servers: Natalie D., Aubrey G., Landon M.
Ushers: Joel G. & Steve K.

July 12th, 9:00 a.m. (SM)
Reader: Pat Devane
Servers: Finn & Rory C., CJ D.

July 12th, 10:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Stan Wolf
EMHC: Carter Dzik
Servers: Lilli B., Carter D., Sadie D., Leighton F., Griffin S., Sadie S., Liam T.
Ushers: Cathy G. & Gary P.

July 18th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)
Reader: Sue Van De Wyngaerde
EMHC: Sue Van De Wyngaerde
Servers: Lola K., Emery L.
Ushers: Terry P. & Tim W.

July 18th, 5:15 p.m. (SM)
Servers: Abby & Jake B.
Reader: Connie Guerrero

July 19th, 7:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Nathan Boudreau
EMHC: Jim Clinard
Servers: Bryson B., Jase E.
Ushers: Jim C. & Drew J.

July 19th, 9:00 a.m. (SM)
Reader: Kathleen DiLuciano
Servers: CJ D., Bobby, Olivia, & Peter V.

July 19th, 10:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Jill Shields
EMHC: Lynn Quick
Servers: Brigham B., Sierra B., Sam K., Nola O., River R.
Ushers: Matt G. & Brian T.