

# Church of Saint Mary

February 15th, 2026  
6th Sun. Ordinary Time

## 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

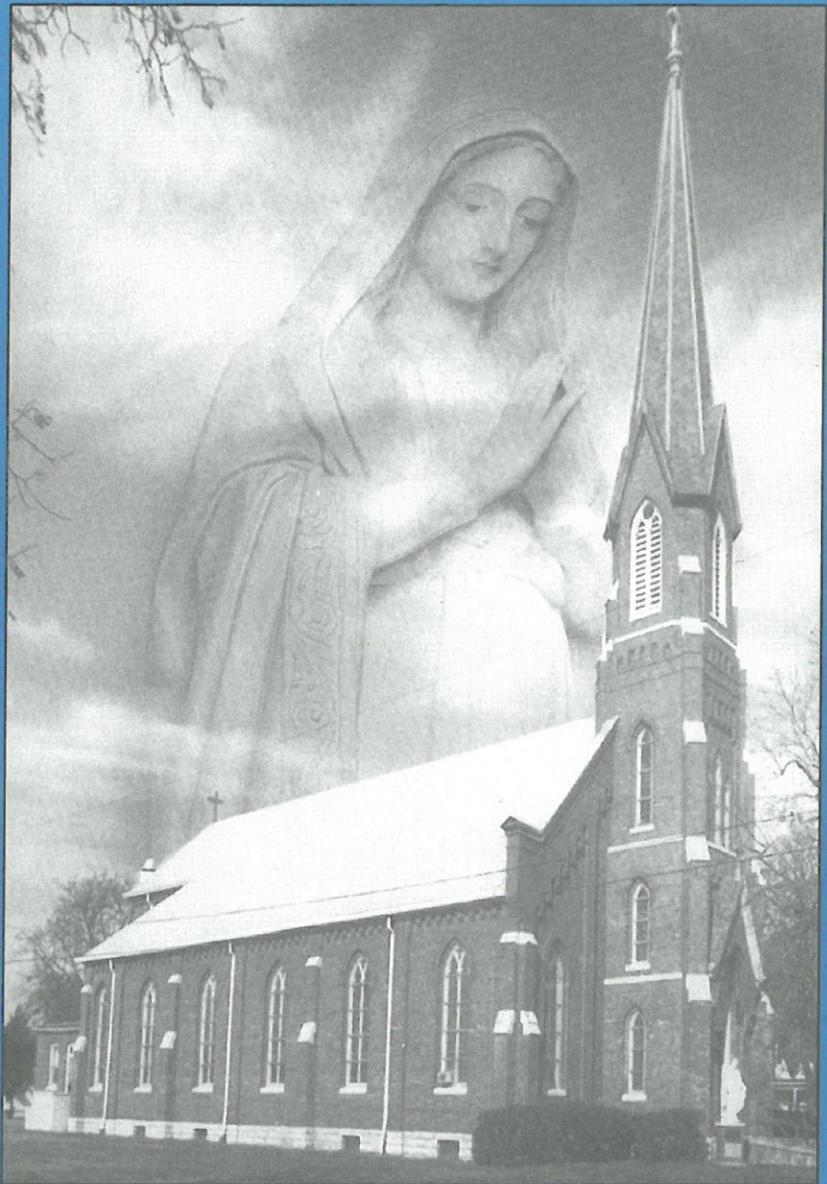
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Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fr. Paul Carlson, Pastor  
Fr. Jeff Windy, Parochial Vicar

Jennifer Newman, Secretary  
parishoffice@stmarysutica.org

Heather Leffers, CCD Coordinator  
Bill Brown, Cemetery Sexton



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.



# FROM BISHOP TYLKA'S DESK

The Holy See has informed me that the Cause for the Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen can proceed to Beatification.

The next step in the process is the celebration of Beatification, in which Fulton Sheen would be declared Blessed. In the Catholic Church, beatification is the first major step to sainthood, granting a deceased person the title "Blessed" and allowing limited public veneration (like in a region) after proving heroic virtue and one verified miracle. Canonization is the final step, declaring the person a saint, permitting reverence across the entire Church, and requiring a second miracle after beatification, making their veneration universal. Essentially, beatification opens the door for local honor, while canonization opens it for the whole world, recognizing a saint as being in heaven with God.

We are working with the Dicastery of the Causes of Saints at the Vatican to determine the details for the upcoming Beatification. The date and event details will be released soon through [celebratesheen.com](http://celebratesheen.com).

Archbishop Sheen was declared Venerable when Pope Benedict XVI recognized his life of heroic virtue on June 28, 2012. The miracle attributed to Sheen's intercession was recognized by Pope Francis on July 6, 2019.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest voices of evangelization in the Church and the world in the 20th century. I have long admired his lifelong commitment to serve the Church as a priest, rooted in his deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Eucharist. As he journeyed through the different stages of his life, his ability to share the Gospel and truly relate to people drew countless souls into an encounter with Jesus—one that transformed not only his life, but more importantly, the lives of those he touched. In his later years, particularly through his work for the Missions, Archbishop Sheen helped us recognize that the Church is meant for all people. He reminded us that as members of the Church, we are called to serve everyone, especially those most in need and those longing to hear and experience the Gospel, wherever they may be in the world.

I am particularly thankful for the collaboration, assistance, generosity, and prayers from the Holy See, my brother Bishops, clergy and lay people from around the world in moving this cause forward. Archbishop Sheen will be a special blessing for the Church in the United States, where he was a powerful evangelist on radio, television, and in personal appearances. Throughout the world, Sheen led the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and sustained the work of the Missions throughout the world. The Church in Peoria rejoices with all of you in honoring this heroic Bishop and leader in the Church.



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## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

5:00pm + Patricia "Tricia" Hanson Corless (anniv. +)  
by Mark and Beth Ann Connell

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH - 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8:00am For the People of the Parish  
10:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH - SHROVE TUESDAY

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
7:00pm + James Plankenhorn (birthdate 2/19)  
by Frank Strell

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

7:00am + Jim Christmann (anniv. +) by Nancy Harwood

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

5:00pm + Patricia Byczynski (anniv. + 2/20)  
by Megan Byczynski

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am + Jack Henneberry (wed. anniv. 2/23)  
by his family  
10:00am + Gloria Steichen (birthdate)  
by Tim Burgess Family

## Ministry Schedule

### Sunday, February 15th, @ 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Kathleen DiLuciano

### Sunday, February 15th, @ 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Colette Spears

Altar Servers: Olivia and Peter Villareal

### Sunday, February 22nd, @ 8:00 a.m.

Reader: David Ludford

### Sunday, February 22nd, @ 10:00 a.m.

Reader: Mary Ann Voreis

Altar Servers: Nina Leffers, Jake and Joey Patyk

## Weekly Contributions February 7th—13th

Adult Envelopes: \$2,805.00

Loose Collection: \$885.00

Catholic Charities: \$10.00

Cemetery Upkeep: \$30.00

Building Fund: \$769.00

## Parish Council

### Holy Family Representatives

Deena Pavinato

Mike Bima

Stan Wolf

Amie Walker

Brian Sherman

Lana Peterlin

Nathan Boudreau

Mark Duttlinger

### St. Mary Representatives

Tom Wojciechowski

Mary Steinbach

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Heather Leffers

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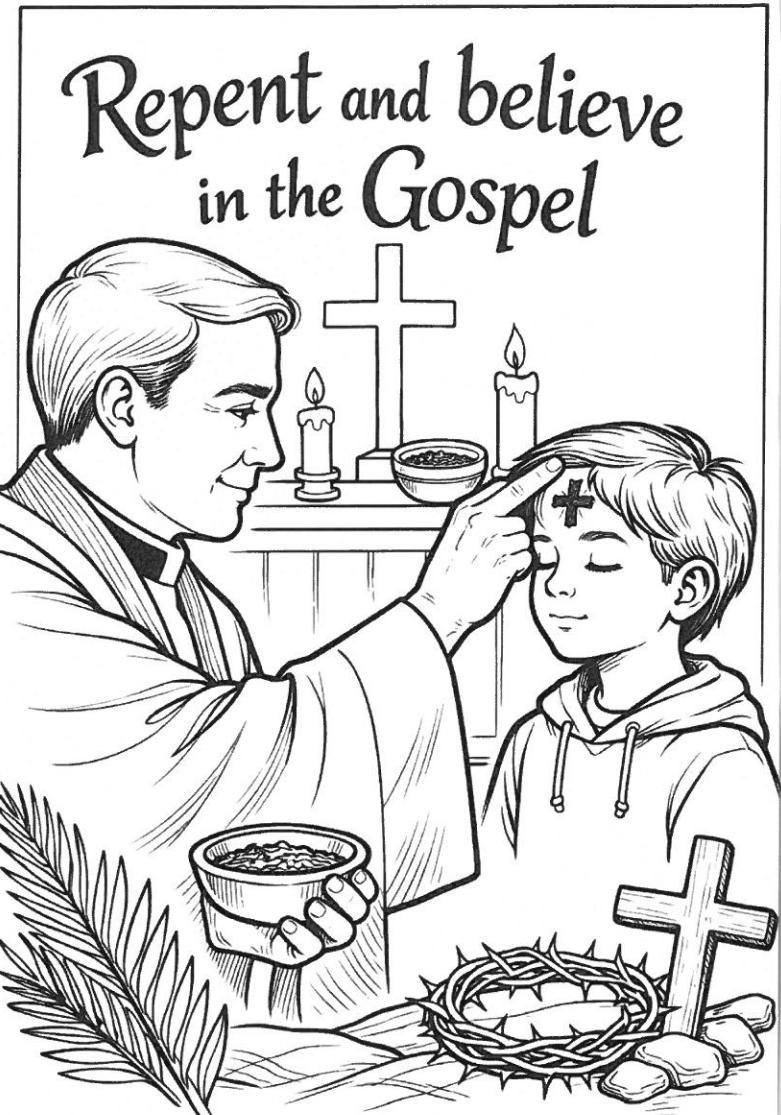
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ANGELS	BREAD	DESERT
DEVIL	FASTED	FORTY
GOD	HUNGRY	MOUNTAIN
PARAPET	SATAN	STONES
TEMPLE	TEMPTED	TEST
WORSHIP		

**Puzzle Match.** Draw a line from the left column to the right to complete each of the Ten Commandments.

1. You shall	●	commit adultery.
2. I am the Lord your God	●	your neighbor's goods.
3. You shall not take	●	covet your neighbor's wife.
4. Remember to keep	●	witness against your neighbor.
5. Honor your father	●	holy the Lord's Day.
6. You shall not	●	and mother.
7. You shall not	●	the name of the Lord your God in vain.
8. You shall not bear false	●	steal.
9. You shall not	●	not kill.
10. You shall not covet	●	you shall not have strange gods before me.

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