

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

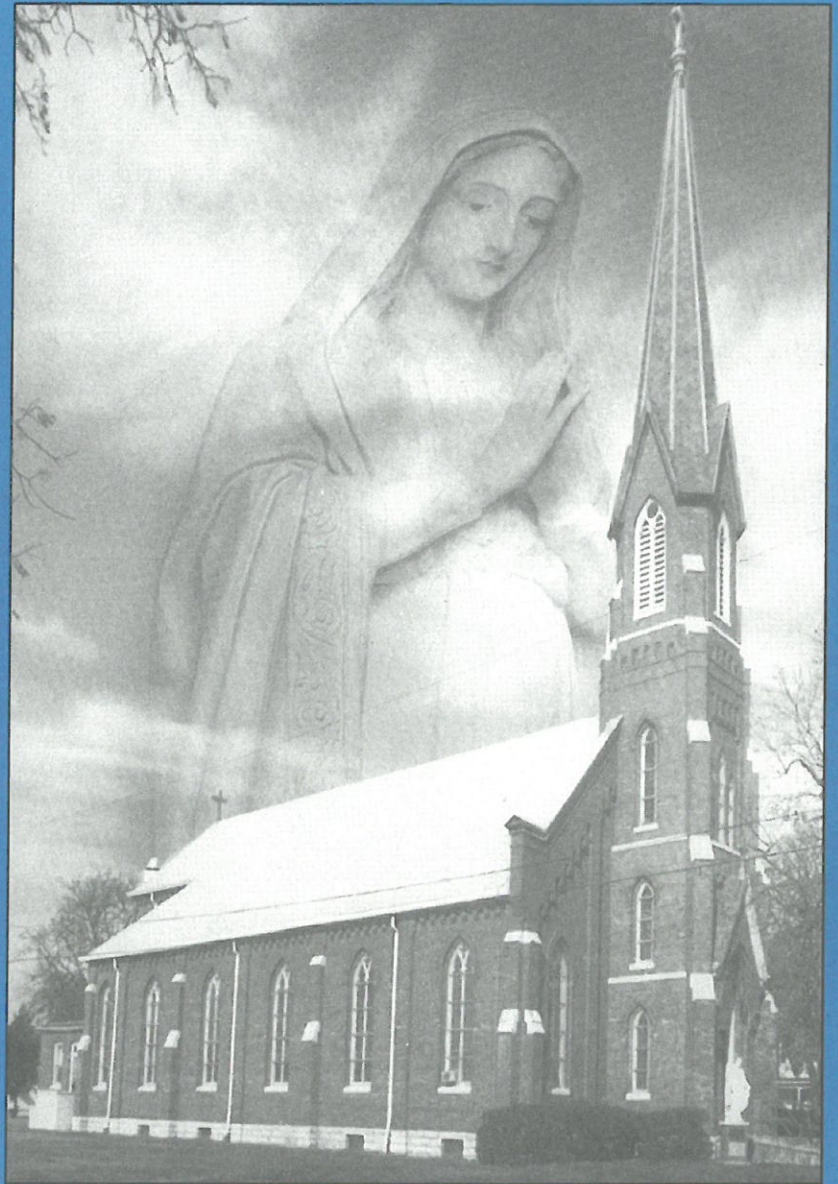
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Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Jennifer Newman, Secretary
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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.

NEWS & EVENTS

Ministry Volunteers Needed for Ash Wednesday: If there are any readers or altar servers that are available to volunteer for our Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 p.m., please contact Jennifer in the parish office.

Altar & Rosary: Our women's group at St. Mary's will hold their February meeting on Monday, the 23rd at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the parish rectory. New members are always welcome!

ASCA Fundraiser: Alfano's pizza order forms are due by the end of this weekend. Extra order sheets and envelopes are available on the table in the back of church...just drop your order and payment in the collection basket. *The pizza pickup will be in approximately 2-3 weeks and will be at the parish office in Utica for orders placed through the church.* The students of the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis appreciate your support!

Mark your Calendars
More details coming next week!

March 7th: Day of Recollection - You are the Potter
March 19th: St. Joseph Day Table

Holy Family's Altar & Rosary Easter Fundraiser

Indulge your sweet tooth! Enjoy deliciously famous Minonk Chocolates and help support our lady's organization. All orders will arrive in time to fill up your Easter baskets.

- Orders are due by March 1st.
- Make checks payable to Holy Family Altar & Rosary.
- Pickup will be April 1st from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the rectory in Utica.

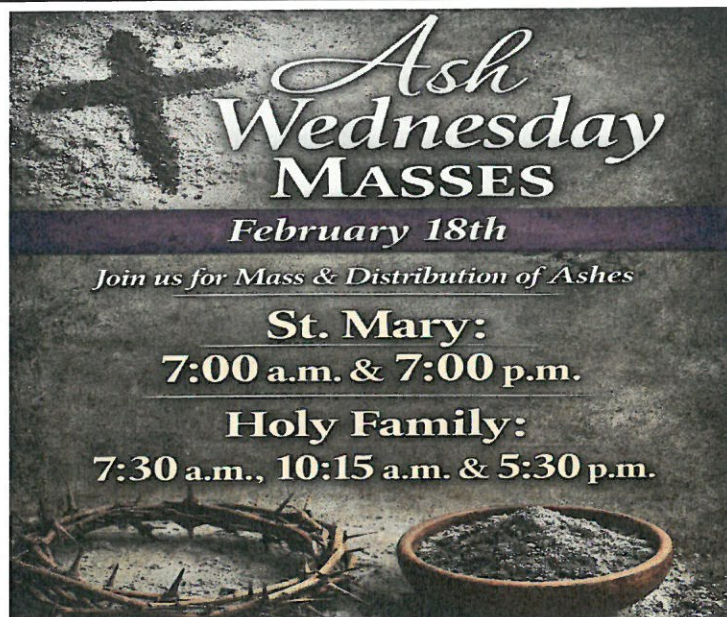
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Description	Cost	Qty	Subtotal
Snappers (8oz. choc./caramel/pecans)	\$17.75		
Caramels (8oz. creamy caramel coated w/ milk chocolate)	\$17.00		
Peanut Butter Crunch (8oz. crispy sensation w/peanut butter, coated in choc.)	\$17.00		
Mints (8oz. Cool mint flavored chocolate center, coated in milk chocolate)	\$17.00		
Toffee (8oz. buttery favorite, w/ milk chocolate & almonds)	\$17.00		
Coconut Clusters (8oz. bag lightly toasted coconut hand-dipped in chocolate)	\$14.00		
Peanut Clusters (8oz. bag fresh, honey roasted peanuts hand-dipped chocolate)	\$14.00		
Gourmet Nuts (8oz. Salted giant cashews, pecan halves, almonds, brazils and filberts)	\$7.00		
Chocolate Rabbit (3oz. solid milk chocolate)	\$6.00		
Caramel Whip (creamy caramel, coated in milk chocolate on a sucker stick)	\$2.75		

Total Enclosed:

** Order form and money may be put enveloped in collection basket. **



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent is a sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast and abstinence**. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting is required for Catholics ages **18-59**, limiting oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal.

Abstinence is required for Catholics **14 years and older**, limiting oneself from meat foods.

Those who are ill, pregnant, elderly, or otherwise unable to observe these regulations are excused. All Catholics are encouraged to observe Lent through additional prayer, acts of charity, and works of mercy.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross: We are happy to offer this wonderful Lenten devotion at both parishes on Friday evenings. Take the opportunity to walk with Our Lord on the road to Calvary.

- 5:30 p.m. - St. Mary
- 7:00 p.m. - Holy Family

Extra Holy Hours during Lent: In addition to our regularly scheduled Tuesday evenings, beginning on February 20th, we will be adding one hour of adoration (7:30-8:30 a.m.) after morning Masses on Mondays and Fridays at St. Mary's.

Exodus 40: Men of the parish are invited to deepen their faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent. Join thousands nationwide for the Exodus 40 challenge beginning Ash Wednesday and discover healing and freedom in Christ. Visit exodus90.com to sign-up and contact Jason Maus about the area's local fraternity (815) 252-0441.

Crux: Copies of this daily meditation book by Ascension Press are available in the parish offices. This devotional encourages prayer, Scripture reflection, and simple Lenten disciplines. Study on your own or join our Monday (2:00 p.m.) discussion group in Oglesby. Start reading on Ash Wednesday and we will look forward to seeing you in the Mother's Chapel on the 23rd. All are welcome.

Behold the Lamb: Why is the lamb central to Scripture and Catholic faith? Join Fr. Windy (Mondays, Feb. 23-Mar. 23rd) for a Lenten Bible study exploring its meaning from Genesis to Revelation. Mass is at 6:00 p.m., with class to follow in the Mother's Chapel.

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.

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.



Saint Mary's Church
Diocese of Peoria
303 S. Division Street
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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

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ST. BEDE ACADEMY
8TH GRADE SHADOW DAYS



SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A BRUIN!



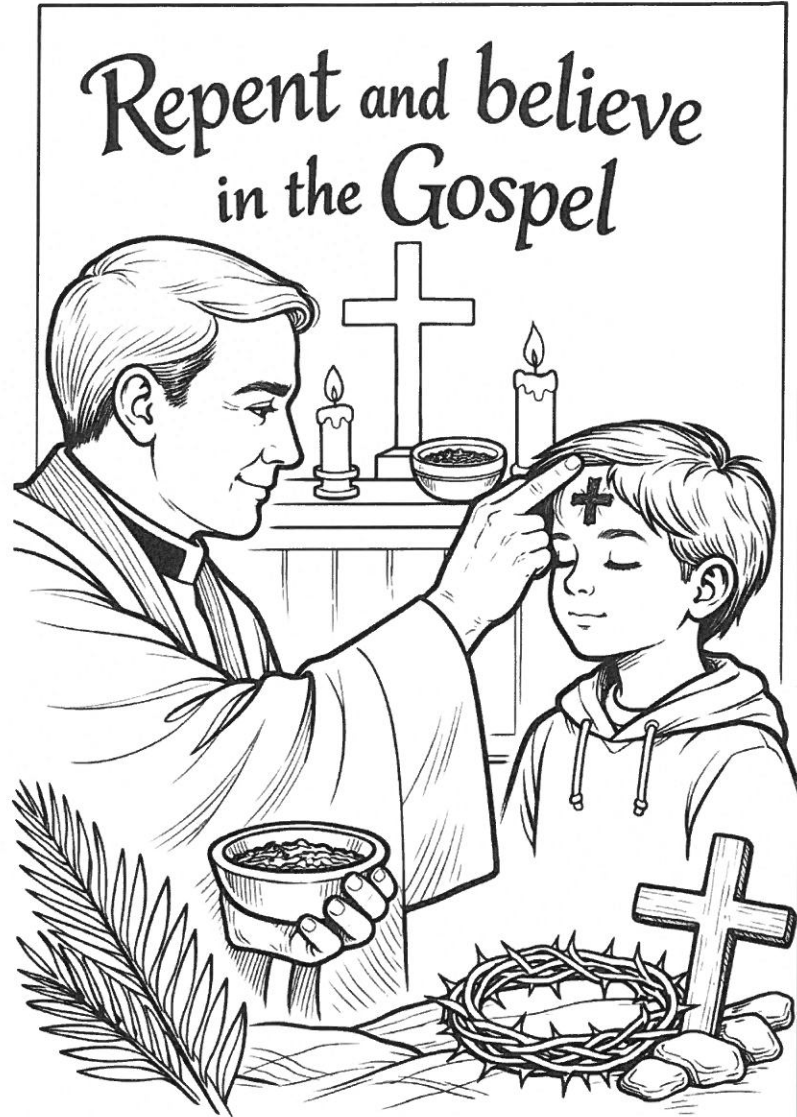
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PARAPET	SATAN	STONES
TEMPLE	TEMPTED	TEST
WORSHIP		

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

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| 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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