

Church of Saint Mary

March 3rd & 10th
2024

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.

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8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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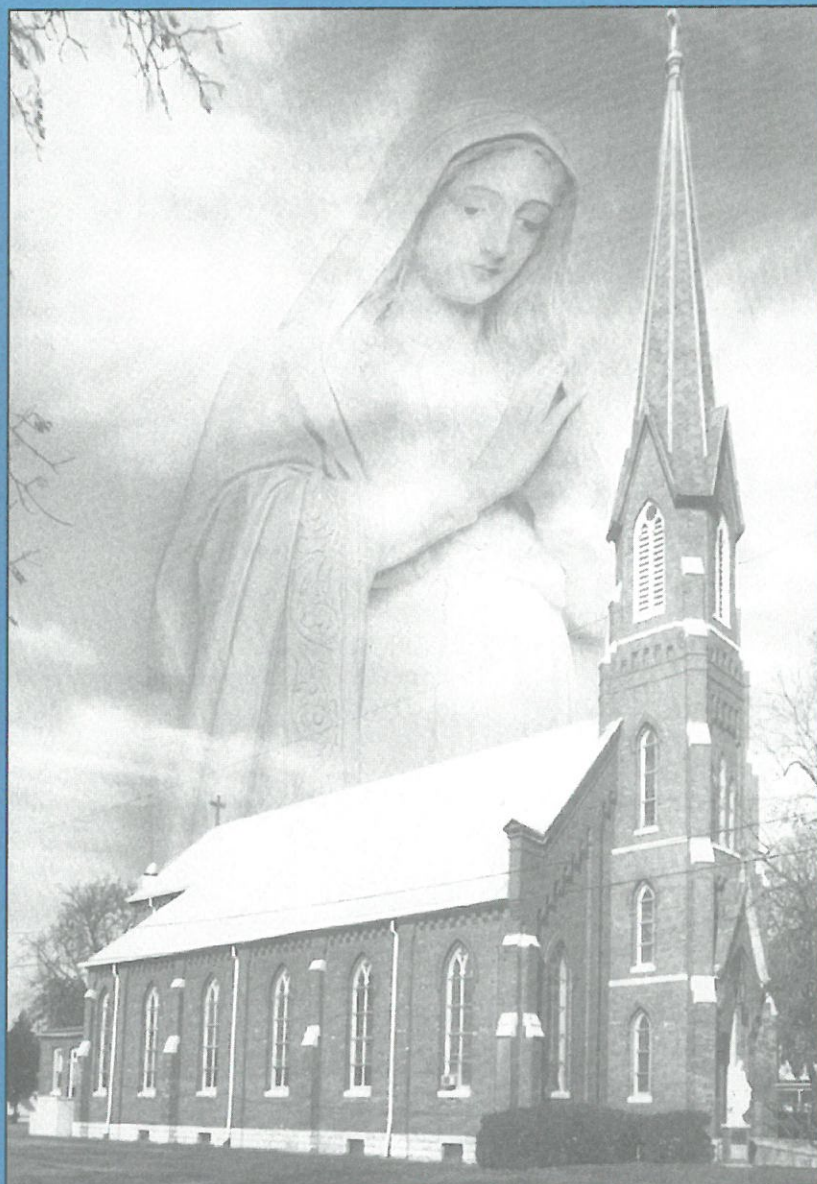
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in 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.



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



Mass Intentions and Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + Karen Robey by Donald Robey

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am For the People of the Parish

10:00am + Patrick Scullans (birthdate 3/5)
by Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Voreis

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH - ST. CASIMIR

7:00am + Bernadine Kostellic (anniv. +)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

7:00am + Jordan Carr

7:00pm BIBLE STUDY & ADORATION IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

7:00am Eddie Frye

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH - STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

7:00am + Irene Rohde (birthdate) by Family and Friends

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH - ST. JOHN OF GOD

7:00am Aidan Anderson

7:00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH - ST. FRANCES OF ROME

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm John Paul Rauh

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Mary Ann Newell (birthdate 3/8)
by her Family

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

7:00am Sunshine Wong (birthdate)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

7:00am Amy Puinti (birthdate)

7:00pm BIBLE STUDY & ADORATION IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

7:00am Kathy Bento (birthdate)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

7:00am + Raymond Klimek (birthdate)
by Steve and Kristine Husser

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

7:00am + Dan Pryde and + Carol Krzyaniak (anniv. +)

7:00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Area Adoration Schedule: Adoration is one way Catholics can deepen their relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Adoration offers us the opportunity to "be there" in Jesus' presence and reflect on His work on the cross and adore Him for all He has done for you and humankind.

SEE THE BACK PAGE OF THE BULLETIN FOR ADORATION DATE/TIME INFORMATION FOR OUR AREA.

Meditation for March 3rd

...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The words roll off our tongues so easily. Of course Jesus is God's wisdom and power! He's the Son of God, after all. But what do these words mean? Today's readings can help us.

First, there's Jesus as the wisdom of God. The story of the Ten Commandments in the first reading shows us that God's commands are nothing more—and nothing less—than a revelation of his own divine wisdom. They reveal how he wants his children to live: by loving God and one another. This is the wisdom that Jesus lived out perfectly. In everything he said and did, he showed us what it is like to love God completely and to pour ourselves out in love for the people around us. And nowhere is this revealed more powerfully than when he laid down his life on the cross!

As for Jesus being the power of God, what could be more astounding than his promise in today's Gospel to rebuild the "temple of his body" after three days? Imagine the kind of power it took for Jesus' crucified, lifeless flesh to come back to life! Imagine the power that transformed his body into something radiant and glorious! That was a work that only God, by his own mighty power, could do!

These are not just historical facts. The power and wisdom of God are present today—and they're yours in Christ! Every act of love, forgiveness, and generosity that you perform demonstrates his wisdom to a world lost in folly. Every time you pray in confident intercession, every time you rely on God's grace to say no to temptation, and every time you lay down your life to care for someone, you are revealing the power of God.

That's right. You can be God's revelation to this world!

"Jesus, fill me with your wisdom and power so that I can share them with everyone around me!"



Weekly Offering

Donations received February 15th-28th

Adult Envelopes	\$4,814.00
Loose Collection	\$1,510.00
Building Fund	\$60.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$70.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Aid to Eastern Europe	\$486.00
Holy Land	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$102.00
Easter Flower Memorials	\$80.00
Easter	\$5.00
Online Giving	\$100.00

**The new serving schedule for March and April is on the back of this bulletin.

Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

March 3rd	Villareal Family, Finn Carter
March 10th	Villareal Family, Bentley DiLuciano

Weekends of March 3rd & 10th

Readings Week of March 3rd

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42/43; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:24, 34-43; Psalm 25; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14

Readings Week of March 10th

Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30; John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46; John 5:1-16

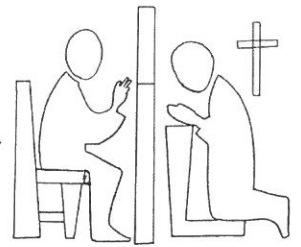
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145; John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106; John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7; John 7:40-53

Lenten Confessions: Take the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation...that holy moment in which we place ourselves in His presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God.



Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 7:15-7:45 a.m.

Tuesdays: 7:30-8:00 p.m. (at conclusion of bible study)

Mark your Calendars: We will need volunteers to help us decorate the church in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter. Please set aside some time to lend a hand.

Saturday, March 23rd @ 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 30th @ 8:00 a.m.

PADS Dinner: We could use a couple more volunteers to help prepare a dish for the March 6th meal at the homeless shelter. The sign-up sheet is on the back table as you leave church.

IV Cursillo: Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at the March Ultreya on Saturday, March 9th at Peterstown. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner and program. Master of Ceremonies and speaker for the evening will be Deacon Dan O'Connor. Mass will follow in Sts. Peter & Paul Church at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome at all Ultreyas.

School Open Houses: Catholic Schools provide children with the invaluable opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their passions, create community, strengthen their sense of self and come to know God all in one place. If you are considering Catholic Education for your children, there are a couple open houses in our area to consider.

* Marquette Academy Elementary, Ottawa: March 19th from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

* Holy Family Grade School, Oglesby: Preschool & Kindergarten Open House on March 26th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. For all grades, tour the school by scheduling an appointment (815) 883-8916.

* St. Bede Academy, Peru: 8th Grade Shadow Days, contact Jon Steben at (815) 250-0279.

Daylight Savings Time: On March 10th you won't want to be late for Mass! Daylight Savings Time begins on this date, so set your clocks ahead one hour.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Tim Burgess, Don and Pam Edwards, Darlene Jenkins, Jill Kain, Mary (Snell) Kalisiak, Richard Kepper, Ed Liss, Ava Lukacsy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Dennise Watson, Karen Williams

Please call or e-mail the parish office with additions/deletions for our prayer list. Thank you!

Announcements

Stations of the Cross: Come reflect on Jesus' death and the sacrifice he made for us each Friday of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study/Adoration: At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Mary's you are invited to attend Fr. Driscoll's Bible Study. The next two topics are: The New and Eternal Covenant & The Mass and the Eucharist. Adoration and confession time will also be available.

Easter Flower Offering: Use the pink envelope in your packets to make a contribution towards the purchase of Easter flowers. Moreover, you are invited to list names of people you are honoring or memorializing with your gift. Please return by March 20th.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

March 28th, Holy Thursday - Mass at 7:00 p.m.

March 29th, Good Friday - Service at 3:00 p.m.

March 30th, Easter Vigil - Mass at 8:00 p.m. (NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

March 31st, Easter Sunday - Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions: Having a Mass intention offered for someone is a powerful way to pray for them. Dates are still available for this year. Please use the blue forms to submit requests. The \$10 Mass stipend should be included with your form.

Clean Up: All Christmas decorations & grave blankets should be removed from St. Mary's Cemetery by March 25th.

Catholic School Openings: Holy Family School in Oglesby will be wishing happy retirement to a couple of our amazing teachers. As we congratulate them, we are eager to invite some caring, enthusiastic, and faith-filled teachers to join our family. Specifically, we will need a middle-school science teacher and also an elementary-level teacher. Applicants can expect to be part of a small, warmhearted, and passionate school community. We look for a valid teaching license or (with other qualifications) a willingness to work towards full licensure. For more information or if you'd like a tour of our school, contact our Principal Nathan Boudreau by e-mail or telephone.

~ nboudreau@hfsschool.com ~ (815)883-8916 ~

10:00 a.m. Serving Schedule March & April

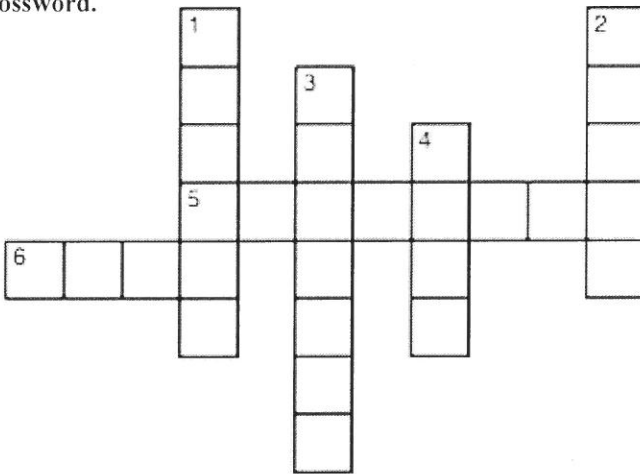
March 3rd	Villareal Family, Finn Carter
March 10th	Villareal Family, Bentley DiLuciano
March 17th	Joey and Jake Patyk, Ava Myers
March 24th	Nathan and Nina Leffers
Triduum & Easter	VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Please E-mail the parish office.
April 7th	Villareal Family, Finn Carter
April 14th	Villareal Family, Bentley DiLuciano
April 21st	Joey and Jake Patyk, Ava Myers
April 28th	Nathan and Nina Leffers

Adoration in the Illinois Valley

- 1st Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. St. Valentine's, Peru
- 1st Tuesday of the month 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. St. Patrick's, Hennepin
- 1st Friday of the month 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Shrine, LaSalle
- 2nd Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sacred Heart, Granville (Adoration & Rosary recitation)
- 4th Wednesday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sacred Heart, Granville
- Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Church, LaSalle (LENT only)
- Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church, Utica
- Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Holy Rosary Shrine, LaSalle
- Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Holy Rosary Shrine, LaSalle
- Fridays 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Peru
- Perpetual Adoration on Thursdays and Fridays at St. Patrick's, Ottawa

Kids Corner

Crossword.



Across

- This is still celebrated today by people of the Jewish faith; in this Gospel Jesus goes to Jerusalem to the temple since the time of _____ is near - Jesus, Mary and Joseph all honored the traditions of their Jewish ancestors.
- A word for feeling strongly about something. "_____ for your house will consume me."

Down

- The place where people went to worship in Jerusalem.
- Today is the _____ Sunday of Lent.
- To tear something down is to _____ it.
- This Gospel is from the Gospel of _____.

Word Search.

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Word Bank

BELIEVE	DAYS	DESTROY
DOVES	FEAST	OXEN
PASSOVER	RAISE	SHEEP
TEMPLE	TESTIFY	THREE



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