

# Church of Saint Mary

April 12th, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday



## Mass and Sacraments

### Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am

Monday through Friday: 7:00am

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Church anytime  
day or night.



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Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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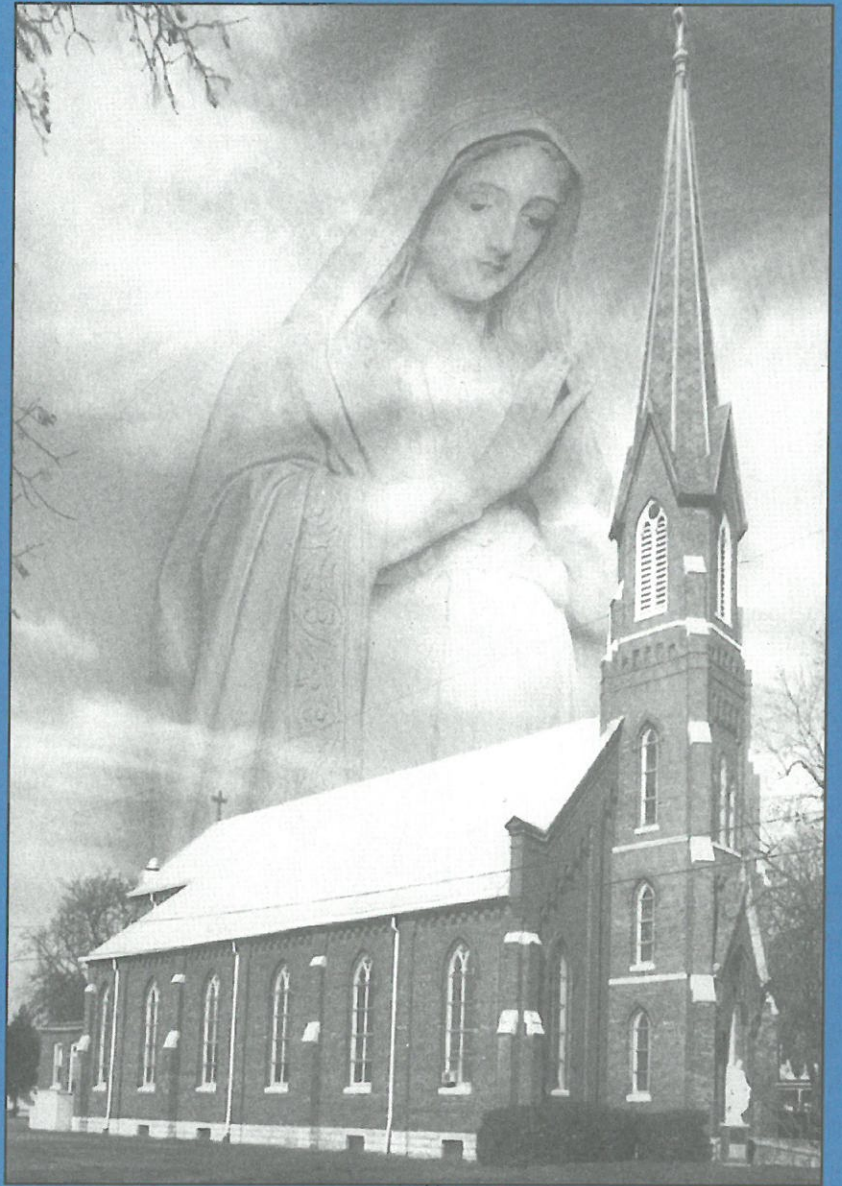
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in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

# NEWS & EVENTS

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Celebrate the Feast of Mercy at St. Hyacinth Church, LaSalle today! Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. Confessions available 2:30-4:30 p.m.

**In Appreciation:** Holy Family wishes to recognize Mr. Purelku of Four Star Restaurant for his generous donation of spaghetti sauce for our St. Joseph Day Table a few weeks ago.

**Congratulations to our New Catholics:** We were blessed at the Easter Vigil to welcome David Brady, Arthur and Kasandra Elliott, and Mandi Sienza into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with grace, strength, and wisdom as they continue their journeys of faith.

**Your Gifts in Action:** Did you know that the Annual Diocesan Appeal helps support important ministries such as the Newman Centers on our college campuses. This year, at the University of Illinois alone, 131 young new Catholics received the Sacraments of Initiation. God is GOOD!

**What's in a Name:** As part of the unification of our two parishes, St. Mary and Holy Family, we will be adopting a new name for our unified parish—one that reflects our shared faith, history, and future together.

It is important to note: This process does NOT rename our churches. St. Mary Church and Holy Family Church will retain their names. We are choosing a new parish name under one patronage to unite us as one parish family.

Our Parish Councils would like to solicit your ideas! Cards are available in the pews this weekend. Suggested names should be a recognized saint or a title of Jesus or Mary. It needs to be accompanied with a brief explanation as to why the nomination is specifically fitting for our community. Our name should also be unique in our Diocese, perhaps considering lesser-known or newly canonized saints. Proposed names will be reviewed by our parish councils before being submitted to the Bishop for his discernment and blessing.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we take this important step together in unity.



**Parish Representatives at the Chrism Mass:** Connie Guerrero, Mary Kay Hodgson, and Amie Walker

**Decorators in Utica:** Jane Skolek, Sharla and Greg Scullans, Carol Vesel, Linnea Ricci, Tony Harmon, Mary Kay Hodgson, and Fr. Windy

**St. Mary's Choir:** Nick and Sara McFadden, Nancy Stewart, Nathan Leffers, Nina Leffers, Robin Hilton, Jane Rakoczy

**Altar Servers:** Jake and Joey Patyk, Finn and Rory Carter, Abby Brown, Camden Vasquez, Natalie DeVries, Bryson Boudreau, Aubrey Ebner, Jase Erwin, Kennedy Glupczynski, Aubrey Goff, Griffin Sticka, Sadie Sticka

**Readers, EMHCs, Ushers:** Mark Duttlinger, Mary Ann Voreis, Sue Van De Wyngaerde, Colette Spears, Bill Mattingly, Stan Wolf, Lynn Quick, John Crew, Camden Vasquez, Kathy Granata, Bob Walker, Mark Van De Wyngaerde, Tim Watkins, Joe Vittone, Ken Capponi, Jake Newman, Matt Glupczynski, Cathy Granata, Rich Ricci, Bill Brown, Mike Brown, Ed Brown, Joe Woodshank

**Decorators in Oglesby:** Mitzi Banich, Frances Crew, Barb Pabian, Lana Peterlin, Joyce and Dale Sell, William Vega, Grace Newman, Kim and Terry Olszewski

*Your dedication and hard work as a volunteer has not gone unnoticed. You brought to life the joy of the season, serving others with a joyful heart and willing hands. Thank you!*

**PADs Meals:** St. Mary's parishioners have been providing a meal at the homeless shelter on the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers this year have included: Cheryl and Dave Alleman, Carolyn, Dave, and Max Claahsen, Pat Devane, Mary Kay Hodgson, Mary Holland, Laurie Ulrich, Carol Vesel, Mary Ann Voreis, Jane Wilson, and Mary Ann Woodshank. These dedicated volunteers have provided a hot meal for close to 400 clients this year. Thank you for making this community outreach project possible! Altar & Rosary would like to extend their gratitude for the monetary donations given to this ministry.

John Lancaster Spalding  
**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

\$700,000 in scholarship funds were allocated to students across the Diocese of Peoria for the 2025-2026 school year!

**PROTOCOLS**

- ☑ K-12 student enrolled in a school within Diocese of Peoria
- ☑ Awards are for one school year only
- ☑ Need-Based Scholarship
- ☑ Active member of the parish, in good standing

**APRIL 24, 2026** **DEADLINE**

Contact your school for more information!

<https://www.cdop.org/john-lancaster-spalding-scholarship>



## MINISTER SCHEDULE

**April 11th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)**  
Reader: Sue Van De Wyngaerde  
EMHC: Maureen Polster  
Ushers: Terry Piletic  
Joe Vittone

**April 12th, 8:00 a.m. (HF)**  
Reader: Mark Duttlinger  
EMHC: Frances Crew  
Altar Servers: Claire B.,  
Natalie D.  
Ushers: Jim Clinard  
Steve Kamnikar

**April 12th, 8:00 a.m. (STM)**  
Reader: Dave Ludford

**April 12th, 10:00 a.m. (HF)**  
Reader: Rita Ford  
EMHC: Camden Vasquez  
Altar Servers: Brigham B.,  
Kennedy G., Callie H., Webb  
H., Sam K., Lola K., Camden  
V  
Ushers: Gary Peterlin  
Andy Schmollinger

**April 12th, 10:00 a.m. (STM)**  
Reader: Colette Spears  
Altar Servers: Bobby & Olivia V.

**April 18th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)**  
Reader: Deena Pavinato  
EMHC: Deena Pavinato  
Ushers: Ken Capponi  
Terry Piletic

**April 18th, 5:00 p.m. (STM)**  
Reader: Colette Spears

**April 19th, 8:00 a.m. (HF)**  
Reader: Teagan Mullane  
EMHC: Bryson Boudreau  
Altar Servers: Jase E., Bryson B.  
Ushers: Drew Jessen  
Jake Newman

**April 19th, 8:00 a.m. (STM)**  
Reader: Ryan Mann

**April 19th, 10:00 a.m. (HF)**  
Reader: Amie Walker  
EMHC: Carter Dzik  
Altar Servers: Sierra B., Carter  
D., Sadie D., Leighton F., Kennedy  
G., Berkley K., Jase K.  
Ushers: Matt Glupczynski  
Brian Towne

**April 19th, 10:00 a.m. (STM)**  
Reader: Mary Ann Voreis  
Altar Servers: Nina Leffers

## MASS SCHEDULE

**4/11, Saturday**  
4:00 p.m. (HF) + Deceased Members of the Fitzpatrick and Kamnikar Families  
5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

**4/12, Divine Mercy Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. (HF) + William Hunter III by the Kuhar Family  
8:00 a.m. (STM) KC #1775 Deceased Members and their Families  
10:00 a.m. (HF) + James A. Omahen (anniv. + 4/18)  
by his family  
10:00 a.m. (STM) Gloria Steichen (wed. anniv. 4/11)  
by Tim Burgess Family

**4/13, Monday**  
7:00 a.m. (STM) Dennis Gross 80th Birthday (4/17)  
from his Family

**4/14, Tuesday**  
7:00 a.m. (STM) + Joann Faletti  
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Melvin and Rosalie Zack by Marcia Zack  
10:15 a.m. (HF) + Mickey Furar by Isabel Furar  
7:00-8:00 p.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN UTICA

**4/15, Wednesday**  
7:00 a.m. (STM) + Jeffrey Hayden  
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Raymond and Dolores Suges  
by Gary and Rita Ford  
4:30-6:30 p.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OGLESBY

**4/16, Thursday**  
7:00 a.m. (STM) Christine Rauh (birthdate)  
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Patrick O'Kier and Charles Hoscheit  
by Pat and Jane O'Kier

**4/17, Friday**  
7:00 a.m. (STM) + Debbie Sheridan by Bill and Janet Politsch

**4/18, Saturday**  
4:00 p.m. (HF) + Deceased Members of the Neff and Kutz  
Families by Mike and Liz Kutz  
5:00 p.m. (STM) + Robbie Byczynski (anniv. +)  
by Megan Byczynski and Jill Pohar

**4/19, 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. (HF) + Pat Gatza (birthdate) by Walt Gatza  
8:00 a.m. (STM) + Dan Wiesbrock (anniv. +) by Diane Kreiser  
10:00 a.m. (HF) For the People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. (STM) + Jim Galvan by Ed and Nancy Stewart

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Holy Family</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
Easter Envelopes: \$5,532.00	Easter Envelopes: \$1,308.00
Loose Donations: \$1,038.00	Adult Envelopes: \$1,910.00
Mail-in Donations: \$2,135.00	Loose Donations: \$1,126.00
Online Giving: \$795.00	Good Friday: \$652.00
ADA: \$75.00	Cemetery Upkeep: \$25.00
Ash Wednesday: \$20.00	Catholic Charities: \$10.00
Holy Thursday: \$986.00	Building Fund: \$70.00
Good Friday: \$1,202.00	Diocesan Collections: \$8.81
Diocesan Collections: \$85.00	Annual Appeal Completed: 65%
Catholic Education: \$30.00	
Maintenance: \$50.00	
For the Poor: \$50.00	
Pasta: \$35.00	
Annual Appeal Completed: 233%	

Word Search.

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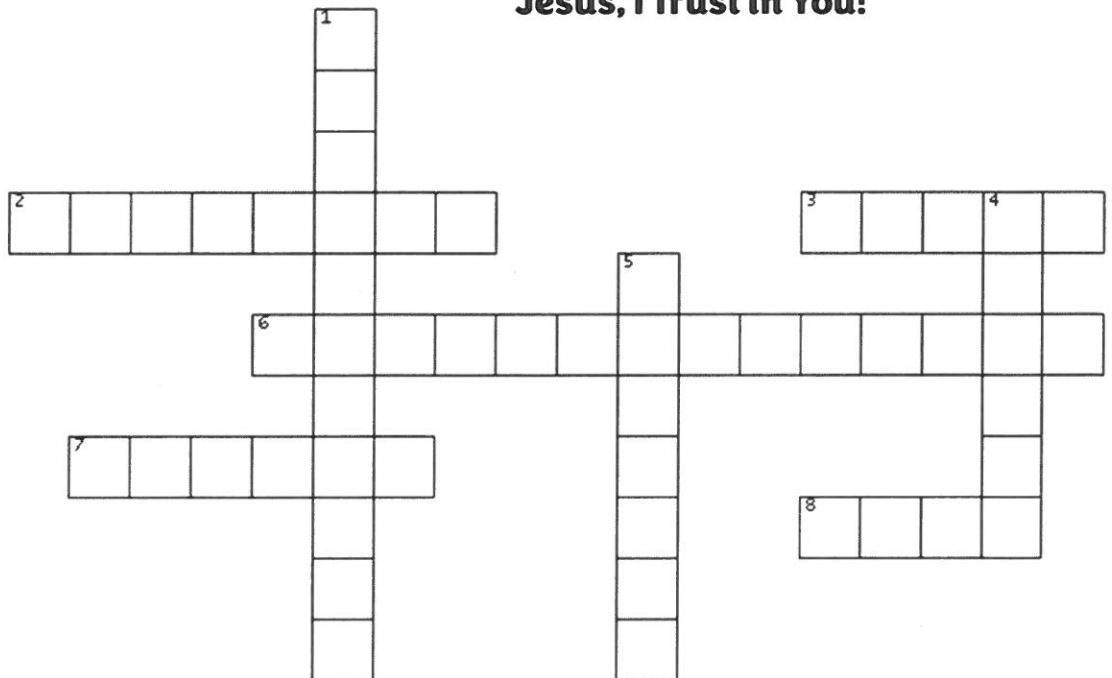
Crossword.

ACROSS

- Name of the Polish saint associated with this weekend's devotion/feast.
- Belief without seeing is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- What was the four word greeting from Jesus to the disciples?
- The disciples were in the upper room with the doors \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus commanded them to forgive \_\_\_\_\_.

DOWN

- The feast we celebrate this weekend is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2 words)
- What is the name of the Apostle who doubted the Resurrection?
- "Do not be unbelieving, but \_\_\_\_\_."



**Jesus, I Trust in You!**