

Church of Saint Mary

June 25th & July 2nd
2023

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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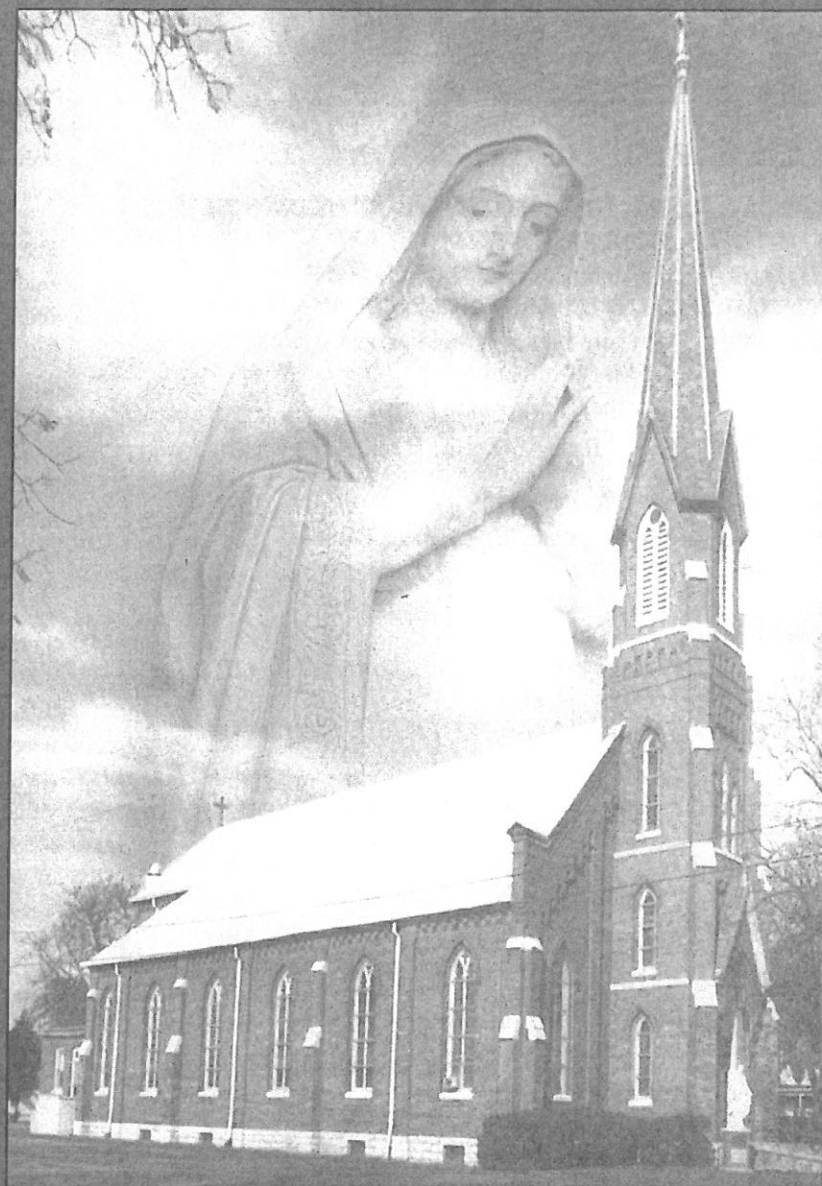
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in 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, JUNE 24TH - NATIVITY/JOHN THE BAPTIST

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + Ambrose Harmon (anniv. + 6/21) by family

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH - 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Harold Aubry (wedding anniv. 6/26)
by Mary Holland

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH

7:00am + William Wallace by Mary Holland

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH - ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

7:00am + Rita Whipple by Patrick Dittmer

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH - ST. IRENAEUS

7:00am + Fr. Michael Pakula

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH - STS. PETER AND PAUL

7:00am + Betty Lou Kinney (anniv. +)

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

7:00am + Lois Schott

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST - ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + Marlene Rygh (anniv. + 7/2) by family

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Bill Mix by Chuck and Mary Ann Voreis

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 3RD - ST. THOMAS

7:00am + Rita Stewart by Charlie and Julie Pleskovitch

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

7:00am For the People of the Parish

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH - ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA

7:00am + Loretta Story

THURSDAY, JULY 6TH - ST. MARIA GORETTI

7:00am + Msgr. James J. Swaner
by George and Joanne Pavlick

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

7:00am + Chuck and Bob Pezanoski
by Cathie Pezanoski



Incense Use:

5:00 p.m. Vigil = YES

8:00 a.m. Mass = NO

Meditation for June 25th

You are worth more than many sparrows.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the twelve apostles as they prepare to go out and preach the good news. He's urging them to take courage and to trust in their heavenly Father's care. His words would help them as they began their missionary expedition but would also help them for the rest of their lives. Although they might face suffering or rejection, they could draw strength from remembering that they are "worth more than many sparrows".

The disciples probably had to cling to these words often as they went forth to witness. Not everyone accepted their preaching, and they couldn't work miracles as consistently as Jesus had. But it didn't matter because their worth came not from what they did but rather from who they were: children of God. They could rely on their Father's care for them no matter what. They could trust that his love wasn't based on their success or accomplishments. It was based on the fact that he had created them in his image and likeness. He loved them, eternally, simply because he IS love.

Jesus speaks these words to you today: You are worth more than many sparrows. The same Father in heaven who cared for those disciples cares for you. He sees your every joy and every difficulty and loves you through all of them. He even loves you when you stumble! He rejoices when you witness to his goodness and delights when you care for your family. He values you when you are confined to bed and all you can do is offer him your pain. He sees it all. He loves you, not because of what you do, but because of who you are.

You are more than the sum of your successes and failures. You are a beloved child of your Father in heaven—you are worth more than many sparrows.

"I trust in you, Jesus, because you care for me."

Weekly Offering

Donations received June 8th-June 21st

Adult Envelopes	\$3,645.00
Loose Collection	\$952.00
Building Fund	\$982.00
Online Giving	\$170.00
Initial	\$5.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$60.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00

10:00 a.m. Altar Servers

June 25th	Nathan Leffers, Ava Myers
July 2nd	Bentley DiLuciano, Jake and Joey Patyk

**New Altar Server Schedule for July and August
on back of bulletin!**

Bulletins are printed every two weeks. Please keep this in mind when submitting information for publication.

Weekends of June 25th & July 2nd

Readings Week of June 25th

Sunday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33; Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Psalm 15; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 105; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 19; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19; Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

Friday: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Psalm 128; Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-50 & 53-55; Matthew 8:5-17

Readings Week of July 2nd

Sunday: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Psalm 89; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117; John 20:24-29

Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29; Psalm 26; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Psalm 34; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: Genesis 22:1b-19; Psalm 115; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Psalm 106; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Psalm 135; Matthew 9:14-17

Announcements

Special 4th of July Mass: St. Mary in Peru will be celebrating their annual Independence Day Mass on Tuesday, July 4th at 9:00 a.m. The parish choir will delight attendees with favorite patriotic hymns beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Word Among Us: Complimentary July/August issues are available on the back table.

Fulton Sheen Family Day: Come walk where Fulton Sheen walked and pray where Fulton Sheen prayed. Plan a to spend a lovely day in Peoria on Saturday, July 8th.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. open house activities include;

- Kid-friendly Museum Tours
- Hands-on Projects
- Cathedral Scavenger Hunts
- Giveaways & Goody Bags

11:30 a.m.: Bishop Tylka will celebrate Holy Mass the Cathedral



Tom Wojciechowski (center above) recently delivered a check from St. Mary Parish to Abigail Women's Center. \$1,002.70 was raised with the Baby Bottle Campaign! Pictured with Tom are Betty Pappas and Shelly Bell.



St. Nicholas Charity Collection Drive

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving families in need across the Peoria Diocese. To aid this mission, our Altar & Rosary Society is organizing a collection drive. St. Mary Parish will collect supplies at Masses the weekends of July 8th and 15th. There will be a collection basket in the back of church.

Items Needed

Paper Towels	Toothpaste	Toilet Paper
Household Cleaners	Dish Soap	Bar Soap
Deodorant	Laundry Detergent	Sponges
Shampoo	Toothbrushes	Wipes
Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Casey's		

**** For those in need, Catholic Charities accepts online requests.** Go to www.cdop.org/catholic-charities. Scroll down to "Region 3" and click on the link. Upon completion Catholic Charities will contact families about scheduling a pickup time.



Baptism Blessing: It is with gladness that we announce the Baptism of Hazel Jo Zemanek (pictured above) on June 18th. Hazel is the daughter of Martin and Megan (Johnson) Zemanek. May the Good Shepherd always guide this little one in goodness. Congratulations!

Mobile Food Pantry: The Community Food Basket of Ottawa will hold their monthly mobile (drive-thru) pantry on Saturday, July 8th in the OSF Healthcare parking area in Ottawa. Registration is from 9:30-11:30 a.m., with distribution beginning at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to anyone in need of food assistance, regardless of residency.

Save the Date: Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck will be coming to our parish for the July 25th Holy Hour. More details to come!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

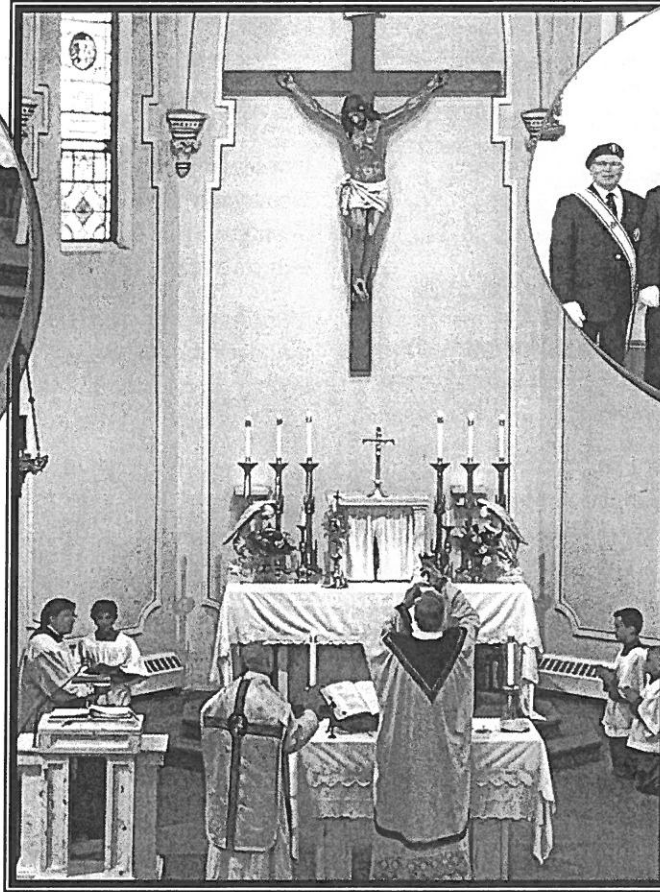
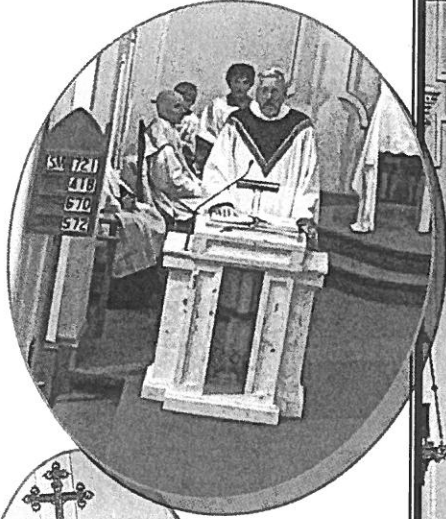
Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Don and Pam Edwards, Darlene Jenkins, Jill Kain, Richard Kepper, Ed Liss, Judy Lock, Ava Lukacsy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Dennise Watson, Karen Williams

Sacred Heart Mass & Procession (June 16, 2023)

It was a lovely evening for Mass and Eucharistic Procession honoring Our Lord's unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering heart towards humanity.

Many thanks to everyone that attended, and those that helped make the feast such a wonderful occasion:

Homilist—Msgr. Philip Halfacre; Altar Servers—Jake Patyk, Joey Patyk, Jackson Myers, William Mix, Wyatt Mix, Weston Mix; Cross Bearer—Justin Ramza, seminarian; Flowers—Linda Lopatka; Choir—Nick McFadden, Sara McFadden, Nancy Stewart, Mary Ann Voreis, Jennifer Newman; KC Honor Guard; Brother Priests—Msgr. Mark Merdian, Fr. Ignacio Cardenas-Moran, Fr. Fortunatus Rutaihua, Fr. Paul Carlson



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10:00 a.m. Altar Serving Schedule July & August

July 2nd	Jake and Joey Patyk, Bentley DiLuciano
July 9th	Jackson and Ava Myers, Finn Carter
July 16th	Nathan and Nina Leffers
July 23rd	Jake and Joey Patyk, Bentley DiLuciano
July 30th	Jackson and Ava Myers, Finn Carter
August 6th	Nathan and Nina Leffers
August 13th	Jake and Joey Patyk, Bentley DiLuciano
August 20th	Jackson and Ava Myers, Finn Carter
August 27th	Lexi Sawin, Nathan and Nina Leffers

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