

SAINT MARY'S & HOLY FAMILY

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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 PM	HF
	5:15 PM	SM
Sunday	7:30 AM	HF
	9:00 AM	SM
	10:30 AM	HF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	8:30 AM	SM
Tuesday	7:30 AM	HF
	10:15 AM	HF
Wednesday	7:30 AM	HF
	8:30 AM	SM
Thursday	7:30 AM	HF
Friday	8:30 AM	SM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	3:15 PM	HF
Sunday	7:00 AM	HF
Tuesday	6:30 PM	SM
Wednesday	5:30 PM	HF
Friday	9:00 AM	SM

ADORATION

Tuesday	6:00-7:00 PM	SM
Weds	4:30-6:30 PM	HF



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The stone that the builders
rejected has become the
cornerstone.

I PETER 2:7

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MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NEWS & EVENTS

Support Life – Baby Bottle Campaign: From Mother’s Day (May 10th) through Father’s Day (June 21st), our churches will participate in a Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Abigail Women’s Center. Simply take a bottle home, fill it with coins, cash, or a check, and return it by Father’s Day. Every bottle makes a difference in supporting mothers, babies, and families in our community. Bottles will be by the main doors next weekend.

Illinois Valley Cursillo News: Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo family for our May Ultreya on Saturday the 16th, in Peterstown. A potluck dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program, “The Importance of Palanca”. Speakers will be Carol Lauer and Vickie Fullerton. Mass will be held in the church at 7:30 p.m. with Fr. Greg Nelson officiating. Guests are welcome at all Ultreyas. Additionally, Cursillo weekends will be coming up (Men’s—June 11th-14th and Women’s—June 25th-28th). If interested please contact: Ray (815) 993-5418, Dan (815) 343-2987, Laura (815) 579-1794 or Greg (815) 252-4174.

1st Communion & May Crowning in Utica: Sunday, May 10th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be the 1st Communion celebration for three students. There will be reserved seating for their families. Additionally, we will be honoring the Blessed Mother with flowers. Any children of the parish that would like to be part of the procession are invited. The church will provide carnations. Instructions will be given at Mass for those participating.

CCD: The last class for the year in Utica is this weekend, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Holy Family students have the following dates remaining: May 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Word Among Us: May issues of The Word Among Us are available on the back table in Utica and in the Mother’s Chapel in Oglesby.



Baptism Blessings: With great joy, we celebrated the Baptisms of Emma and Colton Blair on April 26th. Through the waters of Baptism, they have been welcomed into the Body of Christ. May the Lord guide them always, and may their families be strengthened in faith as they nurture these children in Christ. Emma and Colton are the children of Alex and Alivia (Kelsey) Blair. Congratulations!

Altar and Rosary—Utica Meeting: Due to the inclement weather, the April meeting was been rescheduled for 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday, May 6th. Join us at the parish rectory.

Anniversary RSVP: Please call the parish office to RSVP for Fr. Windy’s 30th anniversary of ordination reception by May 11th.



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THURS. MAY 7 TH 5:30-7:30pm


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LASALLE CAMPUS
650 4TH ST. LASALLE


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PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

St. Hyacinth Church
Sunday, May 17, 2026
4:00 PM

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima, traveling since 1947, will be at St. Hyacinth Church on Sunday, May 17th. It will begin at 4:00 pm. with procession of the Statue, hymns, prayers, a talk on the messages received at Fatima, and end with Benediction.

The International Pilgrim Statue has visited more than 100 countries, bringing Mary's powerful message of salvation and hope to millions. Countless favors and graces have been reported wherever the Virgin Statue traveled.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

~ by Fr. John Muir

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Holy Family

Adult Envelopes: \$2,925.00
Loose Donations: \$565.00
Mail-in Donations: \$405.00
Online Giving: \$535.00
ADA: \$125.00
Diocesan Collections: \$110.00
Maintenance: \$4000.00
For the Poor: \$10.00
Pasta Sales: \$32.00
Diocesan Appeal: 234%

St. Mary

Adult Envelopes: \$2,155.00
Easter Envelopes: \$10.00
Loose Donations: \$1,009.00
Catholic Charities: \$10.00
Building Fund: \$50.00
Diocesan Appeal: 73%

MASS SCHEDULE

5/2, Saturday
4:00 p.m. (HF) + Don Biagini (WA 5/3) by The Biagini Family
5:15 p.m. (STM) + Joseph M. Carey (birthdate) by Teresa Carey

5/3, 5th Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Hazel Conrad by Bruce and Annie Muffler
9:00 a.m. (STM) + Fritz and Connie Harmon by family
10:30 a.m. (HF) + Arnold and JoAnn Daley
1:00 p.m. (HF) For the 1st Communion Class at Holy Family

5/4, Monday
8:30 a.m. (STM) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5/5, Tuesday
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Flossie and Tom Argubright
by Eleanore Nieslawski
10:15 a.m. (HF) + Janice Washkowiak by Deena Pavinato

5/6, Wednesday
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Deceased Members of the Tauscher and
Kuhar Families by Ken and Pat Kuhar
8:30 a.m. (STM) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5/7, Thursday
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Joe Walgenbach Sr. by Paula Snell

5/8, Friday
8:30 a.m. (STM) + Msgr. James J. Swaner

5/9, Saturday
4:00 p.m. (HF) + Tim Duncan by Claudia Bachman
5:15 p.m. (STM) + Karen Robey by Donald Robey

5/10, 6th Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. (HF) + Patrick O'Kier and Charles Hoscheit
by Pat and Jane O'Kier
9:00 a.m. (STM) For the 1st Communion Class at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. (HF) + Kaye Arkins
by Bill Arkins, Don and Jill Shields

MINISTER SCHEDULE

May 2nd, 4:00 p.m. (HF)
Ushers: Ken C., & Joe V.

May 3rd, 7:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Nathan Boudreau
EMHC: Bryson Boudreau
Altar Servers: Maggie B.,
Bryson B.
Ushers: Steve K. & Jake N.

May 3rd, 9:00 a.m. (STM)
Reader: Colette Spears
Altar Servers: Bobby V.,
Olivia V.

May 3rd, 10:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Jill Shields
EMHC: Carter Dzik
Altar Servers: Brigham B.,
Carter D., Sadie D., Sam K.,
Griffin S., Sadie S.
Ushers: Cathy G. & TBD

May 3rd, 1:00 p.m. (HF)
Reader: Amie Walker
EMHC: Maureen Polster
Altar Servers: Aubrey E.,
Kennedy G., Sutton M.,
Natalie D., Reece H.
Ushers: Matt G. & Gary P.

May 9th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)
Reader: Sue Van De Wyngaerde
EMHC: Maureen Polster
Altar Servers: Natalie D.,
Everly S., Vivian S.
Ushers: Mark V. & Joe V.

May 10th, 7:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Colette Spears
EMHC: Landon Moss
Altar Servers: Claire B.,
Aubrey D., Aryanna M.,
Landon M.
Ushers: Joel G. & Drew J.

May 10th, 9:00 a.m. (STM)
1st Reading: David Ludford
2nd Reading: Mary Ann Voreis
Altar Servers: Abby Brown

May 10th, 10:30 a.m. (HF)
Reader: Stan Wolf
EMHC: Camden Vasquez
Altar Servers: Jase E., Callie
H., Webb H., Berkley K., Jase
K., Camden V.
Ushers: Andy S. & Brian T.