

# Church of Saint Mary

April 19th, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Easter



## 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.



## Parish Office

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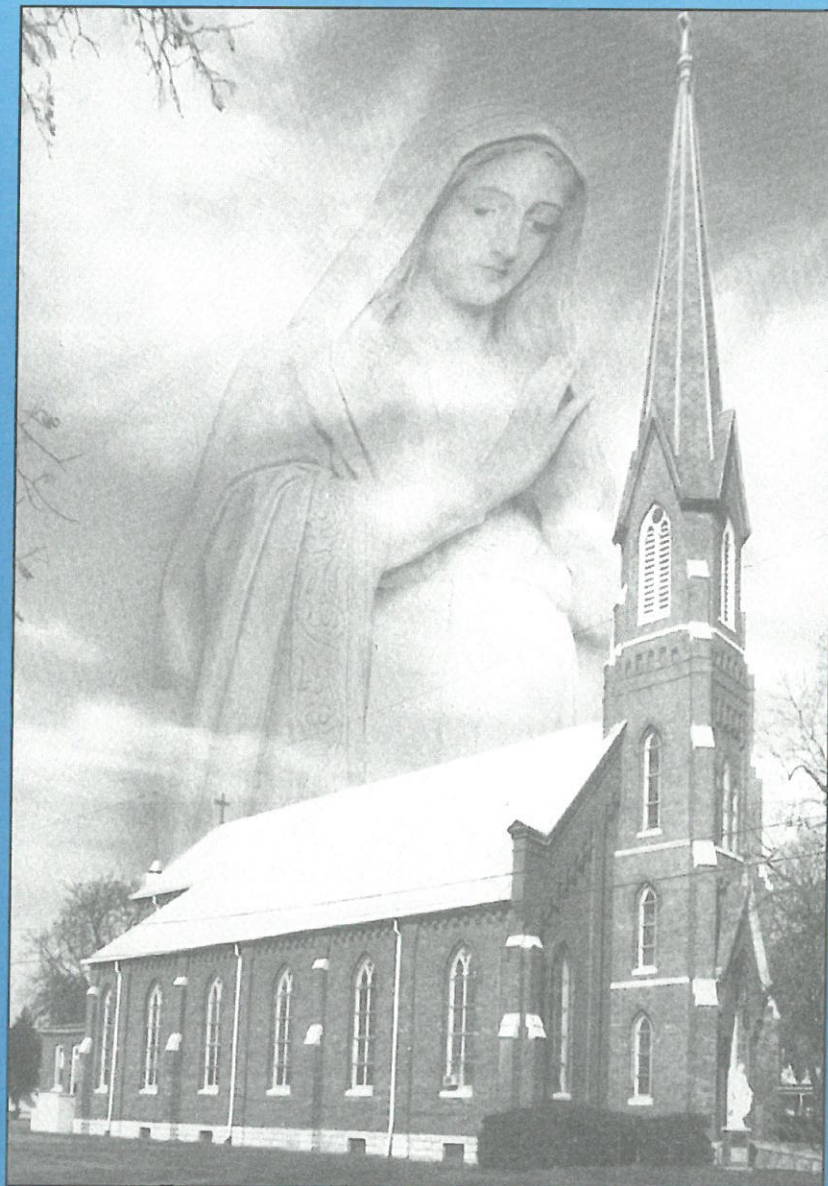
Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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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



Coffee and doughnuts will be hosted by Altar & Rosary after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses in Oglesby on April 26th.

**Altar & Rosary Closing Dinner:** Our Oglesby group will hold their Spring Closing Dinner at Cortileno's on Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. Members will order off the menu, with the group picking up the tip. Please RSVP by leaving a message for Amie Walker at (815) 200-7379 by April 29th.

**Homemade Pasta:** Our parish's pasta group will be taking a well deserved break until this Fall. We have a limited supply of meat tortellini and spinach/cheese tortellachi available for purchase at the parish office.

**Join the ASCA Family:** Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now underway at The Academy of St. Carlo Acutis. Visit the school's website [academyofstcarlo.org](http://academyofstcarlo.org) to learn more or call (815) 200-1991 to schedule a visit. Financial aid is available through the Diocesan Spalding Scholarship. Applications are due by April 24th. Check out [www.cdop.org/john-lancaster-spalding-scholarship](http://www.cdop.org/john-lancaster-spalding-scholarship) to get started.

**Bowling Over the Competition:** Congratulations to ASCA students Jackson, Brenden, Madelyn, and Avery on qualifying for the State Bowling tournament. Way to go Miracles!

Dear Friends,

We are preparing to introduce a new Sunday Mass schedule beginning in May.

Religion is sometimes described as a habit of virtue. And like all good habits, it is strengthened by regularity. For that reason, changing long-standing patterns of worship is not something any priest takes lightly.

However, as we move toward the unification of our churches, it is necessary to establish a schedule that both serves our families well and can be sustained, when needed, by a single priest. In developing this schedule, we have carefully considered current attendance, travel time between churches, and the input of our parish councils.

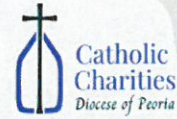
There is no perfect schedule, and we recognize that any change requires adjustment. If refinements are needed over time, we will make them thoughtfully.

As we grow together as one parish family, I encourage you to attend Mass at both churches. What may feel like the "other" church today will soon be your church as well! Each is a place where you belong as we become a single parish with two beautiful churches.

God bless you,

*Fr. Paul Carlson*

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## Pray Like St. Joseph A Day of Reflection for All Fathers

*Learning to trust God in the  
silence*

**Father Pica - Retreat Master**

**6 June, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 2:30 pm**

**Sacré-Coeur Retreat Center**

**8508 county rd 100 north, Magnolia, IL**

**Cost \$35.00**

RSVP Here



### What to Expect:

Join us for a peaceful and prayerful day inspired by St. Joseph, a man of deep faith, quiet obedience, and unwavering trust in God.

Contact Sister Clare Key, DSW (309) 218-3714  
for more information

## Unified Schedule

Schedule beginning May 2nd 2026

### Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 PM Holy Family Oglesby  
5:15 PM St. Mary's Utica

### Sunday Morning Masses

7:30 AM Holy Family Oglesby  
9:00 AM St. Mary's Utica  
10:30 AM Holy Family Oglesby

### Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Tue, Wed, Thu Oglesby  
8:30 AM Mon, Wed, Fri Utica

### Confessions

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-7:00 PM Tuesday Utica  
4:30-6:30 PM Wednesday Oglesby

### Office Hours

1:30-4:30 PM Mon-Fri Oglesby  
4:30-6:30 PM Wed & Fri Utica

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

## MINISTER SCHEDULE

**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: *TBD*

**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

**April 25th, 4:00 p.m. (HF)**  
 Reader: Deena Pavinato  
 EMHC: Maureen Polster

**April 25th, 4:00 p.m. (cont.)**  
 Altar Servers: Lola K., Emery  
 L., Everly S.  
 Ushers: Joe Vittone  
 Tim Watkins

**April 25th, 5:00 p.m. (STM)**  
 Reader: Connie Guerrero

**April 26th, 8:00 a.m. (HF)**  
 Reader: Nathan Boudreau  
 EMHC: Jim Clinard  
 Altar Servers: Aubrey D.,  
 Aubrey G., Conner J.  
 Ushers: Jim Clinard  
 Joel Gerdovich

**April 26th, 8:00 a.m. (STM)**  
 Reader: Kathleen DiLuciano  
 Altar Server: CJ DiLuciano

**April 26th, 10:00 a.m. (HF)**  
 Reader: Brian Sherman  
 EMHC: Rachel Sherman  
 Altar Servers: Aubrey E., James  
 O., Kaitlynn O., River R., Liam T.,  
 Camden V., Nola O.  
 Ushers: Gary Peterlin  
 Andy Schmollinger

**April 26th, 10:00 a.m. (STM)**  
 Reader: Bill Mattingly  
 Altar Servers: Finn and Rory  
 Carter

## MASS SCHEDULE

**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

**4/20, Monday**  
 7:00 a.m. (STM) + Joe Walgenbach Jr. by Paula Snell

**4/21, Tuesday**  
 7:00 a.m. (STM) + James Arkins by Mary Pryde  
 7:30 a.m. (HF) + Sandy Greening by Jeff and Bonnie Jasiak  
 10:15 a.m. (HF) + Jerome Pangrcic and Carmella LaFollette  
 by their family  
 7:00-8:00 p.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN UTICA

**4/22, Wednesday**  
 7:00 a.m. (STM) + Donald and Charlotte Gahan (wed. anniv.  
 4/23) by Jack Fitzgerald  
 7:30 a.m. (HF) + Edward and Frances Sarosinski (wed. anniv.  
 4/24) by Judy Arenz  
 4:30-6:30 p.m. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OGLESBY

**4/23, Thursday**  
 7:00 a.m. (STM) + Jerry Thorsen  
 by Brian and Sara Gross Family  
 7:30 a.m. (HF) Living and Deceased Members of the Balzarini,  
 Salina, Bertrand, and Schneider Families  
 by the John Balzarini Family

**4/24, Friday**  
 7:00 a.m. (STM) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**4/25, Saturday**  
 4:00 p.m. (HF) + Eric Scott Van De Wyngaerde (birthdate)  
 by Mark and Sue Van De Wyngaerde  
 5:00 p.m. (STM) + Ragan DeMaso by Skip and Miranda DeMaso

**4/26, 4th Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. (HF) + Deborah Sweeden by Michael Flavin  
 8:00 a.m. (STM) + Mary Ann Newell by her family  
 10:00 a.m. (HF) Living and Deceased Members of the Hamilton  
 Family by Lorene Munson  
 10:00 a.m. (STM) For the People of the Parish

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

### Holy Family

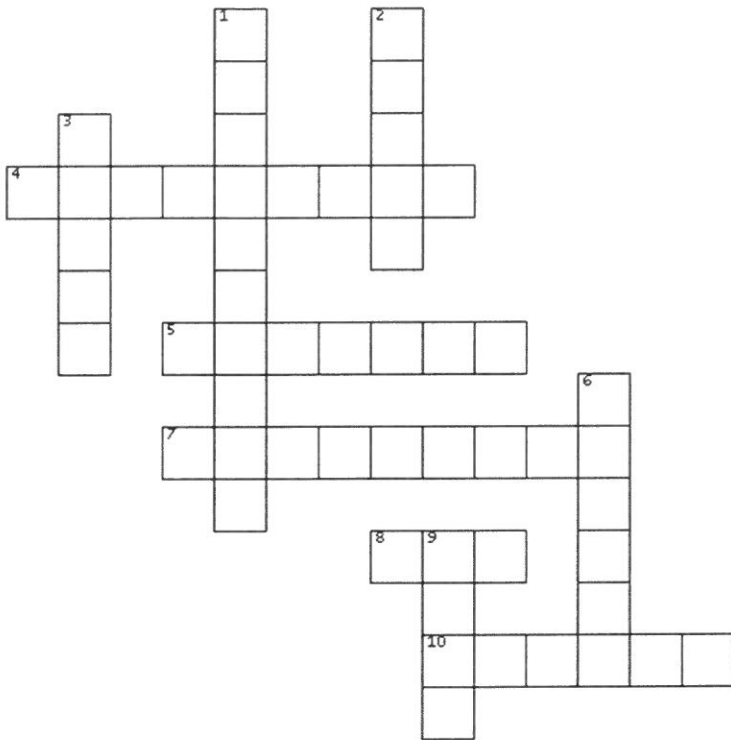
Adult Envelopes: \$5,108.00  
 Easter Envelopes: \$420.00  
 Loose Donations: \$570.75  
 Mail-in Donations: \$460.00  
 Online Giving: \$395.00  
 ADA: \$75.00  
 Holy Thurs/Good Fri: \$125.00  
 Diocesan Collections: \$50.00  
 Maintenance: \$55.00  
 For the Poor: \$25.00  
 St. Martin Society: \$50.00  
 Altar & Rosary: \$50.00  
 Pasta: \$152.00  
 Annual Appeal Completed: 234%

### St. Mary

Adult Envelopes: \$1,850.00  
 Easter Envelopes: \$150.00  
 Loose Donations: \$969.27  
 Good Friday: \$30.00  
 Catholic Charities: \$10.00  
 Building Fund: \$892.26  
 Annual Appeal Completed: 73%

# Kids Corner

## Crossword.



## Word Search.



### ACROSS

4. The chief priests and rulers handed Jesus over to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Were not our hearts \_\_\_\_\_ burning within us?"
7. What city were the disciples leaving?
8. How many disciples were walking together?
10. The Lord has truly been \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

1. What Jesus opened to them.... their understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How many miles were the disciples travelling?
3. Jesus was made know in the breaking of the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Name of the village where the disciples were traveling.
9. Title the disciples used for Jesus: "a prophet mighty in \_\_\_\_\_ and deed."

ANGELS	BREAD	CLEOPAS
CRUCIFIED	DEATH	DEED
DISCIPLES	EMMAUS	FOOLISH
HEART	MILES	MORNING
RECOGNIZED	SIMON	TABLE
TALKED	TOMB	VISION
VISITOR	WALKED	WORD

## Color.

