

# Church of Saint Mary

August 17th & 24th  
2025

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## 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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## Parish Office

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303 South Division Street

Utica, IL 61373

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www.stmarysutica.org

Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Fr. Michael Driscoll, Pastor

Fr. Jeff J. Windy, Asst. Pastor

Jennifer Newman, Secretary

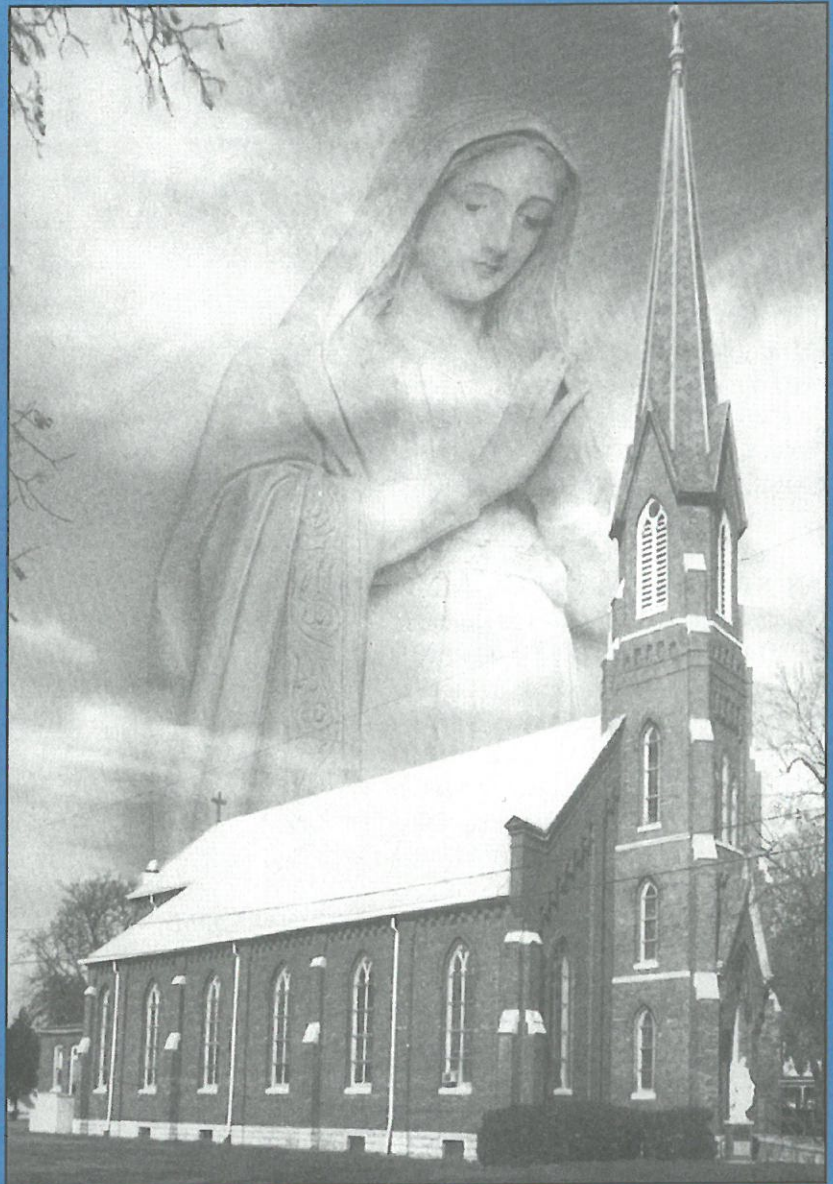
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in 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, AUGUST 16TH—ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY**

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH—20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00am + Ron Lindner by Kathy Jo Lindner

10:00am + Sandy Brown (anniv. + 8/18)  
by Eddie Pat Brown

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH**

7:00am Catherine Rauh-Walker (birthdate 8/17)

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH—ST. JOHN EUDES**

7:00am + Ann Jansen (birthdate)  
by Julie Toellen

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH—ST. BERNARD**

7:00am Anthony Minard (birthdate)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST—ST. PIUS X**

7:00am + Lucille Pfalzgraf (anniv. +)  
by Geo and Mary Kay Hodgson

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND—QUEENSHIP OF THE B.V.M.**

7:00am Linda Lopatka (birthdate 8/21)

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD—ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

5:00pm + Jim Doherty (wedding anniv. 8/21)  
by Barb Doherty

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Robbie Byczynski  
by family and friends

10:00am For the People of the Parish

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH—ST. LOUIS**

7:00am Fr. E.J. Resinto (birthdate)

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

7:00am + Owen Arvin  
by Maurice and Jane Dust

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH—ST. MONICA**

7:00am + Lois Schott

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH—ST. AUGUSTINE**

7:00am Bradley Kruse (birthdate)

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH—PASSION OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST**

7:00am + Jeff Considine

## Gospel Meditation for August 17th

*How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!*

Anguish. The Greek word used in today's Gospel, *sunechó*, doesn't so much mean physical torment but emotional distress—feeling pressed in on every side. At this point in his ministry, even before the agonizing events of Holy Week, Jesus experienced an intense distress of heart and mind. He so ardently wanted to set the earth on fire with his love, he so longed to accomplish redemption through the "baptism" of his passion and death, that he was in anguish until it was accomplished.

Of course, Jesus was thinking globally. He didn't want one person to be lost to the power of sin. But just for today, consider how his anguished heart was focused on you that day. Jesus knew that his suffering and death—and his resurrection—would restore you to a right relationship with God.

He knew that it would destroy the power of sin and death that so often holds you in bondage. He knew that through the "baptism" of his crucifixion, you would be made a child of God. And he couldn't wait for it to be accomplished. That's how precious you are to him!

And it has been accomplished! The results of his baptism are still flowing today. This means that even today, you can experience more of all that Jesus so longed to give you—more mercy, more grace, more love, more freedom. So allow the passion that Jesus expresses in today's passage move you to seek him out! Believe that as you receive his forgiveness and experience the joy of worshipping him, you are doing more than just reaping the fruit of his passion. You are bringing consolation and joy to his anguished Sacred Heart.

Jesus' pierced heart yearns for every person he created. Allow that passion to capture your heart!

*"Jesus, thank you for loving me so deeply! I want to receive all the mercy you died to give me!"*

## Weekly Offering

Donations received July 30th-August 12th

Adult Envelopes	\$3,496.00
Loose Collection	\$2,220.00
Building Fund	\$1,132.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Initial Offering Env.	\$10.00
Holy Days	\$5.00

## Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Tim Burgess, Nancy Camenisch, Don and Pam Edwards, Jill Kain, Richard Kepper, Ed Liss, Ava Lukascy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Tom Varney, Dennise Watson, Karen Williams

## Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

August 17th	Nathan and Nina Leffers, Peter and Olivia Villareal
August 24th	Finn and Rory Carter, Ava Myers
August 31st	Abby Brown, Jake and Joey Patyk



## Weekends of August 17th & 24th

### Readings for Week of August 17th

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53  
**Monday:** Judges 2:11-19; Psalm 106; Matthew 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 85; Matthew 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Judges 9:6-15; Psalm 21; Matthew 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Judges 11:29-39a; Psalm 40; Matthew 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Psalm 146; Matthew 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalm 128; Matthew 23:1-12

### Readings for Week of August 24th

**Sunday:** Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30  
**Monday:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149; Matthew 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90; Matthew 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97; Mark 6:17-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98; Matthew 25:14-30

## Announcements

**Upcoming Confirmation:** We are pleased to share that two of our students, Brady Holland and Julia Stewart, will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Oglesby. Bishop Tylka will join us to confer this sacred sacrament. Please keep Brady and Julia in your prayers as they prepare for this meaningful milestone in their faith journey.

**Fall Mum Sale:** Support our Altar & Rosary Society's fundraiser. Brighten up your porch or garden with beautiful fall mums! These vibrant mums come in 8-inch pots and are available in a variety of rich autumn colors. They are also perennials, so you can plant them and enjoy their loveliness year after year!

**Order Deadline:** Tuesday, August 19th

—You may return them to the parish office on Tuesday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Pickup Date:** Saturday, September 6th

**Time/Location:** 10:00 a.m. – noon @ the church



Extra order forms for friends and family can be found on the table at the back of church. Thank you for helping our fundraiser thrive and blossom!

**In Remembrance:** Our parish mourns the passing of Jim Plankenhorn. His funeral Mass will be here at St. Mary's on Tuesday. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**Altar & Rosary Meeting:** It is time to kick off the season with our first meeting. Ladies of the parish are invited to join us in the 308 Building (Swaner Center) on Monday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.

**CCD News:** Registration forms for our religious education program were mailed out last week. If you didn't receive one, there are copies on the back table. Our DRE will be at the 308 building on August 17th between the two Masses, and after the 10:00 Mass for about 15 minutes. If you can't make it in person, you can mail it to the church or drop it in the collection basket.

\*\*For those that have an incoming first grader, are new to the parish, or if you might be interested in helping as a substitute teacher, please e-mail Heather at [heatherleffers@stmarysutica.org](mailto:heatherleffers@stmarysutica.org) for more information about our program.

**HR Coordinator Needed:** A position, serving the Curia at the Spalding Pastoral Center, is available. Interested applicants can learn more about the position and complete an online application at [cdop.org/called](http://cdop.org/called). This vacancy's details can be found by selecting open positions at the "Curia" from the "Categories" menu.

## EMMAUS KNIGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12

AUG 31 / SEPT. 28 / OCT 12 / NOV 9

FROM 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity,  
and formation at the Emmaus House  
2327 W. Heading Ave., West Peoria

EMMAUS KNIGHTS IS AN EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG MEN  
WHO DESIRE TO GROW IN FRIENDSHIP  
AND FAITH WITH SOME FOOD AND SOME FUN.  
IF YOU LOVED EMMAUS DAYS, COME AND CHECK OUT  
EMMAUS KNIGHTS.

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STAY FOR A TIME OF FRATERNITY

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Travel amidst the farmland of the Illinois  
River Valley and come and celebrate the  
beginning of harvest season at Sacré Coeur  
Retreat Center. An evening of giving thanks  
to God for a bountiful harvest with the Holy  
Sacrifice of the Mass followed by the  
fellowship and meal.



### Meal\* Prices:

\$26/ person \$13/ Child (under 12yr.)  
05/ Child (Under 3yr.)

MASS AT  
5:00PM

DINNER AT  
6:00PM

AUGUST 30, 2025

SACRÉ COEUR RETREAT CENTER  
8508 COUNTRY ROAD 100 N  
MAGNOLIA, IL 61336

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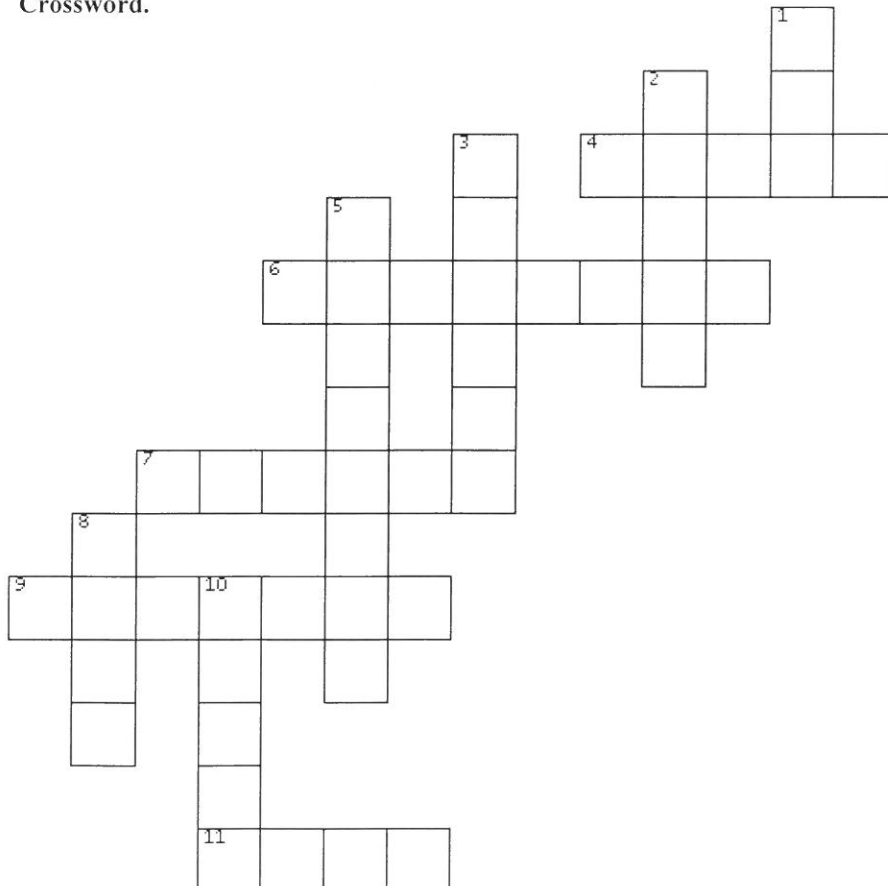
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Word Bank

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**St. Rose of Lima, pray for us!**

**Who was St. Rose?** Rose was born in 1586 in Lima, Peru. She was known for her beauty and her piety. At a young age, she consecrated her life to God. She died in 1617.

**Feast Day:** August 23rd

**Patron Saint of:** Gardeners, florists, Latin America, and the Philippines

**ACROSS**

- 4. Use your brain
- 6. Christened
- 7. Male parent
- 9. "A house \_\_\_\_ cannot stand"
- 11. Dying wishes

**DOWN**

- 1. Boy child
- 2. Five take away two
- 3. Female parent
- 5. Female child of parents
- 8. Heat and glow of flames
- 10. Related by marriage