

Church of Saint Mary

May 14th & 21st
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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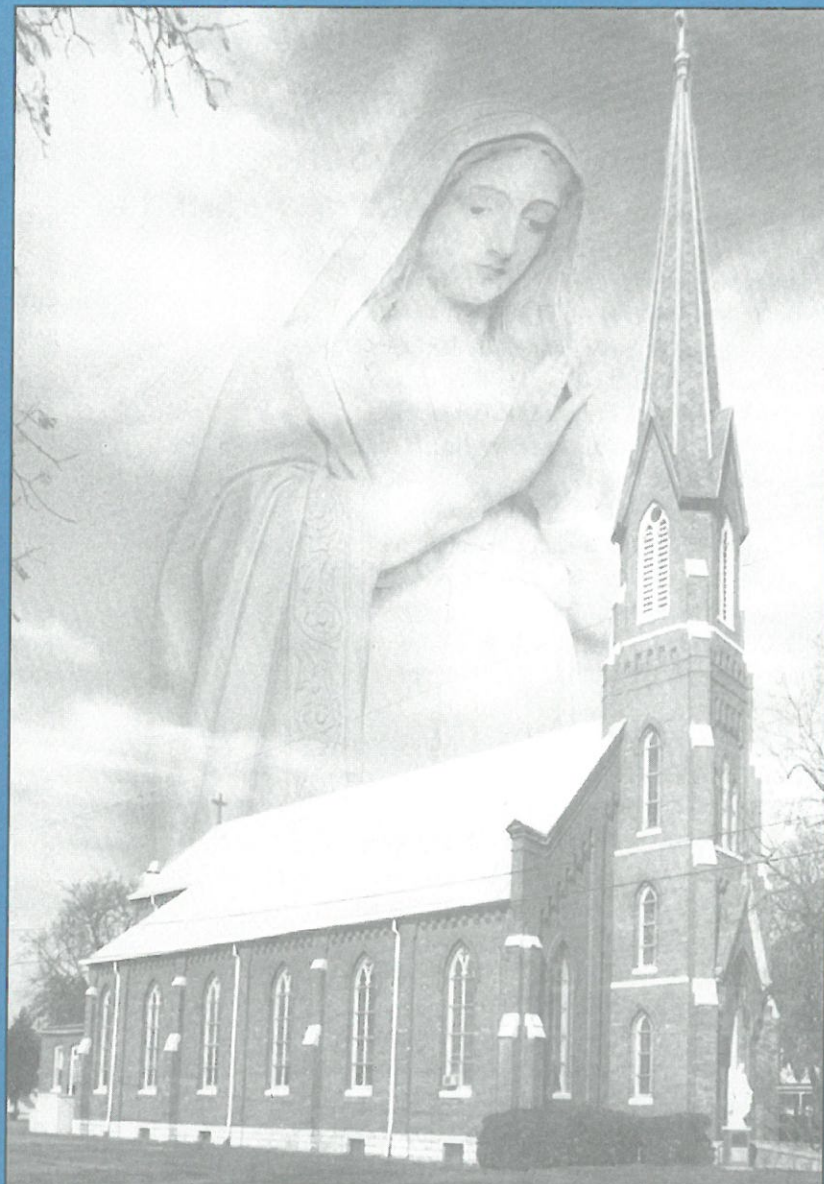
Hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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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.



Saint Mary's Church
Diocese of Peoria
303 S. Division Street
North Utica, IL 61373



Mass Intentions and Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + George B. Skuby (anniv. +)

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am + Susy Pennell by family and friends

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 15TH - ST. ISIDORE

7:00am + Ann Jansen by Julie Toellen

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

7:00am + Kenneth and Darlene Thorsen
by the Brian Gross Family

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

7:00am + Irene Rohde by family and friends

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH - ST. JOHN I

7:00am + Nicholas Connell
by Mark and Beth Ann Connell

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

7:00am + Frank Kastigar

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH - ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + Teresa Studebaker (1st anniv. +)
by Jay and Pam Allen

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Mary Irene Walsh (anniv. + 5/20)
by Mary Holland

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 22ND - ST. RITA OF CASCIA

7:00am + Harold Aubry (birthdate) by Mary Holland

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

7:00am + Jim Christman (birthdate 5/22)
by Nancy Harwood

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

7:00am Special Intention of Kevin Murray

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH - ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

7:00am Rena Daly

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH - ST. PHILIP NERI

7:00am + John and Mary Pociavasek



Incense Use:

5:00 p.m. Vigil = YES

8:00 a.m. Mass = NO

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

Meditation for May 14th

They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip was having great success in Samaria. As the result of his preaching and ministry, many Samaritans came to believe in the Lord. Not only that, but unclean spirits were being routed and people were being healed of all kinds of afflictions. Crowds of people were being baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection and were experiencing the joy of their redemption.

So why did the apostles in Jerusalem even bother to send Peter and John to Samaria? What more could the people possibly need?

The Holy Spirit, that's what! Just as he had made all the difference for the apostles on the day of Pentecost, so did he make all the difference for the people of Samaria—and for us.

What is that difference? Here are some examples.

It is clearly amazing to witness a miraculous healing as the Samaritans did—or even to receive one yourself as some of the Samaritans did. But when the Spirit comes to dwell in you, he can bring healing to your wounded memories and free you from lifelong patterns of sin and guilt and shame.

It's a good thing to be able to memorize prayers or passages from Scripture. But it's even more wonderful to have the Spirit alive in you, breathing new life and joy into your heart through these prayers and passages and giving you new insights into his love.

It's one thing to muster what strength you have to fight sin, but it's another thing altogether to experience the indwelling Spirit giving you his own grace to say no to temptation and keeping your faith alive in times of difficulty.

The truth is, we need the Holy Spirit to renew our minds, to fill our hearts, and to keep us connected to Jesus.

Pentecost is just two weeks away. What do you need the Holy Spirit to do in you?

"Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful. Come, fill my heart!"

Weekly Offering

Donations received April 27–May 10

Adult Envelopes	\$4,315.00
Loose Collection	\$1,261.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Online Giving	\$193.04
Ascension	\$30.00
Food Pantry	\$15.00

10:00 a.m. Altar Servers

May 14th	Nathan and Nina Leffers, Ava Myers
May 21st	Bentley DiLuciano, Finn Carter

Weekends of May 14th & 21st

Readings Week of May 14th

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138; John 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47; John 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47; John 16:23b-28

Readings Week of May 21st

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a
Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68; John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68; John 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68; John 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16; John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 102; John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11; John 21:20-25

Announcements



May Crowning will at the 10:00 a.m. Mass (5/14)
All youth of our parish are invited to participate.
Fr. Driscoll will provide details.

Reminder—Easter decorations will be taken down Sunday, May 21st after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Any help YOU can provide would be appreciated!

Congratulations to Our Confirmands: It was a lovely day in Peoria at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception as 8 of our CCD students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. A picture from their special day is on the back page of the bulletin.

PADS Dinner Appreciation: Thank you to everyone that generously prepared and delivered food to the PADS Homeless Shelter. Your participation helped provide over 250 hot meals this season! St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society greatly appreciated your care, financial resources, time, and culinary talents. Without your help this community outreach project wouldn't be possible. The Fall season will begin in September. Details will be posted in the bulletin closer to date and we look forward to your continued support. God Bless!

In Gratitude: Thank you to several of our Utica KC members (Chuck Voreis, Jay Allen, Steve Harmon, Bill Brown, Jim Polizzi) for their work around the church grounds on May 3rd. Leaves were raked, bushes removed, weeding, and a trellis was repaired...all things to care for and maintain our parish.

Growing Disciples Five Foundations: A new video featuring Fr. Luke Spannagel, pastor of Sacred Heart in Peoria and Ana Rodas, assistant director of Divine Worship discussing the presence of Christ in the Eucharist will be available to view by the middle of this week. Their conversation includes where this core pillar of our faith comes from, how to deepen our faith in the Eucharist, and details about the National Eucharistic Revival. To watch the video, you can visit cdop.org/pastoral-plan/five-foundations or use the QR code here.



Change for Life: What a tremendous showing of support...all the baby bottles were taken last weekend! Not to worry though, we were able to get a few extra bottles if you missed getting one then. As a reminder, collect change and dollars throughout the month of May. Donations made by check should be made payable to St. Mary Parish. All funds collected will benefit Abigail Women's Center of LaSalle County that Fr. Driscoll spoke about. It is a wonderful way to support Life in the Illinois Valley. Please return the filled baby bottles by May 31st. We will have box for them in the back of church.



Totus Tuus Coming to Ottawa: This wonderful summer catechetical program is a week-long parish mission for Catholic youth in grades 1-12. It is dedicated to sharing the gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. This year, participants will learn about salvation history and explore the sorrowful mysteries. Registration paperwork is available on the back table and should be returned to the Ottawa Catholic Parishes (122 W. Washington St., Ottawa) by June 2nd.

Grades 1-6

Monday, June 12th thru Friday, June 16th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* Please bring a sack lunch, snack and water bottle each day. *

Grades 7-12

Sunday, June 11th thru Thursday, June 15th
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Cost of the Program

\$25/child - Grades 1 to 6
\$15/teen - Grades 7 to 12
Maximum Family Cost \$60

Prayers for our Seminarians: It is an exciting time in the Diocese of Peoria! Three young men (Jacob Martini, Jack Swoik, Nicholas Conner) will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 20th, and then we will joyfully ordain four men to the priesthood on Saturday, May 27th (Ignacio Cardenas Moran, Nathan Hopper, Daniel Dionesotes, Patrick Wille). Please keep them all in your prayers.



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Confirmation 2023



Pictured Left to Right: Fr. Mike Driscoll, Dominic DiLuciano, John Sowers, Logan Harmon, Jackson Myers, Bishop Louis Tylka, Lexi Sawin, Marissa Jones, Mary Diss, Wyatt Mix.

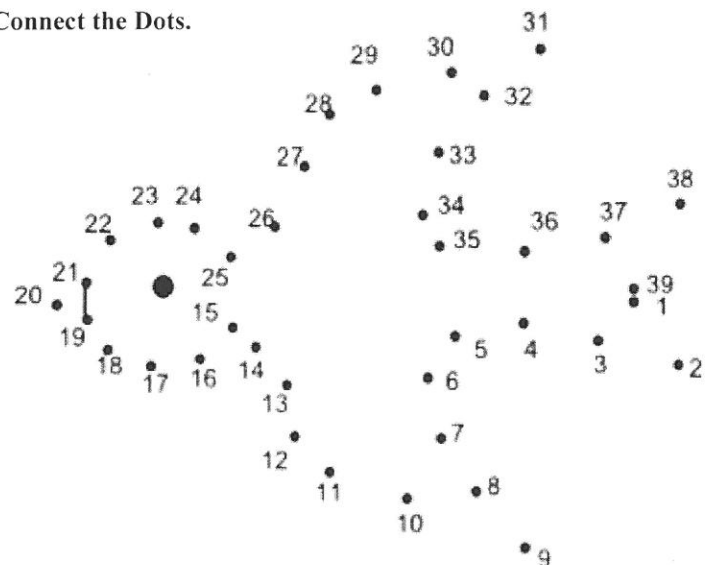
Kids Corner

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Word Bank

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LOVE	OBSERVE	ORPHANS
REMAINS	SPIRIT	TRUTH

Connect the Dots.



God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three persons who are all the same person—God. This is called the Trinity (Trinity means three).

When we think of God living inside us, in our hearts, and speaking to us each day, this is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside every person who has become a Christian. The dove, pictured above, is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.