

Church of Saint Mary

November 9th & 16th
2025

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 & Fridays

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fr. Paul Carlson, Pastor

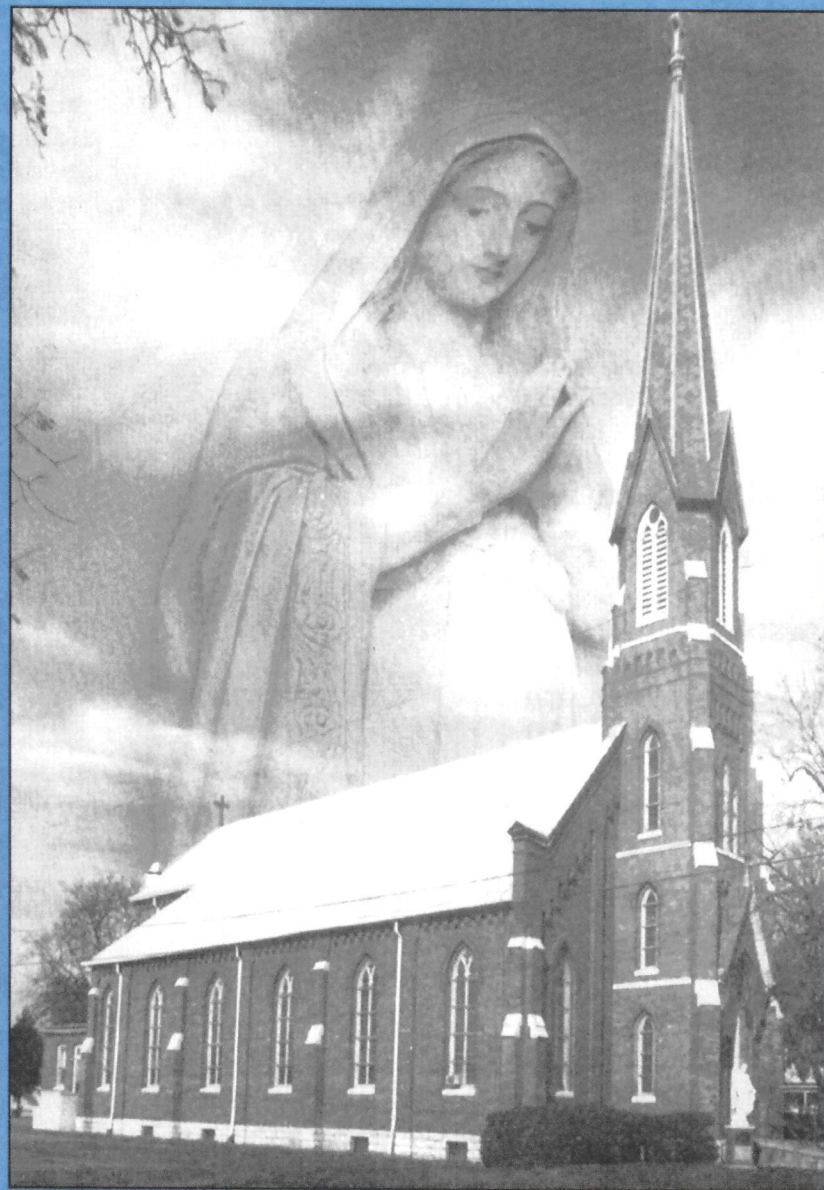
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Bill Brown, Cemetery Sexton



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
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Gospel Meditation for November 9th

The Lord of hosts is with us.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is named for the Lateran hill on which it stands. This cathedral church of Rome is dedicated to both John the Baptist and John the Evangelist and stands as a symbol of persistence of the entire Church. Dedicated in AD 324, soon after Emperor Constantine allowed Christians to meet without persecution, the Lateran Basilica also reminds us of God's enduring faithfulness to his people. It has remained for more than seventeen hundred years as a sign that "the Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob".

Consider the significance of this building. This was the first place where God's people could assemble publicly and testify to Jesus' presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. Here, and at every Mass, Jesus himself is present under the appearances of ordinary bread and wine. He comes to us in this humble way so that he can be with us in the ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives. This tremendous miracle is a consoling reality and a spiritual stronghold for each of us: Jesus is present, in lowly Eucharistic form, in every tabernacle in the world!

This is why we design churches to be beautiful sacred spaces: to mark them as fitting dwellings for Jesus and to remind us that he is always with us. He dwells among us and offers himself to us every day.

Today, let's thank God for all the astounding things he has done. But above all, let's rejoice in his constant faithful presence among us! And let's open our hearts to receive and adore him, present in the Eucharist.

"Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of your Body and Blood. You are my stronghold, Lord and you will never leave me."

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Weekly Offering

Donations received October 22-31

Adult Envelopes	\$2,055.00
Loose Collection	\$938.00
Online Giving	\$430.00
Building Fund	\$190.00
World Mission Sunday	\$10.00
PADs Donation	\$50.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$20.00
Altar & Rosary	\$10.00
Catholic Education	\$20.00

10:00 a.m. Serving Schedule

November 9th	Jake and Joey Patyk
November 16th	Ava Myers, Finn and Rory Carter
November 23rd	Peter and Olivia Villareal, Abby Brown

Mass Intentions and Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

5:00pm + Patricia "Tricia" Hanson Corless
by Glenn and Sheila Hanson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH - DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

8:00am Ed Schmitz Family
by Carolyn, Laura, and Stephen

10:00am + Harold Aubry (anniv. + 11/12)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - ST. LEO THE GREAT

7:00am + Braxton Carr

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

7:00am + Harold Aubry (anniv. + 11/12)
by Mary Holland

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH - ST. JOSAPHAT

7:00am + Norine Dewey

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH - FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

7:00am Rena Daly

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

7:00am + Patrick Smith

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

7:00am For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - 33RD SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Robbie Byczynski
by Rich and Linnea Ricci

10:00am + Susy Pennell (anniv. + 11/15)
by her family and friends

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

7:00am + Irene F. Rohde (wed. anniv.)
by family and friends

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

7:00am James Ryan
by Sherry Powley

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

7:00am + Lois Schott

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

7:00am + Sandra Harbeck (wed. anniv. 11/21)
by Roger Harbeck

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST - PRESENTATION OF BVM

7:00am Jessica Rauh (birthdate)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND - ST. CECILIA

5:00pm + Donald and Charlotte (anniv. +) Gahan
by Kevin Gahan Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD - JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00am + Ron Lindner

10:00am For the People of the Parish

Weekends of November 9th & 16th

Readings for Week of November 9th

Sunday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Psalm 119; Luke 17:20-25
Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8

Readings for Week of November 16th

Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50; Luke 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9; Luke 20:27-40

Announcements

Fr. Driscoll's Farewell Luncheon: Fr. Driscoll was deeply grateful and truly touched by the wonderful send-off as he begins his new assignment. Heartfelt thanks to Altar & Rosary, the choir, special instrumentalists, altar servers, everyone who prepared a dish, and to all who attended to thank him and wish him well.

Pictures are on the back page of the bulletin.

Vocations Raffle Reminder: Raffle fundraiser tickets for our local diocesan seminarians are due by November 23rd. Please return them to Chuck Voreis (319 Florence Dr., Utica) or place them in the collection basket. Proceeds from this raffle help cover tuition and living expenses for our seminarians as they prepare for the priesthood. Each booklet is \$25, and your generosity truly makes a difference — plus, you'll have the chance to win one of 20 cash prizes, including a \$10,000 grand prize!

Baby Item Supply Drive: Thank you for your generous donations to Abigail Women's Center! Your support helps them continue offering essential care and resources to mothers and babies in need.

Catholic Daughters Meeting: CDA Court De LaSalle #276 will meet Tuesday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the LaSalle KC Hall (209 Gooding St.). All women from area parishes are warmly invited to attend.



Thank you to everyone that submitted flower memorials for our display. We all reminded especially throughout this month of November to pray for the dearly departed.



Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 27th
9:00 a.m.

Come express your gratitude to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on you.

10am Server Availability: It is already time to start thinking about the December and January schedule. Please respond via phone or e-mail with any dates that your child is unable to serve during this time. We greatly appreciate their assistance serving at the altar.

Advent Decorating—Volunteers Needed: Set some time aside, and come help us decorate for Advent. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church on Saturday, November 29th. At that time, we will need some men or older boys to bring the trees up from the basement. All help is greatly appreciated.

Fish Fry: The Oglesby KC will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, November 14th at their Hall on Florence St. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to The Academy of St. Carlo Acutis. Meals are carryout only, with serving from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Guests may choose between fried cod, fried butterfly shrimp, or a combo platter. Each meal is served with French fries, coleslaw, and bread for \$15. You may place your order by calling the day of the fry to: (815) 883-3181.

Calendars: Getting organized for the new year? Pick up your 2026 wall calendar from the back table! These calendars are provided complimentary by the parish and Burgess Funeral Home.

• RUN WILD • LIVE FREE •

• LOVE STRONG •

You & Me

Boy's TEC Weekend

December 6-8, 2025
Peterstown TEC Center

Prayer - Music - Food
BROTHERHOOD



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Fr. Driscoll's Last Mass & Farewell Luncheon—October 26th

