

Church of Saint Mary

October 12th & 19th
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. Michael Driscoll, Pastor

Fr. Jeff Windy, Asst. Pastor

Jennifer Newman, Secretary

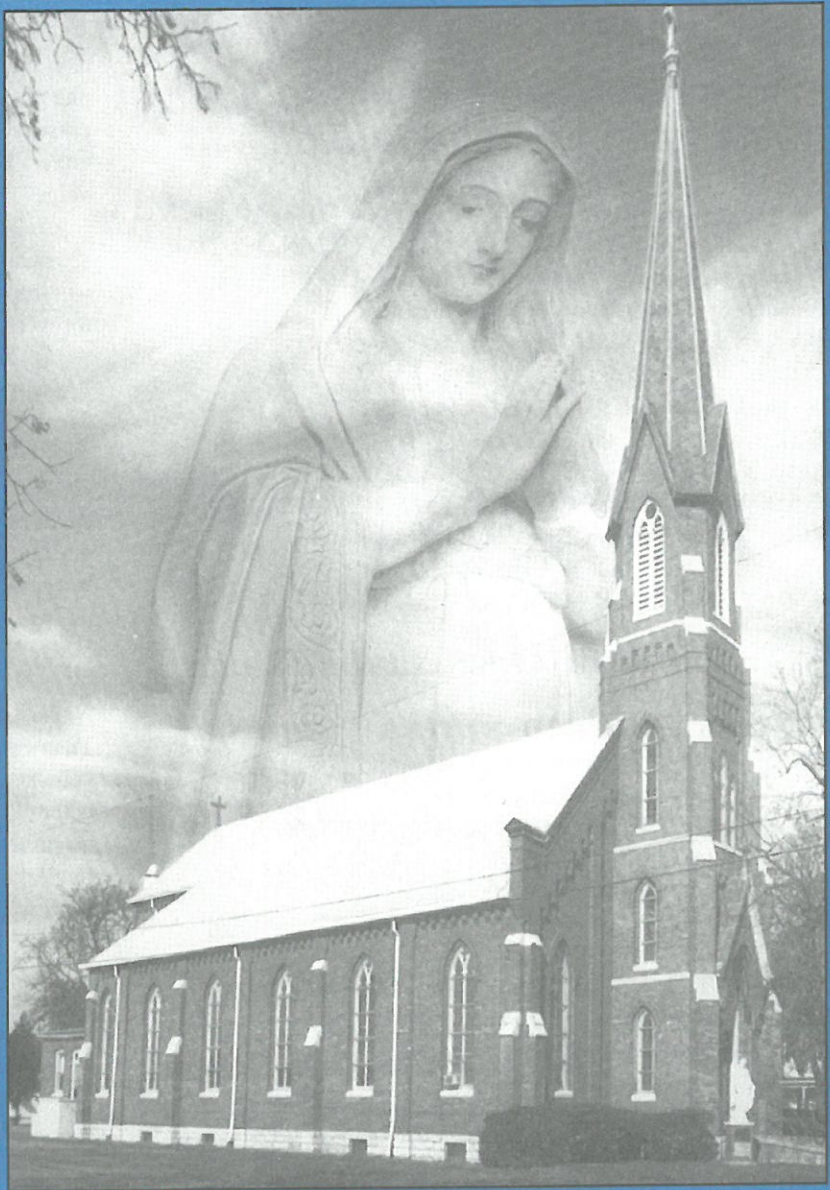
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On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette offered the first parochial Mass in the Illinois Country at Utica in the presence of 5,000 Native Americans. Father Marquette and his companion, Louis Joliet, took possession of this land in 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, OCTOBER 11TH - ST. JOHN XXIII

5:00pm + Leo and Edna Doherty by Barb Doherty

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Gene and Carolee Farris by Kathy Jo Lindner

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

7:00am + Bryan Dewey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH - ST. CALLISTUS I

7:00am + Fr. John Onderko

7:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH - ST. TERESA OF JESUS

7:00am + Patricia Corrigan-Burk (anniv. +)

by Verner W. Corrigan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH - ST. HEDWIG

7:00am + Lois Schott

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

7:00am Kevin Daly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - ST. LUKE

5:00pm + Jim Christmann (wed. anniv. 10/9)

by Jean Christmann

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am For the People of the Parish

10:00am + Douglas Holland (anniv. + 10/17)

by Mary Holland

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH - ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

7:00am Mark Walker (birthdate 10/19)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

7:00am + Nick VanWingerden

HOLY HOUR CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND - ST. JOHN PAUL II

7:00am For the Future Vocations of our children

by the Brian Gross family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

7:00am + Msgr. Charles Beebe

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

7:00am + Jeff Hayden

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am + Patricia and George Weberling

by Kathy Jo Lindner

10:00am + Sandra Harbeck (birthdate 10/27)

by Roger Harbeck

Gospel Meditation for October 12th

One of them ... returned, glorifying God.

Jesus had healed ten people afflicted with leprosy, but only one of them returned to give him thanks. We might wonder why the others didn't come back. Maybe they couldn't connect the dots: God himself had healed them on their way. It seems that only this one person—a Samaritan—realized that he had been in the presence of the divine. And he didn't just say, "Thank you," either. He fell at Jesus' feet and worshipped God "in a loud voice".

This can be a model for us. Our own gratitude can lead us to worship the One who has given us abundant life, both now and forever.

We can worship the Lord in many ways, but today, let's imitate the Samaritan in today's Gospel:

He glorified God in a loud voice. You can worship the Lord in silent prayer, but giving praise to God out loud expresses your gratitude in a deliberate, concrete way. As your praise reaches the heavens, your heart will be lifted up as well. That's why the psalmist writes, "Bless our God, you peoples; loudly sound his praise".

He fell at the feet of Jesus. Worship also involves our posture. That's why we stand and kneel at Mass. Maybe you like to pray in your favorite chair each morning. But occasionally, especially when you are offering praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, you might try standing, kneeling, or even lying prostrate on the floor. In all these ways, you are expressing your love and gratitude to the Lord with your body.

At Mass today, sing out your praise! Join the choir "in a loud voice" and worship the Lord with all your heart. Kneel in adoration before the King of kings. Rejoice because the Lord says to you, as he did to the Samaritan, "Your faith has saved you".

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds".

Weekly Offering

Donations received September 24-October 7

Adult Envelopes	\$3,755.00
Loose Collection	\$1,765.00
Online Giving	\$100.00
Catholic Education	\$185.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$190.00
PADs Dinner Donations	\$100.00

10:00 a.m. Serving Schedule

October 12th	Abby Brown
October 19th	Ava Myers, Nathan and Nina Leffers
October 26th	Jake and Joey Patyk, Abby Brown

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

Weekends of October 12th & 19th

Readings for Week of October 12th

Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
 Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98; Luke 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19; Luke 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62; Luke 11:42-46
 Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130; Luke 11:47-54
 Friday: Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32; Luke 12:1-7
 Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145; Luke 10:1-9

Readings for Week of October 19th

Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8
 Monday: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1; Luke 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Psalm 40; Luke 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18; Psalm 124; Luke 12:39-48
 Thursday: Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12:49-53
 Friday: Romans 7:18-25a; Psalm 119; Luke 12:54-59
 Saturday: Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 24; Luke 13:1-9

Announcements

Farewell Luncheon for Fr. Driscoll: Let's send Fr. Driscoll off with smiles instead of goodbyes! As he prepares to begin his new role as pastor of Sacred Heart, Granville, and St. Patrick, Hennepin, we invite you to a "See You Around" luncheon on **Sunday, October 26th, at the Utica Community Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** The Altar & Rosary Society is providing sandwiches, potluck sides, and cake. All are welcome to come share your thanks for his time at St. Mary's Parish and best wishes!

Food for the Poor Mission: We ask you to welcome Fr. Eugene Almonor the weekend of October 18th and 19th. He will be in Utica to speak at all the services about Food for the Poor ministry, which provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Almonor will share personal witness about the program's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please be as generous as possible.

AR Meeting: The Altar & Rosary ladies will gather on Monday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the 308 Building. Interested in getting more involved? Join them! Their work blesses our parish in so many ways!

Holy Hour: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, October 21st while Fr. Driscoll attends Priest Assembly Days in Peoria. Our next Holy Hours will be October 14th and 28th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If it's been a while, consider stopping in to spend time with Our Lord. It's also a great opportunity to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PADS Dinner: A sign-up sheet is on the back table for anyone who would like to help by preparing a dish for the November 5th meal at the homeless shelter.

From Our Bishop



Dear friends in Christ,

Each October we celebrate World Mission Month. We do this to prompt our reflection on the central mission of the Church: sharing Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. I therefore write you in the name of the missionaries who are proclaiming the Gospel around the world.

This year, under the theme chosen by the late Pope Francis, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," we are invited to appreciate more the meaning of hope in the Christian life. St. Paul reminds us, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Christian hope is the fruit of divine love—alive in us and active through us! That is why our missionary efforts, our sacrifices, and above all, our proclamation of Christ crucified and risen are powerful acts of hope, especially for communities suffering from poverty, violence or religious persecution.

By our baptism we are invited to be "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples." Let us join our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and all missionaries in showing our care for and commitment to proclaiming the Gospel all across the globe.

Peace and Prayers,

+ *Louis Tylka*

+ Most Reverend Louis Tylka, Bishop of Peoria

To support World Mission Sunday, you may use the special envelope in your regular contribution envelopes. Thank you!

150th Anniversary Mass: The Bishop is continuing to offer Masses throughout our diocesan vicariates in celebration of our milestone anniversary as Catholics of the Peoria Diocese. On Tuesday, October 28th, there will be a 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Columba in Ottawa. All are welcome to attend.

CDA Meeting: Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, October 14th in the LaSalle KC Hall. A rosary will be offered at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All women of the parishes are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served.

New Men's Fraternity in the Illinois Valley: Exodus 90 fosters deeper connection to God and builds authentic brotherhood.

Contact Jason Maus to learn more!

jmaus@lasallecatholic.org ~ or ~ (815)252-0441

Baby Item Supply Drive October 25th–November 9th

- Diapers
- Shampoo
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Wash
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Pull-ups (sizes 3T/4T)
- Formula & jarred baby food
- Gently used clothing



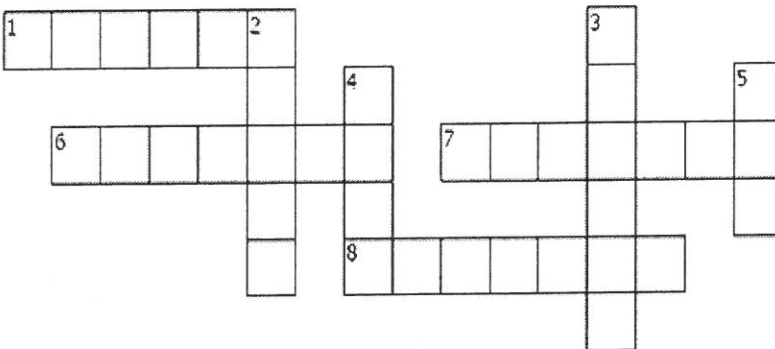
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Word Bank

FAITH	FOREIGNER	GLORIFY
GOD	HEALED	LEPERS
ONE	PITY	RETURN
SAMARITAN	STAND	TEN
THANK	VILLAGE	

Crossword.



ACROSS

1. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church.
6. A community smaller in size than a city.
7. To rid something of impurities by washing.
8. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin.

DOWN

2. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done.
3. To honor, worship, and express admiration to God.
4. To restore to health
5. The number of people Jesus healed in this weekend's Gospel.

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Stand up and go; your faith has saved you. ~ Luke 17:19