

Church of Saint Mary

May 12th & 19th
2024

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.

Parish Office

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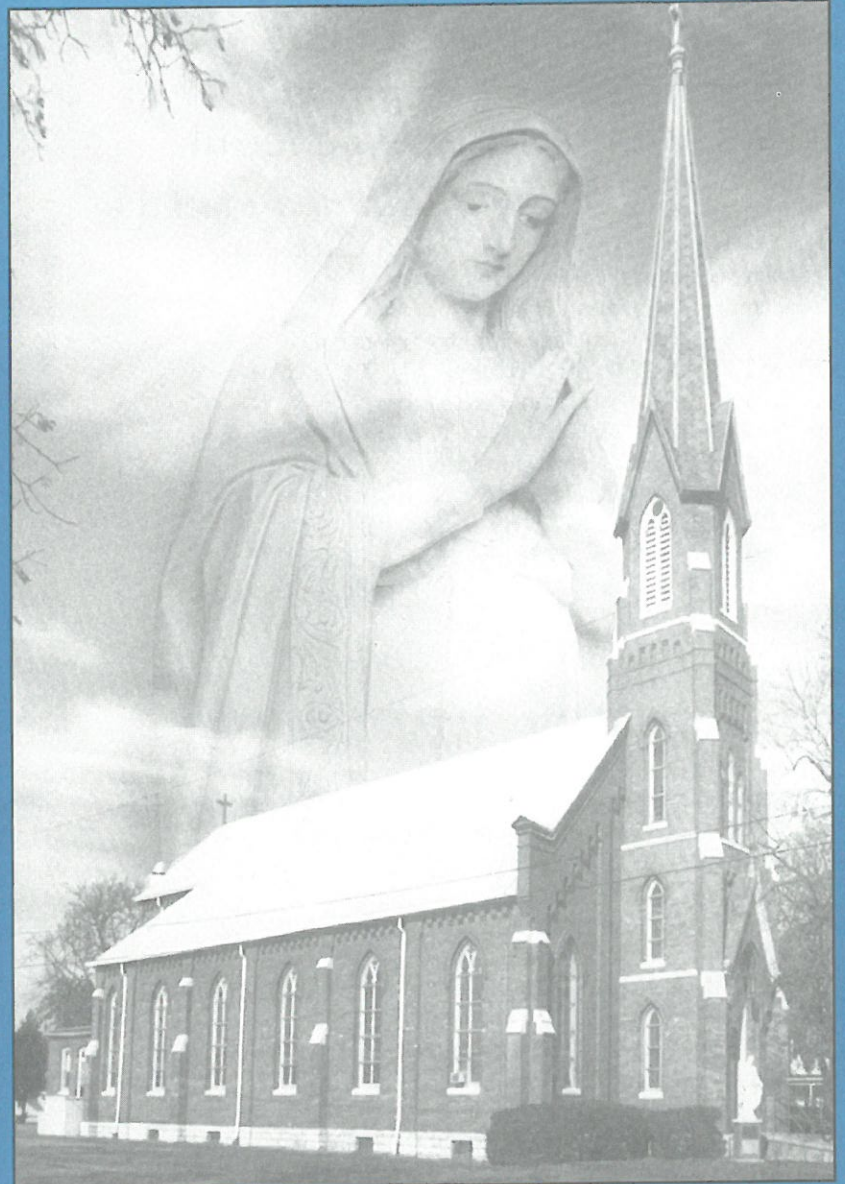
Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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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.



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

Mass Intentions and Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

5:00pm + Ann Jansen by Julie Toellen

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00am For the People of the Parish

10:00am + James Lushina

by Glenn and Dorothy Stevenson

MONDAY, MAY 13TH - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

7:00am Liz Rauh (birthdate 5/15)

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH - ST. MATTHIAS

7:00am Kosiah Kosi (birthdate)

7:00pm ADORATION IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH - ST. ISIDORE

7:00am + Patricia "Tricia" Hanson Corless

by Russ and Joan Defenbaugh

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

7:00am Kevin Daly

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

7:00am + Rita Stewart by Terry and Ellen Fransen

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH - ST. JOHN I

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS

5:00pm + Donald Pfalzgraf (anniv. + 5/23)

by George and Mary Kay Hodgson

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH - PENTECOST

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS

8:00am + Ron Lindner by Joyce Mix

10:00am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 20TH, BVM—MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

7:00am + Frank Kastigar (anniv. + 5/22)

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST - ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

7:00am + Jim Christmann (birthdate 5/22)

by Jean Christmann

7:00pm ADORATION IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND - ST. RITA OF CASCIA

7:00am + Harold Aubry (birthdate)

by Joe and Wendy Wallace

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

7:00am + Mary Margaret Pawlak

by Joe and Darlene Woodshank

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

7:00am + Jordan Carr

Gospel Meditation for May 12th

... far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, let's heed the words of St. Augustine: "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him". So let's lift our hearts and let Jesus give us a glimpse of all that he has accomplished by his ascension to heaven. Let's praise him for his heavenly glory!

"Jesus, you are seated at the Father's right hand! As the eternal Son of God, you have glory beyond my wildest imagination. Angels bows before you and sing your praises. Let my voice be one with theirs as I proclaim your praises today!

"When you ascended, Jesus, you gave us access to the Father's house. Now I can have confidence that where you have gone, I can also follow—not just in spirit, but as you did, in bodily form. I praise you, Lord, because your ascension shows me that I can have hope of the resurrection of my own body.

"In your heavenly splendor, Jesus, you continue to love me and give yourself for me. Now I know that you are the eternal high priest. Your glorified body still bears the marks of your crucifixion, and your sacrifice never ceases to bring glory to your Father. Thank you, Jesus, that you are always interceding me for me, for my loved ones, and for all people everywhere.

"Jesus, your dominion and glory and heavenly kingdom will never end. You have been enthroned, and all of creation has been placed beneath your feet. Now I can look to you in hope, trusting your power to act. Glory to you, Lord Jesus, who fill all things in every way!"

"Jesus, I lift my heart to you, to worship you and praise your heavenly glory!"

Weekly Offering

Donations received April 24th—May 7th

Adult Envelopes	\$2,990.00
Loose Collection	\$1,483.25
Online Giving	\$168.24
Building Fund	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$115.00
Ascension	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Abigail Women's Center	\$500.00

Altar Servers - 10:00 a.m.

May 12th	Ava Myers, Nathan and Nina Leffers
May 19th	Bentley DiLuciano, Joey and Jake Patyk
May 26th	Ava Myers, TBD

**"AND HE DEPARTED FROM OUR SIGHT
THAT WE MIGHT RETURN TO OUR HEARTS**

AND FIND HIM THERE.

**FOR HE LEFT US
AND BEHOLD,
HE IS HERE!"**

~ ST. AUGUSTINE

Weekends of May 12th & 19th

Readings Week of May 12th

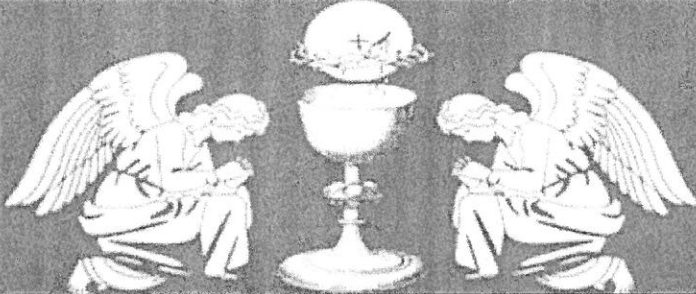
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68; John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113; John 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68; John 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16; John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103; John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11; John 21:20-25

Readings Week of May 19th

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 87; John 19:25-34
Tuesday: James 4:1-10; Psalm 55; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday: James 4:13-17; Psalm 49; Mark 9:38-40
Thursday: James 5:1-6; Psalm 49; Mark 9:41-50
Friday: James 5:9-12; Psalm 103; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday: James 5:13-20; Psalm 141; Mark 10:13-16

Announcements

EMMAUS DAYS 2024



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St. John Catholic Newman Center

Session I: College & Adult Men (June 7th-9th)
Session II: 11th & 12th Grade Men (June 21st-24th)



Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session III: 9th & 10th Grade Men (July 7th-10th)
Session IV: 7th & 8th Grade Men (July 10th-12th)

LORD HELP ME TO WANT TO BE WHAT YOU WANT ME TO BE!

On this Day: What a lovely day! On May 5th we crowned our Blessed Mother and celebrated the 1st communions of seven children from our parish! Check out the picture of our first communicants on the back of the bulletin.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Thank you to all that have taken a baby bottle to collect change for the local crisis pregnancy center (Abigail Women's Center). All services offered at the center are confidential and offered at no cost to anyone in the Illinois Valley area. Your act of kindness is greatly appreciated!



Baby bottles should be returned by May 30th. If including a check, please make it payable to St. Mary's Church.

Cursillo: Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at their May Ultreya. It will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church (820 Sanger St., Ottawa) on Saturday, May 18th. Mass begins at 5:00 p.m., with a potluck dinner and program to follow. Speakers, Greg Lechtenberg and Russ Gander will discuss "Feed the Body, Feed the Mind, Feed the Soul." Guests are welcome at all Ultreyas.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in Peterstown

Men: June 6th-9th Women: June 20th-23rd

For more information: contact Ray Aubry @ (815) 433-4733

Mark your Calendars: The annual Mass and Eucharistic Procession for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be offered at St. Mary's the evening of Friday, June 7th. More details will follow.

Altar & Rosary: There will be a meeting held on Tuesday, May 28th at 5:00 p.m. Please meet in the church. We are going to spend some time going through supplies to clean out old and unused items.

Holy Hour: Make time to come adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Driscoll offers a Holy Hour every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. In addition to a reflection, there is quiet time to just sit and be in the presence of God. Confession time is also available for those that would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Gratitude—PADS: A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped prepare dishes for the homeless shelter from August through May! With your help, we were able to provide a hot meal for over 475 clients. God bless you!

Food Pantry: Thank you to all those that regularly donate food and/or money for the local food pantry. Your kindness and thoughtfulness make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. *As a reminder, our collection bin for food items is located in the main vestibule. Monetary donations should be dropped in the collection basket.*

Prayers and Congratulations: The Peoria Diocese will be celebrating the ordinations of three men to the transitional diaconate on May 18th and four men to the priesthood on May 25th. We give thanks to Our Lord for his goodness and we ask that he bless these men as they embark on this holy journey of faith and service.

Transitional Deacons

Francis Strong, Jack Watt, and Ben Schoonmaker

Newly Ordained Priests

Jacob Martini, Jack Swoik, Justin Ramza, and Nick Conner

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Katie Becker, Tim Burgess, Don and Pam Edwards, Tony Hinterlong, Darlene Jenkins, Jill Kain, Mary (Snell) Kalisiak, Richard Kepper, Ed Liss, Ava Lukacsy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Dennise Watson, Karen Williams

1st Holy Communion – May 5, 2024



Pictured Left to Right: Jacob Brown, Ella Nichols, Andrew Diss, Rory Carter, Gianluca Mattioda, Eden Sobkowiak, Patrick Daley

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Summer catechetical experience

- FUN AND GAMES
- FANTASTIC STAFF
- DAILY MASS
- CATECHESIS

**BELIEVE - THE APOSTLES
CREED & THE GLORIOUS
MYSTERIES**

The Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical program is a week long parish mission for Catholic youth in Grades 1st-12th. It is dedicated to sharing the gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

DAY PROGRAM (1ST-6TH) MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8 AM - 2:30 PM JULY 8 - 12
TEEN PROGRAM (7TH-12TH) SUN-THURSDAY 6:30 - 8:15 PM JULY 7 - 11
 REGISTER TODAY AT THE PARISH OFFICE, 725 4TH ST. LASALLE