

Church of Saint Mary

February 20th & 27th
2022

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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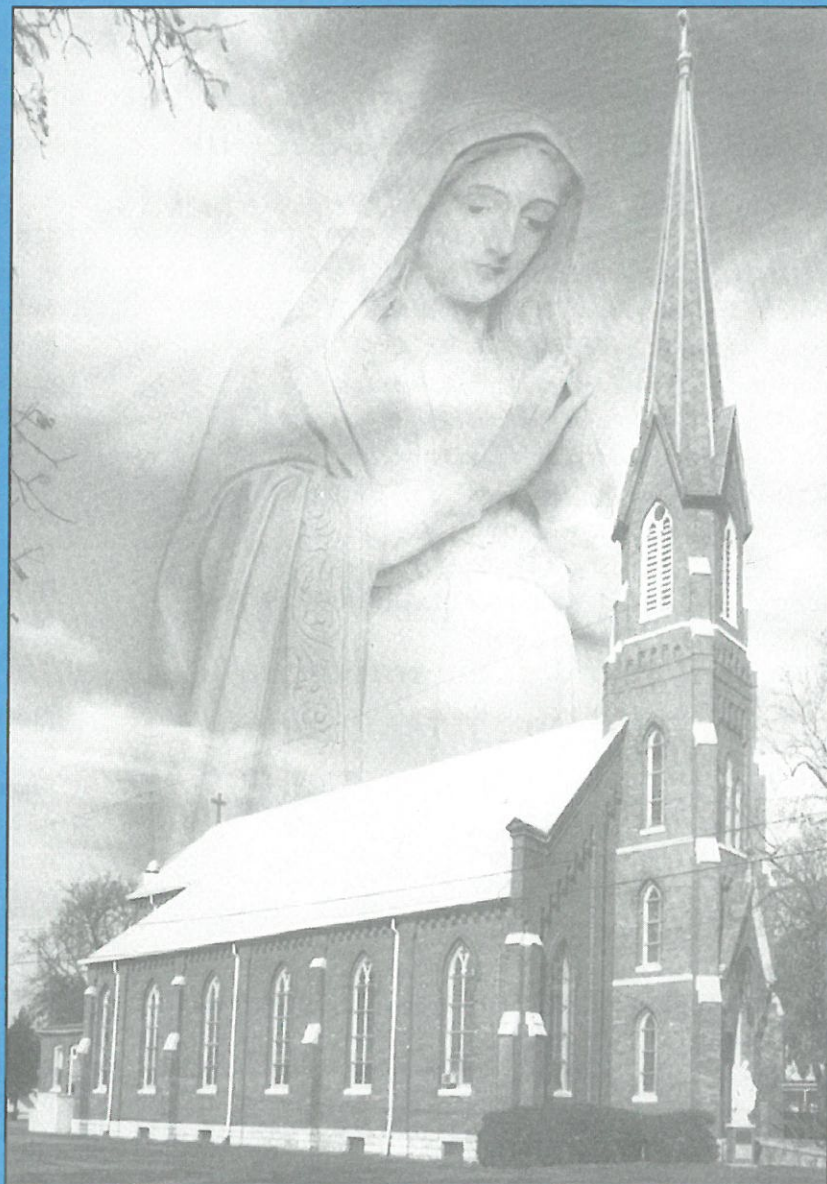
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8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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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, FEBRUARY 19TH

5:00pm + Jim Christman (anniv. + 2/20)
by Jean Christman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH - 7TH SUN. OF ORD. TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS
8:00am For the People of the Parish
10:00am + Louise Harmon
by Larry, Linda, and Amy Rogowski

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST - ST. PETER DAMIAN

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND - CHAIR OF ST. PETER

7:00am + Braxton Carr

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD - ST. POLYCARP

7:00am + Fr. Remigius Bukuru

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

7:00am + Richard Miller

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

7:00am Special Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

4:00-4:45pm CONFESSIONS
5:00pm Alana Bravo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH - 8TH SUN. OF ORD. TIME

7:15-7:45am CONFESSIONS
8:00am For the People of the Parish
10:00am + Jim Doherty by Barbara Doherty

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

7:00am + James Ryan by Sherry Powley

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

7:00am Living and Deceased of the Oliger Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am + Msgr. James J. Swaner by Floyd Salz
6:00pm + Frances Pohar

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD - ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

7:00am Special Intention Kevin Murray

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH - ST. CASIMIR

7:00am + Bernadine Kostellic

Bulletin Submissions: Have something for our bulletin?
Submissions MUST be received by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays for
publication in the coming weekend's bulletin.

Please plan ahead while we are publishing every other week.

Meditation from The Word Among Us - February 20th

Jesus said to his disciples...

Love your enemies. Offer the other cheek. Lend without expecting a return. Forgive. Don't judge. Jesus is very clear about what discipleship entails. It's a challenging list, to say the least. How can we, fallen human beings, actually do all these things?

St. Paul gives us a clue in today's second reading: "Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one". We were born like the first man, Adam, inclined to disobey God. But when Jesus died and rose from the dead, he sent us his "life-giving spirit". So even now we begin to bear his heavenly image because, through our baptism, Christ lives in us.

That doesn't make Jesus' commands any less exacting, however. We still bear the wounds of our fallen-ness, and we won't be able to let go entirely of the earthly man until we are united with God in the next life. But Jesus wouldn't have set such a high bar if he didn't think it were possible for us to reach it in this life.

That's where faith comes in. We need to believe in God's word and promises. Even though the earthly still clings to us, the heavenly is now our defining feature because we have become a new creation in Christ. That's the reality, even when we find ourselves struggling to follow God's ways.

God's grace is also a reality, and because Christ lives in us, we have unlimited access to it. We see the effectiveness of his grace most visibly in the lives of the saints and other holy men and women. It's that grace that enabled them to love their enemies, to forgive, and to generously give away their possessions. And it's that grace that will also help us—one day, and even one moment, at a time.

"Jesus, give me all the grace I need to follow you today."

Weekly Offering

Donations received February 2 - 15

Adult Envelopes	\$7,005.00
Loose Collection	\$1,185.00
Building Fund	\$864.00
Online Giving	\$412.26
Pink CCD	\$30.00
Catholic Education	\$20.00
Aid to Eastern Europe	\$10.00

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Weekends of February 20th & 27th

Readings Week of February 20th

Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Monday: James 3:13-18; Psalm 19; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23; Matthew 16:13-19

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 41; Mark 10:13-16

Readings Week of February 27th

Sunday: Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86; Luke 5:27-32



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

March 2nd, 2022

7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Altar & Rosary Meeting: Join us for our monthly meeting on Monday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the 308 Building. The rosary will be prayed in the church prior to the meeting (6:00 p.m.) for anyone that would like to attend.

PADS Dinner—Help Needed!: We are in need of several volunteers to help prepare the dinner for the PADS shelter on Wednesday, March 2nd. To volunteer, simply sign your name and mark which type of dish you would like to provide on the sheet on the back table. We still need a main dish, vegetable dish, and salad.

Last Call—Donation Statements: Do you need a copy of your donation statement for tax preparation purposes? If so, contact Jennifer to request a copy.

Call: (815) 667-4677

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Announcements



Stations of the Cross

Walk with our Lord on his way to Calvary each Friday this Lenten season. The prayers and meditations make it a perfect scriptural addition for your Lenten journey.

Fridays, starting March 4th

7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Holy Hours: Every Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m., St. Mary's offers a Holy Hour. During Lent, we are happy to announce that several of our area priests will be here to offer reflections. A detailed listing will be in our next bulletin. We hope you mark your calendars to attend. Eucharistic Holy Hours offer Catholics the opportunity for Eucharistic adoration, silent prayer and confession.

1st Friday Latin Mass—March 4th: Can't crawl out of bed early enough to attend our morning Mass? Fr. Driscoll offers 1st Friday Latin Mass at the OSF Hospital Chapel in Ottawa. Mass begins at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Online Bible Conference: Offered by Augustine Institute, you can rediscover the friendship of God in Sacred Scripture by attending their FREE online bible conference entitled "Return to the Lord". The event will feature several great speakers (Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Michael Barber, Dr. Gwen Adams, and Dr. Brant Pitre).

When: Saturday, March 5th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Register for the Zoom Conference by visiting:

bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org



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Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Michael Ball, Chayse Barsi, Dave Barsi, Katie Becker, Hank Farrar, Darlene Jenkins, Tori Lou Klimek, Judy Lock, Ava Lukacsy, Rosie Sander, Drew Shinnick, Dennise Watson

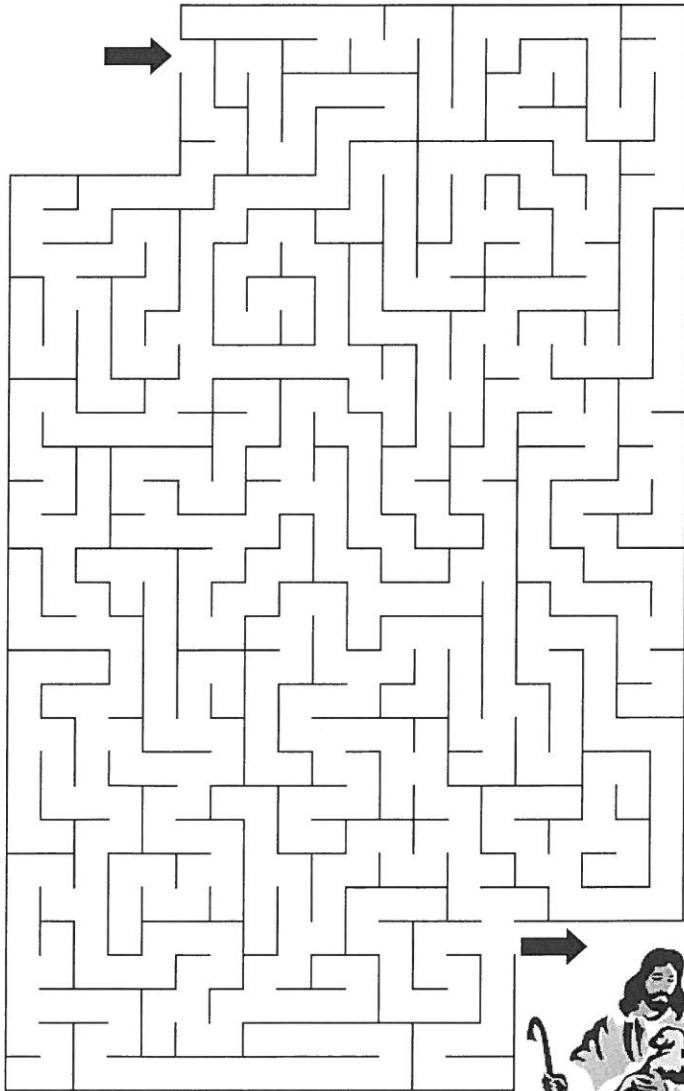
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