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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 21

3:00 P.M. Confessions
4:00 P.M. †Jim Malinowski

Sunday, February 22

8:30 A.M. †Sophia Weiland & Barbara Segobiano
10:15 A.M. †Anthony R Esteban
12:15 P.M. For the Parish (Spanish)
1:15 P.M. Confessions

Monday, February 23

7:15 A.M. †Glenn Leary

Tuesday, February 24

7:15 A.M. †Jerry Griffin

Wednesday, February 25

7:15 A.M. †Mary Watson
8:00 A.M. †Janette Albert

Thursday, February 26

7:15 A.M. †Sally Swiech

Friday, February 27

7:15 A.M. †Kurt Moser

Saturday, February 28

3:00 P.M. Confessions
4:00 P.M. †Robert Kaczor

Sunday, March 1

8:30 A.M. †James Marshall
10:15 A.M. †James Marshall
12:15 P.M. For the Parish (Spanish)
1:15 P.M. Confessions



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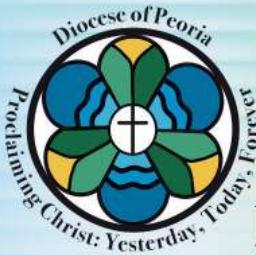
Saturday, February 28, 2026

Check-in at 6 pm. Start calling numbers at 6:30 pm.

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150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria

Bloomington-Lincoln Vicariate Mass

All are invited to celebrate this
momentous occasion with
Bishop Louis Tylka and area clergy.

Tuesday, March 3rd
Mass at 6pm; light reception to follow

St. Patrick Church of Merna
1001 N Towanda Barnes Road
Bloomington, IL 61705

(Part of Most Holy Eucharist Parish)



Youth group will meet **March 1**,

6PM—7:30PM in the school.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Wednesday, February 25 @ 6:30pm

Topic: The Last Things: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory



"Be who God meant you to be, and
you will set the world on fire."

- St. Catherine of Siena -

Ignite Student Ministry exists to reach all teens for Christ, and serves as the unified Catholic High School Youth Group in Bloomington-Normal.

Upcoming Events

2/22: Lenten Kickoff! Come get our Lenten season started off right with vision boards, small groups and group discussions from 6-7:30pm at St Patrick Merna!

3/1: Lenten Series: Fasting- Why do we fast? How does it bring us closer to God? Come learn about sacrifices like fasting with us at Merna from 6-7:30pm!

Stations of the Cross



6 PM—Fridays (February 20 – March 27)

Las Vias Cruces

7 PM—viernes (20 de febrero – 27 de marzo)

*Mass Attendance Form for
2026 Confirmation Candidates*



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St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Everyone is invited. Wear your green and join us for lunch at 11:30 am at the Bloomington K.C. Hall, 1706 R.T. Dunn Drive, Bloomington, IL. Complete corned beef dinner or sandwiches available. Advance reservations are not necessary. Pay at the door.



SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Spirit Radio is hosting a Wisconsin pilgrimage on **August 10-12, 2026** to The Basilica of St. Josaphat (**Year of St. Francis Indulgence Site**) in Milwaukee, Holy Hill – Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Hubertus, The Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Franken, and The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse. There will be pickups in Normal and Rockford. Details for registration will be announced later. For questions, please contact Carolyn at (309) 830-4164 or Kathy at (309) 828-6554



Uncoupled Catholics will not meet up for coffee at Lvl Up Coffee Bar from February to April 2026 or rather through the Lenten and

Easter season. The group will resume meetings again in May 2026.

On **February 27**, we will meet at Historic St. Patrick's for Stations of the Cross at 5:15 pm. Then go to Knights of Columbus on 1706 RT Dunn Drive Bloomington, IL 61701 for their in-house fish fry.

On **March 6**, we will meet at Epiphany for Stations of the Cross at 6 pm followed by the Epiphany Baked Tilapia or Fried Pollock Fish Fry or Cheese pizza options prepared by the Normal Knights of Columbus. Cost of adult meal is \$15.

Look for the Uncoupled Catholics sign at all of our events. If you have any questions, please contact uncoupledcatholics@gmail.com.

Our Stewardship

February 15, 2026 • Week 33

	Actual	Fiscal YTD
Envelope	\$19,417.50	\$199,019.50
Plate	\$2,774.31	\$100,240.50
Online	\$5,434.56	\$212,558.81
Specials	\$595.00	\$34,956.25
Budget	<u>\$17,132.43</u>	<u>\$565,370.28</u>
 Difference	 \$11,058.94	 (\$18,595.22)

February 8, 2026 • Week 32

	Actual	Fiscal YTD
Envelope	\$6,880.50	\$179,602.00
Plate	\$4,366.25	\$97,466.19
Online	\$7,806.07	\$207,154.25
Specials	\$495.00	\$34,361.25
Budget	<u>\$17,132.43</u>	<u>\$548,237.85</u>
 Difference	 \$2,415.39	 (\$29,654.15)

General Tuition Assistance

Goal	\$50,000	
Donated	\$12,955	26%

Angel Donations

Goal	\$150,000	
Donated	\$145,414	97%

ADA

Goal	\$92,416	
Pledged	\$117,290	127%

Raffle

Goal	\$70,000	
Donated	\$42,540	61%

Cemetery Plot Price Increase

Starting March 1, 2026, plots at St. Joseph Cemetery will increase from \$1100 to \$1300. If you would like to pre-purchase a plot before then, please contact Lynda Rettick at 309-275-4968 by February 28.



2026 Faith Formation Calendar of Events

March 7 Confirmation NET Retreat, 9:30am to 3:30 pm, Parish Hall

March 25 **No Classes** - Spring Break



2026 Formación en la Fe Calendario de Eventos

7 de marzo Retiro de Confirmación NET, de 9:30am a 3:30pm, Salón Parroquial

25 de marzo **No Clases** - Vacaciones de primavera



Family Faith Formation

On Saturday, March 7, 2026 Faith Formation and St. Mary students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be participating in a NET Ministries retreat with twelve young missionaries. The students will be listening to life-changing talks, engaging in small group discussions, hearing personal testimonies, and encountering Christ in a personal way through prayer. They will be inspired and be ready for the next step in their faith.

The retreat is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Confirmation candidates are asked to arrive early (between 9 and 9:20 a.m.) and check in at the church front entrance. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided for all participants. We ask that you pray for these students.



Formación en la Fe familiar

El sábado 7 de marzo de 2026, los estudiantes de Formación en la Fe y de Santa María que se preparan para el Sacramento de la Confirmación participarán en un retiro de Ministerios NET con doce jóvenes misioneros. Los estudiantes escucharán charlas transformadoras, participarán en discusiones en grupos pequeños, escucharán testimonios personales y tendrán un encuentro personal con Cristo a través de la oración. Se sentirán inspirados y listos para el siguiente paso en su fe.

El retiro está programado de 9:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. Se les pide a los candidatos a la confirmación que lleguen temprano (entre las 9:00 y las 9:20 a.m.) y se registren en la entrada principal de la iglesia. Se proporcionará almuerzo, refrigerios y bebidas a todos los participantes. Les pedimos que oren por estos estudiantes.

Ending Hunger With CRS Rice Bowl

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. By donating to CRS Rice Bowl, you help provide lifesaving support to these people and it also helps your local diocese.

If you'd like to participate in this program, please pick up your rice bowl today. They are located at each entrance. Turn in your rice bowl at Mass on Palm Sunday (March 29) or during Holy Week (March 30-April 4). Place your bowl in the collection basket. The alms you turn in will be helping more than 200 million people and 25% of your donation stays in our community to fight hunger and poverty.





Catholic Diocese of Peoria

February 2026

NEWS RELEASE

STATEMENT REGARDING CAUSE OF FULTON SHEEN MOVING TOWARD BEATIFICATION

From Bishop Louis Tykka, Diocese of Peoria

"The Holy See has informed me that the Cause for the Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen can proceed to Beatification. The next step in the process is the celebration of Beatification, in which Fulton Sheen would be declared Blessed.

In the Catholic Church, beatification is the first major step to sainthood, granting a deceased person the title "Blessed" and allowing limited public veneration (like in a region) after proving heroic virtue and one verified miracle. Canonization is the final step, declaring the person a saint, permitting reverence across the entire Church, and requiring a second miracle after beatification, making their veneration universal. Essentially, beatification opens the door for local honor, while canonization opens it for the whole world, recognizing a saint as being in heaven with God.

We are working with the Dicastery of the Causes of Saints at the Vatican to determine the details for the upcoming Beatification. The date and event details will be released soon through celebratesheen.com.

Archbishop Sheen was declared Venerable when Pope Benedict XVI recognized his life of heroic virtue on June 28, 2012. The miracle attributed to Sheen's intercession was recognized by Pope Francis on July 6, 2019.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest voices of evangelization in the Church and the world in the 20th century. I have long admired his lifelong commitment to serve the Church as a priest, rooted in his deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Eucharist. As he journeyed through the different stages of his life, his ability to share the Gospel and truly relate to people drew countless souls into an encounter with Jesus—one that transformed not only his life, but more importantly, the lives of those he touched. In his later years, particularly through his work for the Missions, Archbishop Sheen helped us recognize that the Church is meant for all people. He reminded us that as members of the Church, we are called to serve everyone, especially those most in need and those longing to hear and experience the Gospel, wherever they may be in the world.

I am particularly thankful for the collaboration, assistance, generosity, and prayers from the Holy See, my brother Bishops, clergy and lay people from around the world in moving this cause forward. Archbishop Sheen will be a special blessing for the Church in the United States, where he was a powerful evangelist on radio, television, and in personal appearances. Throughout the world, Sheen led the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and sustained the work of the Missions throughout the world. The Church in Peoria rejoices with all of you in honoring this heroic Bishop and leader in the Church."

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About the Catholic Diocese of Peoria:

The Diocese of Peoria, led by Bishop Louis Tykka, serves Catholics of Central Illinois, across 26 counties, rooted in its mission to become a vibrant, mission-driven, and sustainable Church. The Diocese lives its mission, embracing the call to "Go Make Disciples." Learn more at ddop.org.

About the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation:

The Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation is the official organization promoting the Cause for Canonization of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Established under the auspices of the Diocese of Peoria, the Foundation is dedicated to preserving and sharing Sheen's life, writings, and teachings, and to fostering devotion to his example of faith. Learn more at celebratesheen.com.

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**BEATIFICATION OF
ARCHBISHOP
FULTON J.
SHEEN**



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12/01.....Meredith DeLong.....\$25	12/16.....Dan Deneen\$25
12/02.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/17.....Carol Burroughs.....\$25
12/03.....Lindsay Bourda\$25	12/18.....Mary Boline\$25
12/04.....Mark & Connie Witte.....\$25	12/19.....Brandon Bergschneider.....\$25
12/05.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/20.....Karen Ulbrich\$25
12/06.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/21.....Victoria Picone\$25
12/07.....Kim Sherpinskas.....\$25	12/22.....Chris Corpus.....\$25
12/08.....Deirdre Denault.....\$500	12/23.....Michael O'Donnell.....\$25
12/09.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/24.....Ron Hundman.....\$25
12/10.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/25.....Victoria Picone\$25
12/11.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/26.....Janene Tamborello\$25
12/12.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/27.....Carol Burroughs.....\$25
12/13.....Shelli Tribble\$25	12/28.....Victoria Picone\$25
12/14.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	12/29.....Victoria Picone\$25
12/15.....Victoria Picone.....\$50	12/30.....Alton Angus\$25
12/15.....Victoria Picone (Seller).....\$25	12/31.....Geoff Harris\$100

Winner Every Day Raffle Winners—January 2026

01/01.....Timmy McCubbins\$500	01/16.....Kim Lally.....\$25
01/02.....Jane Swaney\$25	01/17.....Victoria Picone\$25
01/03.....Kathleen Nolan.....\$25	01/18.....Mary Witherow\$25
01/04.....Ralph Dingess.....\$25	01/19.....Kristina Corcoran.....\$25
01/05.....Marilyn Freese\$25	01/20.....Mary Kathleen Koons.....\$25
01/06.....Gabrielle Hartrich\$25	01/21.....Paul Swiech.....\$25
01/07.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	01/22.....Everest Fernandez.....\$25
01/08.....Maria Alvarez.....\$25	01/23.....Victoria Picone\$25
01/09.....Connie Kerrick.....\$25	01/24.....Diane Sanders.....\$25
01/10.....Mary Dingess.....\$25	01/25.....Kelly Swanson\$25
01/11.....Victoria Picone.....\$25	01/26.....Kay Marxkors\$25
01/12.....Hanna Hafner\$25	01/27.....St. Mary's Church\$25
01/13.....Kelly Swanson\$25	01/28.....Burns Kids.....\$25
01/14.....Kayla Strain.....\$25	01/29.....Michelle Pilon.....\$25
01/15.....Angie Rech\$50	01/30.....Victoria Picone\$25
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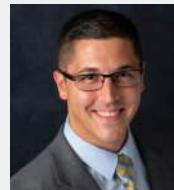
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