

40 Hours of Adoration on September 24, 2026

The 40 hours of devotion is for the 145th Anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Church and for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy A Community of Faith Since 1881! This Year is Our 145th Anniversary. Our Lady of Mercy Parish is a thriving community of faith and good works. We are blessed with meaningful liturgies, life-saving sacraments, faith-building catechesis, and genuine care for one another and all that God has created. We strive to grow in our love of God and neighbor and to bring the Gospel of Christ to others through our words and action. **We invite you to join us on our journey of faith.** Thanks to the efforts of parishioners and the Plainville Historical Society, a *Centennial Book* was published in 1981 as our church community celebrated its 100th anniversary. It provides a thorough history of our parish. Though the buildings have changed, the congregation remains strong and devout under the care of our Pastor, Rev. M. David Dawson. We have been blessed by those faithful who have gone before us, and we pray that we are laying a good foundation for those Catholics who follow.



The Miracle That Moved Archbishop Fulton Sheen To Beatification

Beatification will be on September 24, 2026

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — As Bonnie Engstrom watched lifesaving measures being taken for her son, who had been born just moments before without a pulse or drawing breath, she asked for help from the person whose prayerful support she had sought throughout her pregnancy:

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

After 61 minutes, just as emergency room personnel were about to pronounce him dead, James Fulton Engstrom began to breathe and his heart rate shot up to a normal level for a newborn. Despite dire prognoses for his future, the child has thrived and is now a healthy 15-year-old. Those who have heard the story of the Washington, Illinois, boy call it a miracle, and Pope Francis has made it official. At a July 5 audience with Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the pope formally approved the miracle attributed to the intercession of Archbishop Sheen, moving him one step closer to beatification.

*<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/07/08/miracle-moved-archbishop-fulton-sheen-beatification/>
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