BULLETIN
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." – Mark 13:33

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY – 6:00 PM – ST. MARY / PITTSFIELD

SUNDAY – 8:30 AM – ST. MARY / PITTSFIELD

SUNDAY 10:30 AM – ST. MARK / WINCHESTER

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE – 8:00 AM

ST. MARY / PITTSFIELD – TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

ST. MARK / WINCHESTER – MONDAY, THURSDAY

CONFESSION TIMES: *(or by appointment)*

ST. MARY / PITTSFIELD – after 6:00 PM Saturday Mass & after Daily Mass

ST. MARK / WINCHESTER – after 10:30 AM Sunday Mass

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217-321-1155

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 8

MASS SCHEDULE:
8:00 AM – St. Mark
12:00 NOON – St. Mary
Holy Day of Obligation!

ST. MARY / PITTSFIELD

Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 1, Parish Hall.
FINANCE COUNCIL Meeting – Thursday, December 3, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall.
That Man Is You (Men's Group) – Wednesday, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.
OCIA / Adult Education Class – Wednesday, 6:45 PM, Parish Hall.
PSR Classes – Wednesday, 6 PM to 7:30 PM, Parish Hall.
Legion of Mary – Friday morning after Mass, Meeting Room of Gathering Space.
Men's Group – Saturday, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.
Calling all Disciples **(NEW)** – December 6. We will meet every other Sunday at 6:30pm at **ST. MARY'S** Hall.
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle – Saturday morning after Mass in meeting room of Gathering Space.
Food Pantry Collection – First weekend each month (December 5 & 6).
24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday/Saturday (December 4 & 5).

ST. MARK / WINCHESTER

Altar Society will meet Tuesday night December 1 at 6 PM.
Rosary – Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Church.
OCIA / Adult Education Class – Wednesday, 6:45 PM, at **ST. MARY Parish Hall**.
Men's Group – Thursday, 6:45 AM, Church Basement.
Bread of Love: Week of December 21.
Free Lunch Monday – January 25 & March 22, 2027.

OFFERING	ST. MARY	ST. MARK
Sunday Collection	7192.00	870.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Parish Hall Renovation	280.00	N/A
Diocese 2nd Collections	0.00	0.00

ST. MARY PARISH HALL RENOVATION

$38,000 = Private Donations
$15,421 = Second Collections
TOTAL DONATIONS = $53,421
Total Project Cost = $90,850

Homilies for Father Mark Schulte are online: www.stmaryspittsfield.org

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First Sunday of Advent *(November 29, 2026)*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30	***Saint Andrew, Apostle***
8:00 AM (W)	**+ Jim Moore**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	
8:00 AM (P)	**All Parishioners**
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	
8:00 AM (P)	**+ Jean Gipperich**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	***Saint Francis Xavier***
8:00 AM (W)	**+ Janet & Jeanette**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	***Saint John Damascene***
8:00 AM (P)	**Father Mark Schulte**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	
8:00 AM (P)	**Robert Bettenhousen**
6:00 PM (P)	**+ Bob Gresham**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30 AM (P)	**+ Msgr. Leo Enlow**
10:30 AM (W)	**+ Dr. John Dailey**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dinesha Batchelder – Edna Baughman – Pat Dailey – Sandy Davies – Joann Delacruz – Khoy DeWitt – Joan Dieker Bill Ehrheart - Anastasia Frazier – Bill and Pat Hartman – Linda Henry – Janis Hild – Jace Michael Kunkle Aaron McCarter – Aniyah McCarter – Kingston McCarter – Gary McCartney – Patsy McKinney – Dawn Partain -Brenda Peters – Mary Pranger - Kay Rowley – Lindell Shireman - Barb Spradlin – Jim Stark – Mary Fran Smith Donna Smith – Raylan Turnbull – Joshua Turpin – Michael Wachtel – Kent & Connie Wasson - Sharon Wiese

- **ST. MARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & BINGO PARTY** **is Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 PM** hosted by **ST. MARY'S** Altar & Rosary Society in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a covered dish and wrapped bingo prize. Meat and drinks provided. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space.



- **ST. MARK'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet Tuesday, December 1st at 6PM. All ladies are welcome.

- **ST. MARY FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, December 3, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall.**

- **ST. MARY'S FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -- (December 4 & 5)** – Mass begins at 8 AM Friday with Adoration following until Mass on Saturday morning at 8 :00 AM. **Make Advent even more special by spending an hour with Jesus in Adoration**.



- **ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – Weekend Masses (December 5 & 6).** Donations go to both Pittsfield and Barry food pantries.

- **DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE AND HOPE** Whether helping families struggling with poverty, supporting mothers facing difficult pregnancies, or providing educational opportunities for children, we are called to put into practice our Lord's command: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). With this Gospel command in mind, I established the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) to defend human life and dignity, address the causes of poverty, and offer realistic hope to those **most in need throughout our diocese**.
  Excerpts from a letter from Bishop Paprocki **Collection will be this weekend - November 28/29.**

- **Keeping our Church Clean and Beautiful at ST. MARK** is a responsibility we all share. Please support the Altar Society and the Knights fundraising efforts and help spread the word. Every contribution makes a difference. Our donut sale concluded November 21st, and our Christmas fundraiser will conclude December 5th. See any Altar Society officer for more details.

- **St. Mark's Knights of Columbus and Altar Society** will have Winchester Hometown Christmas on Saturday, December 5, at the American Legion Hall from 9am to 3pm. They will be selling cotton candy and raffle tickets for Gift Cards / Cash / Raffle Basket. Hope to see you there!

- **Marriage Retreat: Live Your Best Married Life in Love** – Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to **wwme.org**, or call Terry and Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. **12/4/2026 – 12/6/2026 - 2/5/2027 – 2/7/2027 - 4/16/2027 – 4/18/2027, All at St. Peters, MO**