BULLETIN
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 2026

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

ST. MARY / PITTSFIELD

Pork Loin Dinner – Sunday, November 8, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM (Dine-In or Drive-Thru).
Quincy Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (QDCCW) – Wednesday, November 18, **at ST. MARY'S**.
Altar Society Bake Sale – Weekend Masses – November 21 and 22.
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, Gathering Space.
Men's Group – Saturday, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle – Saturday morning after Mass.
Food Pantry Collection – First weekend each month (November 7 & 8).
24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday/Saturday (November 6 & 7).

ST. MARK / WINCHESTER

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: Weeks of November 9 and December 21.
Free Lunch Monday – Changed to **November 9**, 2026; January 25 & March 22, 2027.

OFFERING	ST. MARY	ST. MARK
Sunday Collection	2397.00	675.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Parish Hall Renovation	720.00	**N/A**
Diocese 2nd Collections	25.00	0.00

ST. MARY PARISH HALL RENOVATION

$37,000 = Private Donations

$13,515 = Second Collections

TOTAL DONATIONS = $50,515

Total Project Cost = $90,850

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time *(October 25, 2026)*

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
8:00 AM (W) — **Connie and + Wayne**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
8:00 AM (P) — **All Parishioners**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 — ***Saints Simon and Jude***
8:00 AM (P) — **+ Nicole Welch**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
8:00 AM (W) — **+ All Souls**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
8:00 AM (P) — **Bill & Pat Hartman**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
8:00 AM (P) — **+ Mary McCartney**
6:00 PM (P) — **+ Bill Hannant**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — ***ALL SAINTS***
8:30 AM (P) — **+ Tony McCarter**
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 – Linda Henry – Janis Hild – Bobbi Krueger – 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'S ANNUAL SHOE BOXES of JOY are now** available. Please pick up a box in the Gathering Space. **Please return them by November 8th.** If you can't fill a box, donations and the $9 shipping charges are *needed and appreciated as well*!
- **ST. MARY'S PORK LOIN DINNER – Sunday, November 8th –** Check the table in the Gathering Space for a list of duties and please sign up to work at the dinner. We are requesting that **each family donate one pie**. *Thank you!*
- **QDCCW Fall Gathering – Wednesday, November 18 at St. Mary's –** Don't miss this day of prayer, reflection and community!
- **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE (Weekend Masses)** Nov. 21 & 22. **Also**, t***hank you*** to all who donated items, baked goods & helped make our Trash and Treasure Market a success. *A special thank you to Sharon, Jim, Mark, Bob, Chris & Terry.*
- **Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls: Donald (D.D.) Moore** (brother of David Moore of **ST. MARK'S**) **and Tom Prieze** (brother-in-law of Bob and Katheen Dunn of **ST. MARY'S**) We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in the peace and love of our Dear Lord.
- **ST. MARK'S High School Free Lunch Monday has been changed to Nov. 9th**. A donation sheet will be in the back of the Church this week. *Thank you for your generosity*.

YOUR PRAYERS WILL HELP THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Plenary Indulgences for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Around All Souls' Day, there are special plenary indulgences available for the souls in purgatory.

Who are the poor souls in purgatory? You probably know some of them. Most people who go to heaven do not go straight there, but they go to purgatory first. Your final destination is permanently fixed when you die. If you leave this life in a state of grace (which is to say, not in a state of mortal sin), you are in a fundamental state of "being friends with God," we might say. The only place you can finally end up is heaven. However, we may not be quite ready to enter. We will probably have some temporal punishment left for forgiven sin. (The eternal punishment is remitted when we are forgiven in confession, but the temporal consequences remain until they are expiated.) How long does a soul stay in purgatory? We are not sure. For one thing, the time will be different for different people. For another, "time in purgatory" does not work like time does here. This much is certain: the time *will* end, and the soul will go to heaven after its release.

One way to help the poor souls in purgatory is by gaining indulgences for them. We can always gain plenary or partial indulgences for them at any time of year, but around All Souls' Day, there are special plenary indulgences applicable only to the souls in purgatory. These are: 1) on All Souls' Day, devoutly visit a church or an oratory (such as the chapel of a Catholic hospital) and recite an Our Father and the Creed; 2) on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed. (The cemetery need not be Catholic.) The "usual conditions" apply: confession and communion (within seven days before or after) and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions (traditionally, an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be).

Remember that the poor souls need our help. Once a soul is in purgatory, it can no longer sin or merit. It can no longer sin because it died with its gaze firmly fixed upon God, and it can end up nowhere but heaven. However, the poor souls can no longer merit, either, so they can do nothing to shorten their time in purgatory. That is where we come in. We can offer our meritorious works and prayers for the poor souls. Theologians agree that the poor souls are grateful to those who help them, and they show their gratitude by praying for their benefactors, and the common opinion of theologians is that they pray for their benefactors even while they are in purgatory. Other powerful ways of helping the faithful departed are having Mass offered for them and offering our alms deeds for them. ***~~ Rev. Jason P. Stone***