


**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026**

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” *LUKE 24:32*

 Offering	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Mark</b>
Sunday Contributions	2007.00	613.00
Online Giving	0.00	125.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	215.00
Parish Hall (weekly)	422.00	N/A

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today. [Parish Link](#)

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Your participation in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports dioceses throughout the United States, including its current and former territories, that need financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy to those they serve.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.  
Excerpt from a letter from  
Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

The Annual Diocesan Collection for Catholic Home Mission is the Weekend of April 19, 2026

*Thank you for your continued support!*



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, APRIL 20  
8:00 AM (W) **Special Intention**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 **St. Anselm**  
8:00 AM (P) **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22  
8:00 AM (P) **Roger Lipcamon**

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 **Saint George - St. Adalbert**  
8:00 AM (W) **Deceased of George McGrath family**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 **St. Fidelis**  
8:00 AM (P) **Special Intention**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 **St. Mark**  
8:00 AM (P) **Special Intention**  
6:00 PM (P) **Special Intention**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26  
8:30 AM (P) **Steve & Lori Krysztop Family**  
10:30 AM (W) + **Mary Taylor**

**LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE**

**No longer published in bulletin.**  
**Refer to monthly schedule as provided.**

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Hockey with Paprocki 2026 Fundraiser**  
“The Holy Goalie,” Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be returning to the ice and defending the goal to benefit Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS) program during the upcoming Hockey with Paprocki fundraiser. This event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. at the Nelson Center Ice Rink located at 1601 N 5<sup>th</sup> St in Springfield. Tickets can be purchased online for \$10 or \$15 at the door. Catholic School student ticket price is \$5. Advanced tickets may be purchased at:  
<https://cc.dio.org/events/hockey-pap>.



**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR SICK**



**Pat Dailey — Sandy Davies — Joann Delacruz — Khoy DeWitt**  
**Joan Dieker — Bill Hannant — Gloria Heinen — Laura Hughes — Jace Michael Kunkle**  
**Kris Lundberg — Becky Mann — Aaron McCarter — Aniyah McCarter**  
**Kingston McCarter — Gary McCartney — Dawn Partain**  
**Mary Pranger — Kay Rowley — Teresa Shank — Lindell Shireman — Jim Stark**  
**Mary Fran Smith — Donna Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Joshua Turpin**  
**Kent & Connie Wasson — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall**

**Catechetical Corner**

**Good Shepherd Sunday, celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter**, centers on Jesus as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep, based on John 10. It emphasizes themes of divine care, protection, and trust, featuring readings about Christ’s sacrificial leadership. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The 63rd annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, April 26, 2026. Celebrated on "Good Shepherd Sunday"**, we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964, it encourages the faithful to ask the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website.

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
**April 26, 2026**

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE:**



**Beginning Monday, April 20th**

**DAILY MASS — 8:00 AM**

**ST. MARY**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday**

**ST. MARK**

**Monday & Thursday**

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**ST. MARY — 6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY MORNING MASSES**

**ST. MARY — 8:30 AM**

**ST. MARK — 10:30 AM**

**CONFESSIONS**

**ST. MARY — Saturday evening after Mass**

**ST. MARK — Sunday morning after Mass**



**ST. MARK — WATCH FOR TRAVELING CRUCIFIX to PRAY FOR VOCATIONS — SIGN UP SHEET IN BACK OF CHURCH**



**Please pray for the repose of the soul:**

**Rosemary Cody Peterson**

**(sister of Brenda Dahman, Colleen Lovkamp, and Patricia Suttles of ST. MARK'S Parish)**

We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace and love of our dear Lord.



**Retreat for married couples offered —**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents week-end experiences for married couples to **rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment.** Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

6/12/2026 – 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO  
7/31/2026 – 8/2/2026, Cape Girardeau, MO  
10/9/2026 – 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

Parish Link

**Pray to End Abortion**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



will meet **Monday, April 20th at 6:30PM at St. Mary's Parish Hall.**

**Theology of the Body Bible Study**

It is not too late to join us for our "Theology of the Body" Class that began last week. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30PM in **St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome.** *There is much excitement today, especially among the young, about John Paul II's "theology of the body."*



Church is open daily from 7 to 4. Feel free to stop in frequently and strengthen your faith by spending quiet time praying and talking with Jesus.

**Helping Families with a Prenatal Diagnosis —**

Families faced with a prenatal diagnosis often are confused, frightened, and may lose hope and faith. Be Not Afraid (BNA) helps families navigate through the months of planning the arrival of their son or daughter after receiving a prenatal diagnosis, providing compassion, support, advocacy, and guidance along each step of the way. To learn more, go to [benotafraid.net](http://benotafraid.net). Any questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life 217-321-1124 [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org). Parish Link

**Project Rachel:** Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

**Father Mark's Homilies Online:**  
[www.stmaryspittsfield.org](http://www.stmaryspittsfield.org)

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**ST. MARY**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, April 20, 6:30 PM, St. Mary Parish Hall. Parish & Finance Council Meeting — Thursday, April 23, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall.**

**Men's Group** — Wednesday mornings, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

**Bible Study — Introduction to Theology of Body**, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM, Parish Hall.

**Legion of Mary** — Friday morning, after Mass/Adoration, Gathering Space.

**Men's Group** — Saturday morning, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** — Saturday morning after 8:00 AM Mass.

**Rosary Before and After Mass** — Sunday mornings (to be offered for Father and his healing).

**Food Pantry Collection** — First weekend each month at Masses (May 2 & 3).

**24-Eucharistic Adoration** — First Friday/Saturday (May 1 & 2).

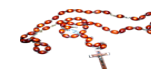
**ST. MARK**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, April 20, 6:30 PM, ST. MARY'S Parish Hall.**

**Rosary** — Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.

**Men's Group** — Thursday mornings, 6:45 AM, Church Basement.

**Bread of Love** — Week of: May 26.



**Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2**

First Friday/Saturday Adoration will be coming around again soon.

If you are not signed up, Please take time to do so

By calling or dropping by the parish office.

Or just drop in Church on First Friday/ Saturday You'll be glad you did!

**ST. MARY**

**Parish/Finance Council Meeting Thursday, April 23 6:00 PM Parish Hall**

**ST. MARY**

226 E. Adams  
Pittsfield, IL 62363

**Website:** [www.stmaryspittsfield.org](http://www.stmaryspittsfield.org)

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**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 8:30 AM / NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

**Daily Mass:** Wednesday 8:00 AM

**Confession: after Wednesday Mass and before Sunday Mass 8:15 AM**



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**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 10:30 AM / NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

**Daily Mass:** Thursday 8:00 AM **Reconciliation: after Thursday Mass and Sunday Mass**



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**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation Number  
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**Parish Secretaries:** Pat Galle & Jo Whewell  
217-285-4321  
**Interim DRE/PSR Program:** Mickey Elliott  
217-285-6702  
**Parish Office Hours:** Monday—Friday  
8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM  
12:30 PM -- 4:30 PM