

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Offering  **St. Mary** **St. Mark**

Sunday Contributions	2074.50	1801.00
Online Giving	--	125.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	--	176.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARK

Christmas Eve — 5:00 PM
Christmas Day — 10:30 AM

ST. MARY

Christmas Eve — 8:00 PM
Christmas Day — 8:30 AM



ST. MARK

DECEMBER 21 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Theresa Sauer

DECEMBER 24 - 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve

Lector — Jenny Schmidgall

DECEMBER 25 - 10:30 AM
Christmas Day

Lector — Andy Moss

DECEMBER 28 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Janet Paslay



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE
MASS SCHEULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 AM (W) NO MASS *

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 **Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM (W) Kaiser Family

8:00 PM (P) + Edward Benz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 **Christmas Day**

8:30 AM (P) + Vivian & Edwin Schulte

10:30 AM (W) + Kathy Moore

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

6:00 PM (P) NO MASS *

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 AM (P) Father Mark Schulte

10:30 AM (W) Cline Family

During the month of December:

***Daily Mass — Wednesday & Thursday ONLY**

*** NO Saturday Evening Mass**

ST. MARY

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

During the month of DECEMBER

DECEMBER 24 - 8:00 PM - Christmas Eve

Lector — Mark Welch

Ushers — Volunteers

Server — Bodie & Asher Marable, Timothy Wessing

DECEMBER 25 - 8:30 AM - Christmas Day

Lector — Jim Lagemann

Ushers — Volunteers

Server — Volunteers

DECEMBER 28 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Brett Irving

Ushers — Volunteers

Server — Eli & Sam Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pat Dailey — Baby Gray and Family — Theresa Cooley - Sandy Davies
Joann Delacruz — Becky Ghrist — Bill Hannant - Jace Michael Kunkle
Kris Lundberg — Aaron McCarter — Aniyah McCarter Kingston McCarter
Gary McCartney — Dawn Partain — John Peters - Dave Pfeiffer
Kay Rowley — Teresa Shank — Lindell Shireman - Jim Stark
Mary Fran Smith — Donna Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Joshua Turpin
Carol Ward - Kent & Connie Wesson — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall



Catechetical Corner

By Dominique Welch: Director of Parish School of Religion

Feast of the Holy Family

Celebrated December 28th

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the "true model of life" (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-holy-family-of-jesus--mary-and-joseph-.html>

GOD BLESS!

It saddens me to share that I have resigned from my position here at the parish. I would like to say how truly grateful I am to have been able to serve this parish as the Director of Parish School of Religion for the past 2 years. It has been such a gift to serve my home parish and I have learned so much along the way. Thank you for everything. Please keep me in your prayers as I transition into whatever it is the Lord has for me next!

Peace, Dominique

thank
you!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

During the month of December:

Daily Mass — 8:00 AM
Wednesday (St. Mary)
Thursday (St. Mark)
ONLY 2 Masses

Confessions
Wednesday and Thursday
after Daily Mass or by appointment
NO Confessions at weekend Masses

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS
at ST. MARY

SUNDAY MORNING MASSES
(Regular Schedule)
8:30 AM — St. Mary
10:30 AM — St. Mark

Pray for Fr. Mark's healing!



**Solemnity of Mary
 Mother of God**
January 1, 2026 — Thursday
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule:
ST. MARK — 8:00 AM
ST. MARY — 12:00 NOON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Taken from Parish Link

Father Mark's Homilies Online:
www.stmaryspittsfield.org

PRAYERS FOR FATHER SCHULTE: *(to be continued for as long as needed)*

AT ST. MARY - All are welcome
SUNDAYS — directly after Mass we will pray a Rosary to be offered for Father and his healing.

FRIDAYS — 3:00 to 4:00 PM — Hour of Adoration and prayer before Jesus in the Tabernacle with the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** **prayed at 3:50 PM.**

We encourage all parishioners to participate!
 Your individual prayers for Father's recovery are also greatly appreciated!



ST FRANCIS CITY WIDE PENANCE

Take advantage of these City-Wide Confessions! On Dec 21, 2025, we will be having a City-Wide Penance Service at St. Francis Quincy, at 2pm.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,
 The Catholic Children's Home has been protecting and caring for needy and dependent children since the 19th century. Although times have changed, their mission to serve as a 'beacon of hope' for children in need has not. The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) has been a safe harbor and a place to call home for thousands of children over the years. In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois.

Excerpts taken from Bishop's letter

You will find your envelope in your packet of envelopes to be collected on Christmas.

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ST. MARY

That Man Is You — See You Mid January! Wednesday mornings, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.
PSR Classes — PSR resumes January 7th. Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Adult Education Class — Resumes January 7th Wednesday evenings, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.
Men's Group — Saturday mornings, 6:45 AM, Parish Hall.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle — Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass, Gathering Space.
Legion of Mary — Friday mornings, 9:45 AM, Gathering Space.

Food Pantry Collection — First weekend each month at Masses (January 3 & 4, 2026).
24-Eucharistic Adoration — **TBA** - First Friday/Saturday (January 2 & 3, 2026)

ST. MARK

Rosary — Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.

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



* See Special Mass times in the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation - Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1st.

Merry Christmas



We Welcome and Thank
Father Alex McCullough
for coming to our parishes

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM / Saturday 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: **after Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.**



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Website: www.stmaryspittsfield.org

Online Giving: <https://www.pushpay.com/g/stmaryspittsfield>

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8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM

12:30 PM -- 4:30 PM



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