

**The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 28, 2025**

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:17

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

Sunday Contributions	3890.00	1036.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	—	262.00



**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



I wish to **THANK** everyone for the many cards, gifts, goodies and **ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR PRAYERS** during this Holy Season of Christmas. **The kindness shown by all of you is so appreciated.**
Please be assured of my prayers for all of you throughout the coming year.
~ Father Mark

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Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us. **Parish Link**

**Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK**

**LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE
MASS SCHEULE FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM (W) NO MASS *

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM (P) + Fr. Daren Zehnle

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 **Solemnity of Mary ***

8:00 AM (W) + Deacon Kim Scott

12:00 NOON (P) + Connie McAdams

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 **FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00 AM (P) + Diana McCartney *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 **FIRST SATURDAY**

8:00 AM (P) Father Mark Schulte *

6:00 PM (P) NO MASS *

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 **The Holy Family of JMJ**

8:30 AM (P) + Tom Mc Carter

10:30 AM (W) + Mary Taylor

*** Please note Thursday, January 1st is a
Holy Day of Obligation**

*** Please note no daily Masses indicated above.**

*** Please note First Fri./Sat. AM Mass this week only.**

**ST. MARY
JANUARY 1 - 12:00 NOON - HOLY DAY**

Lector – Mark Welch

Ushers – Volunteers

Server – Jim Lagemann

JANUARY 4 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Brett Irving

Ushers – Volunteers

Server – Ben & Ian Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

**ST. MARK
DECEMBER 28 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector – Jan Ala

JANUARY 1 - 8:00 AM - HOLY DAY

Lector – Janet Paslay

JANUARY 4 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – TBA

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

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is celebrated to honor the sanctity of family life and to reflect on the virtues exemplified by the Holy Family.

The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas. It serves as a reminder of the importance of family as a "domestic church," where faith

is nurtured and lived out. The Holy Family, consisting of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, represents the ideal model for all families, embodying love, obedience, and humility in their daily lives.

The Holy Family exemplifies how ordinary life can be a path to holiness. Joseph, as a humble carpenter, Mary, as a devoted mother, and Jesus, as an obedient son, show that holiness can be found in everyday tasks and responsibilities. This feast invites families to integrate their faith into their daily lives and to view their homes as places of love and service.

The Feast of the Holy Family encourages families to strengthen their bonds and to aspire to the virtues demonstrated by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It serves as a call to nurture faith within the family unit and to recognize the family as a vital part of the Church and society.

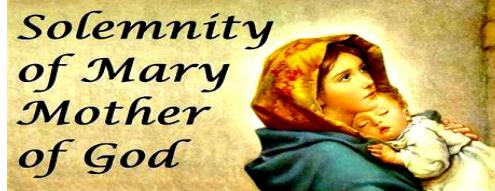
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**January Schedule AT THIS TIME****Daily Mass — 8:00 AM****Wednesday (St. Mary)****Thursday (St. Mark)****Friday/Saturday (this week only) (St. Mary)****First Friday/Saturday Adoration Masses****4 Masses This Week ONLY****Confessions****Wednesday 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****Please watch bulletin for changes
Father Mark is returning slowly!
Thank you for your continued prayers!****Catholic Times is going Monthly!****Beginning in 2026, Catholic Times will transition from a biweekly publication to a monthly magazine. This change will allow for expanded coverage and more in-depth storytelling across the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.****Parish Link****CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025****As you know this Sunday (TODAY) is the last weekend of the 2025 year. If you want your contributions to be included in the 2025 tax year, it must be received by 12/31/25 for Church year 2025. Your tax statement may be requested from our parish office after mid January. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. You are greatly appreciated.****Father Mark's Homilies Online:**www.stmaryspittsfield.org**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****January 1, 2026: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

Please see this bulletin for Mass times.**WE ARE RESUMING
FIRST FRI/SAT ADORATION
JANUARY 2ND AND 3RD****THERE WILL BE 8AM MASS ON FRIDAY (THIS WEEK ONLY) JANUARY 2ND AND ADORATION BEGINS FOLLOWING MASS****PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE FROM OUR LIST, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR HOUR OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.****FIRST SAT. 8AM MASS WILL RETURN "THIS WEEK ONLY" AND ADORATION WILL CLOSE WITH THE 8AM SATURDAY MASS****Project Rachel:****Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance: call 1-877-RACHEL-5.****December 28, 2025 . The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph****ST. MARY****First Friday/Saturday Adoration** returns this week following 8AM Mass at **St. Mary's**.**This week only, First Friday and First Saturday Mass at 8AM.****Donut Sunday**, January 4 in the hall following 8:30AM Mass .**Rosary Before and After Mass — Sundays (to be offered for Father and his healing).****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.**Hour of Adoration (healing for Father) — Fridays , 3-4 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM****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.**Solemnity
of Mary
Mother
of God****We once again Welcome and Thank****Father Alex McCullough****for coming to our parishes this weekend!****ST. MARY****Website: www.stmaryspittsfield.org****Online Giving: <https://www.pushpay.com/g/stmaryspittsfield>****Office: (217) 285-4321 / Fax: (217) 285-9400 / stmarymark@gmail.com****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.****ST. MARK****Online Giving: <https://www.pushpay.com/g/stmarkwinchester>****Office: (217) 285-4321 / stmarymark@gmail.com****Weekend Mass: / Sunday 10:30 AM / NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS****Daily Mass: Mon., Thurs. 8:00 AM****Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Sunday Mass****Diocese of Springfield in Illinois****(217) 698-8500****www.dio.org****Bishop Thomas John Paprocki****Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation Number****217-321-1155****Rev. Mark A. Schulte, Pastor
Parish Secretaries: Pat Galle & Jo Whewell****217-285-4321****Director of PSR****217-285-6702****Office Hours: Monday-Friday****8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM****12:30 PM -- 4:30 PM**