

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Offering	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	1956.00	599.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	—	135.00

NOTE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
The Immaculate Conception
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(“Holy Day of Obligation”)

MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 AM
ST. MARK / Winchester
12:00 Noon
ST. MARY / Pittsfield



PRAYERS FOR FATHER SCHULTE:
(to be continued for as long as needed)
AT ST. MARY - All are welcome

SUNDAYS — (beginning December 7) — directly after Mass we will pray a Rosary to be offered for Father and his healing.

FRIDAYS — (beginning December 5) — 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. Jesus has promised many graces to be granted to those who come and honor and pray to Him at this 3 o'clock hour of His death.

This is the greatest way we can try to repay Father for the tremendous gift of his priesthood and his sacrifice for others. We encourage all parishioners to participate!



Your individual prayers for Father's recovery are also greatly appreciated!

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM (W) Father Michael Trummer
12:00 NOON (P) + Blanche Feller

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS** *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 Our Lady of Loreto
8:00 AM (P) Sharon & Kenneth Ratini

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I
8:00 AM (W) + Father Joe Ring

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS** *

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS** *
6:00 PM (P) **NO MASS** *

Third Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:30 AM (P) + Angela Moss
10:30 AM (W) Priests of the Springfield Diocese
During the month of December:
***Daily Mass — Wednesday & Thursday ONLY**
*** NO Saturday Evening Mass**
Sunday Regular Mass Schedule

ST. MARY DECEMBER 8 - 12:00 NOON - HOLY DAY

Lector — Mark Welch
Ushers — Volunteers
Server — Jim Lagemann

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS During the month of DECEMBER

DECEMBER 14 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Jeff Stark
Ushers — Volunteers
Server — Eli & Sam Musgrave and Timothy Wessing

ST. MARK DECEMBER 7 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Janet Paslay

DECEMBER 8 - 8:00 AM - HOLY DAY

Lector — Volunteer

DECEMBER 14 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Mark Martin

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 — Jim Stark
Mary Fran Smith — Donna Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Joshua Turpin
Carol Ward — Kent & Connie Wasson — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall



Catechetical Corner

By Dominique Welch: Director of Parish School of Religion



The Immaculate Conception

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

"The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/solemnity-of-the-immaculate-conception-of-the-blessed-virgin-77>

Humble
Acts
of
Devotion

are the
surest
sign of
Faith.

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

PLEASE READ !!!!

Pray for Fr. Mark's speedy recovery

SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE ADVENT SPECIAL WITH YOUR FAMILY THIS YEAR

Attend Daily Mass
 Pray In Church before the Blessed Sacrament
 Pray a Daily Rosary
 Light your Advent Wreath
 during family meals/prayer time

Retirement Fund for Religious

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Collection Sunday, December 14th

ST. MARK
Decorate for Christmas
Friday, December 12th
4:00 PM



ST. MARK EVENTS

- † **Rosary** to be recited, beginning at 10:15am, on all Sundays during Advent.
- † **Rosary** at 8:00am every Tuesday morning.

SPECIAL EVENT IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT

Don't miss out on this special showing of **"The Catholicism Series"** on Thursday evenings during Advent beginning at 6:30PM. There will be snacks. We hope you will participate with us and make this a special Advent! All are welcome!



ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Weekend Masses (December 6 & 7)



Advent Giving Tree

ST. MARY'S will be collecting for Catholic Charities again during this advent season. They really appreciated our personal hygiene products last year because that is a great need that isn't being covered by anyone else so we are collecting the following :

GREAT NEEDS: Toilet paper, bar soap or body wash, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels are also appreciated, but not in the greatest of needs. **CHECKS** made out to Catholic Charities are also in great need. They can take this money and use it for needs of any kind that they have at the time, whether it be for housing, food, medical or personal needs. There will be a container under the tree for this. Thank you so much for supporting the poor in our communities. Catholic Charities serves Pike County as well as other counties with their food truck and other needs that come to them.

December 7, 2025 . Second Sunday of Advent

ST. MARY

Donut Sunday — This Sunday, December 7, after 8:30 AM Mass and Rosary.

Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, December 15, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.

That Man Is You — Wednesday mornings, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

PSR Classes — Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Adult Education Class — 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.

Women's Study — Saturday morning, 10 AM, Parish Hall *next date TBA*

Legion of Mary — Friday mornings, 9:45 AM, Gathering Space.

Food Pantry Collection — First weekend each month at Masses (December 6 & 7).

24-Eucharistic Adoration — First Friday/Saturday (January 2 & 3, 2026)

ST. MARK

Decorate for Christmas — Friday, December 12, 4:00 PM.

Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, December 15, 6:30 PM, at **ST. MARY'S**.

Every Thursday during Advent — 6:30PM , Catholicism Series, Church Basement.

Rosary — All Sundays during Advent at 10:15 AM.

Rosary — Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.

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

Bread of Love (for the week of) — December 8.

ST. MARY DONUT SUNDAY
After 8:30 AM Mass & Rosary
Sunday, December 7
See you in the hall!



We Welcome and Thank
Fr. Pius Nwiyi from the Cathedral
for coming to our parishes
this weekend!

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

Daily Mass: Mon., Thurs. 8:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** *after Sunday Mass*



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 8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM
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