

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

Offering 	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	1025.00	735.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	130.00

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**Ash
Wednesday**

**Mass Schedule
Lent Begins**

FEBRUARY 18, 2026
7:00 AM – ST. MARK / Winchester
12:00 NOON – ST. MARY / Pittsfield

St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
We will meet Tuesday, February 3. The rosary will be recited at 6PM. Our meeting will begin following the rosary at 6:30PM.

Volunteers Needed Ladies of Charity
Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both our Thrift Store (24th & Elm) and our Center (4th&State). Most volunteers are women but men are also invited to assist us with some of the heavy lifting jobs. We are particularly looking for volunteers who can work the cash registers at our Thrift Store but other opportunities also exist at both the Thrift Store and the Center. Volunteers typically donate 2 to 5 hours of their time per week. Please call/text either Kathy Obert at (703)786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt at (217)257-8832 to learn more.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
DIOCESAN wide collection is this weekend.
Thanks for your continued generosity!

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



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 Presentation of the Lord
8:00 AM (W) **NO MASS ***

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 St. Blaise & St. Ansgar
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS ***

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
8:00 AM (P) **Maurice & Jackie Hester**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 St. Agatha
8:00 AM (W) **+ All Souls in Purgatory**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:00 AM (P) **+ Jerry Johnson**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
8:00 AM (P) **+ Bob Ring**
6:00 PM (P) **NO MASS ***

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
8:30 AM (P) **+ Connie McAdams**
10:30 AM (W) **+ Carolyn Sauer**

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

NO Saturday Evening Mass
Weekday Masses Wednesday/Thursday Only
(except this week Friday 6th & Saturday 7th)

LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE

ST. MARY
NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

FEBRUARY 8 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY
Lector – Gabe Wheelan
Ushers – Volunteers
Server – Bodi & Asher Marable, Timothy Wessing

ST. MARK
FEBRUARY 1 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY
Lector – Janet Paslay

FEBRUARY 8 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY
Lector – Jan Ala

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

**Dr. John & Pat Dailey – Theresa Cooley - Sandy Davies – Joann Delacruz
Joan Dieker - Becky Ghrist – Bill Hannant – Laura Hughes - 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 Wasson – Sharon Wiese – Colleen Wishall**



CATECHETICAL CORNER

LITURGICAL COLORS:

Liturgical colors visually signify the changing seasons of the church year. The colors were officially standardized by Pope St. Pius V in 1570. Their symbolism often draws from the Holy Scripture, apostolic tradition, and the meanings attributed to colors in culture and history. The five main colors – White, Red, Green, Violet, and Black, along with Rose – symbolize specific theological themes. Just as we decorate our homes for the seasons and holidays of the year, the Church uses color to emphasize the timelessness of our liturgical worship.

White / Gold is used in the Church during times of joy, purity, and glory. It is a symbol of resurrection and eternal life. Example: Christmas and Easter seasons

Red symbolizes blood and fire. It represents the blood of Christ, fire of the Holy Spirit, and the sacrifice of martyrs. Example: Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Pentecost

Green is the color of Ordinary time, which symbolizes hope, perseverance, and life. It is used for most of the year, outside of special periods when other colors apply. It represents spiritual growth and faith in God's promises. Green is used between Christmas and Lent, and Pentecost and Advent.

Violet is the color of penance, sorrow, conversion, and expectation. It symbolizes repentance and preparation for important events. Example: Lent and Advent

Black is an optional color. It symbolizes mourning and death. Example: Funerals and All Souls

Rose is used in the Church twice a year – on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday). It is a color symbolizing joy and hope in periods of penance, indicating the approaching great holidays.

<https://chasubles.com>

The USCCB provides a comprehensive guide for Catholics preparing for **Lent 2026**, emphasizing the importance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The season of Lent is a time for deepening faith through these practices, preparing for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Key dates include Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and Holy Thursday, the day of the Sacred Triduum. The USCCB's liturgical calendar offers a roadmap for spiritual growth and connection with God, with a variety of feast days, solemnities, and liturgical seasons to celebrate throughout the year. **It's time for us to start preparing for Lent. Ash Wednesday is on February 18th.**

FEBRUARY MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS — 8:00 AM

Wednesday — ST MARY

Thursday — ST. MARK

CONFESSIONS (or by appointment)

After daily Mass Wednesday & Thursday

Sunday 8:15 AM — ST. MARY

Sunday after Mass — ST. MARK

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

ST. MARY

SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

8:30 AM — ST. MARY

10:30 AM — ST. MARK

Father appreciates the prayers!

ST. MARY

**FIRST FRIDAY /SATURDAY ADORATION
FEBRUARY 6th & 7th**

FIRST FRIDAY — There will be 8:00 AM Mass on Friday February 6th (this week only) 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 SATURDAY — There will be 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, February 7th (this week only) and Adoration will close following this Mass.

ST. MARK — Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Potluck will be held Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 PM. Sign-up in the back of the church if you plan to bring a dish to share.



College Scholarship Available to Girls Graduating High School in 2026

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$2000 College Scholarship to Girls Graduating in 2026 from either Quincy Notre Dame, public school or home school. Application must be in by April 15th. See your parish office to pick up the application.

TODAY
St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Sponsored by:
 Breakfast Casserole
 Sausage links
 Scrambled Eggs
 Pancakes
 Biscuits and Gravy
 Coffee Cake
 Fruit
Country Breakfast
Free Will Donation

February 1, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Mary's Parish Hall

219 N. Jackson St.

Pittsfield, IL

All proceeds will go towards the St. Mary's Church Parish Hall Kitchen Renovation

Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow

The Annual 'Rosary Prayer Service' will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 1:30pm on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes at 'Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto' at the spring dedicated by Fr. John Carberry of St. Boniface on Feb. 11, 1998 and named by Fr. Francis Lee of St. Rose in March 16, 1997. The Grotto is located at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and Herleman Roads, Quincy, IL 62305. All are invited. Dress for the weather and bring a folding chair. For information contact Janice E. Pohlman at 217-257-2400.

A lovely way to spend 30 to 45 minutes in prayer with our Lady!



WOMAN OF DISTINCTION (WOD) Ballots

ST. MARY Ballots are available in the Gathering Space for our Annual Diocesan Woman of Distinction Award. Please take a ballot and enter your vote for our Woman of Distinction. Names of our previous winners are also listed. This year it will be at the Cathedral on June 21.

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ST. MARY

Country Breakfast — THIS SUNDAY, February 1st from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

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

Altar & Rosary Society - Will meet Tuesday, February 3 at 6PM (Rosary) Meeting 6:30PM.

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.

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 mornings after Mass, Gathering Space.

Legion of Mary — Friday mornings, 8:45 AM, Gathering Space except 1st Friday 9:45AM.

Food Pantry Collection — First weekend each month at Masses (February 7 & 8).

24-Eucharistic Adoration — First Friday/Saturday (February 6 & 7) .

ST. MARK

Fat Tuesday / Mardi Gras Potluck — Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 PM.

Rosary — Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.

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

Bread of Love — Week of: March 2, April 13, May 26.



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS — St. Mary & St. Mark

The Parish Office has a new email address:

secretary@stmaryspittsfield.org



ST. MARY

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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



ST. MARK

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Winchester, IL 62694

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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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Rev. Mark A. Schulte, Pastor

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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

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