

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026**

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

 Offering	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	9098.00	855.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	208.00

 **Mass Schedule
Lent Begins Wednesday**

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

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

ST. MARK

- ✠ **Wednesdays** — Rosary at 5:00 PM
- ✠ **Fridays** — One hour of Adoration at 5:00 PM followed by the Stations of the Cross

ST. MARY

- ✠ **Fridays** — Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION
AID TO CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE
ASH WEDNESDAY**

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ceee. You help the Church in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe to witness to Christ's mercy, even in the midst of terrible hardship.

ST. MARY WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Have you voted for our Woman of Distinction for 2026? Ballots are in the gathering space.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
8:00 AM (W) NO MASS *

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 *Seven Holy Founders Servites*
8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 *Ash Wednesday*
7:00 AM (W) + Mary Taylor
12:00 Noon (P) + John Hayden

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8:00 AM (W) Earl Clanton

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *
6:00 PM (P) NO MASS *

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
8:30 AM (P) + Joanne Quinn
10:30 AM (W) All Parishioners

*** PLEASE NOTE ***
NO Saturday Evening Mass
Weekday Masses Wednesday/Thursday Only

LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE

ST. MARY

FEBRUARY 18 - 12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday
 Lector – Jim Lagemann
 Ushers – Volunteers
 Server – Bodi & Asher Marable, Timothy Wessing

FEBRUARY 22 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY
 Lector – Brett Irving
 Ushers – Volunteers
 Server – Eli & Sam Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

ST. MARK

FEBRUARY 15 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY
 Lector – Andy Moss

FEBRUARY 22 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY
 Lector – Jenny Schmidgall

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 – Becky Mann – 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

As we approach Ash Wednesday, February 18, Catholics worldwide are gearing up for the spiritual journey through Lent. One important thing not to overlook is to explain Ash Wednesday to your children.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. Lent is a liturgical season in the Catholic Church that lasts about 40 days in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert. Your children should notice that the altar linens have been changed from green to purple. The priest will also be wearing purple vestments.

The distribution of ashes

The distribution of ashes is usually within Mass, but can also be done outside of Mass. In Mass, it often happens after the homily. The congregation approaches the altar as if for Holy Communion. The priest or deacon marks the forehead with ashes in the sign of the cross and says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." You remain silent.

This ritual acts as a sign of penance, mourning, and the need for divine grace as the Lenten season begins. It is practiced by Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians, and some Methodist and Lutheran denominations. Anyone, including kids and non-Catholics, can receive ashes.

When can you wipe off the ashes?

The ashes on our foreheads are a visible sign that we are followers of Jesus. The ashes are also a way to tell ourselves and those around us that we are beginning the holy season of Lent—the forty days leading up to Easter. There is no requirement to retain ashes on the forehead for a specific duration. Some individuals opt to wipe them off immediately, while others choose to keep them throughout the day.



Father Mark's Homilies Online:

www.stmaryspittsfield.org

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. 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K OF C will meet Monday, February 16th at 6:30PM at **St. Mark's**. Consider the K of C. We are always looking for Catholic men to join us.



Winchester Ecumenical Services

ROAD TO RESURRECTION 2026

The Model Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

Begins Friday, February 20

Friday, February 27 at St. Mark's

“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven “.

Andy Moss speaker on February 27 at **St. Mark**. Refreshments after talk.

Please pray for the repose of the soul:

RICHARD (Dick) WEIR
(member of **St. Mary's Parish**)

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



A memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's for Dick and Pauline at a later date.

“Repentance is never just a turning from sin. It's also a turning towards Jesus.”

Pro Life Mass moved to Nelson Center

We have been notified by the Non-Fair Events Office of the Illinois State Fairgrounds that they will be unable to accommodate the annual Pro-Life Mass. The Mass has been moved to the **Nelson Center Ice Rink** (1601 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL). The date and time remain the same - Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. [Registration](#) for the Mass is still open. Registrations already received will be transferred over.

SFHG School Welcomes You To Our 2nd Annual



Saturday, APRIL 11TH

at K of C Hall Jerseyville
Doors open at: 06:00pm
Game starts at: 07:00pm
All tables must be paid at registration for guaranteed spot

\$25

per person / table of 8
General Knowledge Trivia 18+

50/50, Door Prizes, Basket Raffles, and More!

For registration & further information
Kelli Travers 618-560-2278 or
ktravers2017@hotmail.com

February 15, 2026 . Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY

Knights of Columbus Meeting - St. Mark's, Monday, February 16 at 6:30 PM.

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

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 — First Saturday, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

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

Legion of Mary — Friday mornings, 7:45 AM, Gathering Space except 1st Friday 9:45 AM.

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

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

ST. MARK

Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, February 16, 6:30 PM.

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 — Weeks of: March 2, April 13, May 26.



ST. MARK FAT TUESDAY POTLUCK

Mardi Gras Potluck

Tuesday, February 17 at 6PM

Bring a dish to share.

ST. MARK WATCH FOR TRAVELING CRUCIFIX PRAY FOR VOCATIONS SIGN UP SHEET IN BACK OF CHURCH MORE INFO TO COME

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



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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

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217-285-6702

Parish Office Hours: Monday—Friday
8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM
12:30 PM -- 4:30 PM