

**First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2026**

“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”  
MATTHEW 4:10

 <b>Offering</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Mark</b>
Sunday Contributions	2193.00	1027.00
Online Giving	0.00	125.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	267.00

**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

**LENTEN RETREAT** — “Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass”  
*The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to their annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> with Retreat Director, Sister Margaret Schreiber OP, PhD.*

What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more! Bring your sister, your mom, and your friend. All are welcome! Registration forms with cost and further information is available at your parish. Contact Mary Ann Sullivan 217-822-1928.

**40 Days for Life Morgan County Right to Life (MCRTL)** Will be held from Feb. 18 - March 29. Participants spend 40 days praying and fasting for life issues and to prevent 1 million babies in the United States from being aborted each year. See: *40daysforlife.com*. MCRTL hopes to have many more pray weekly or monthly at Planned Parenthood, 601 Bruns, Springfield. Volunteers needed.

**Mass Intentions**   
FOR THE WEEK

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 **St. Polycarp**  
8:00 AM (W) **NO MASS \***

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS \***

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
8:00 AM (P) **Bob Gresham**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
8:00 AM (W) **Carol Killday**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 **St. Gregory of Narek**  
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS \***

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS \***  
6:00 PM (P) **NO MASS \***

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

SUNDAY, MARCH 1  
8:30 AM (P) + **Mark Valenti**  
10:30 AM (W) + **Paul Ineich**

**\* PLEASE NOTE \***

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

**LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE**

**ST. MARY**

**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**MARCH 1 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector - Mark Welch  
Ushers - Volunteers  
Server - Ben & Ian Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

**ST. MARK**

**FEBRUARY 22 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector — Jenny Schmidgall

**MARCH 1 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector — Janet Paslay

**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**

**A TEN COMMANDMENTS PRAYER**

Do you remember learning the 10 commandments? Probably you were expected to memorize them, making sure you knew the wording and the numbers. Then you were quizzed on remembering which commandment was the second, sixth, seventh, etc. commandment. Your teachers probably provided definitions for adultery or covet. When we teach the Ten Commandments, we have to help our children learn to LIVE them, not just memorize them. Otherwise, what is the point? The Ten Commandments were a gift that God gave to his people so they could live according to His will. There was no reward for simply knowing His Law; but there are incredible graces in living a life inspired by the Law.

Jared Dees, the creator of thereligionteacher.com, composed the following prayer to help our children follow God’s Law. This prayer includes positive petitions to ask for God’s help in following each of the commandments.

**My Lord and God,**

1. **Help me keep You first in my life.**
2. **Help me speak only good things in Your name.**
3. **Help me attend Mass each week.**
4. **Help me honor my parents.**
5. **Help me protect life.**
6. **Help me be faithful to those I love.**
7. **Help me be generous.**
8. **Help me speak the truth.**
9. **Help me celebrate the beauty of others.**
10. **Help me to want to share.**

**Amen.**

**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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Deborah Gayle**

**(Mary) Davidson** on receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at **St. Mark's Church**.



**ST. MARK**

**WATCH FOR TRAVELING CRUCIFIX  
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**SIGN UP SHEET IN  
BACK OF CHURCH**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

**Father Mark's Homilies Online:**

**www.stmaryspittsfield.org**

**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 “.

Begins with luncheon at Noon and ends at 1 PM.

Andy Moss speaker on February 27 at **St. Mark**.



**Save the Date!**

**SDCCW 97th Annual Convention**

Springfield IL, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

**THURSDAY, September 3, 2026, Quincy, IL**

Hosted by the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Guest Speaker: **Teresa Tomeo**



Event Theme: *Handmaids of the Lord:*

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Teresa Tomeo is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker with more than 40 years of experience in TV, radio, and newspaper, 20 of which were as a secular reporter/anchor in the Detroit market. Teresa appears frequently on the EWTN Global Catholic Television Network, including hosting the *EWTV Lenten Series*, “Saints in Italy.” Morning Rosary and Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Quincy, IL. Followed by Registration and Program at The Ambiance Banquet Hall, Quincy, IL. Registration information will be sent out later. Follow Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Facebook.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s 97th Convention is **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Morning Rosary and Mass at St Anthony of Padua Church in Quincy, IL, followed by the Convention at The Ambiance in Quincy, IL. We are excited to announce that our Guest speaker is nationally known Teresa Tomeo. Vendors and Silent Auction items will be available as well as, a hot LUNCH. More information and registration form coming SOON. Any questions, email Susan Asher [asherte@yahoo.com](mailto:asherte@yahoo.com).

**The Illinois MASS for Life on March 19 in Springfield is now full!** That’s 1,800 people registered. Note, the Mass is now taking place at the Nelson Center ice rink (*not the fairgrounds as originally scheduled*). However, you can still attend the **Illinois Pro-Life MARCH that same day**. The Rally begins at 1 PM with the March at 2 PM outside the State Capitol on Second Street.

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**ST. MARY**

**Donut Sunday** — Sunday, March 1 after 8:30 AM Mass, Parish Hall.

**Altar & Rosary Society Meeting** — Tuesday, March 3, Rosary @ 6 PM, Meeting 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.**

**Stations of the Cross — Friday evenings at 6:00 PM during Lent.**

**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**

**Rosary** — Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.

**Pray Rosary — Wednesday evenings at 5:00 PM during Lent.**

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

**Lenten Devotions — Friday evenings during Lent: 1-Hour of Adoration at 5 PM followed by the Stations of the Cross.**

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



**FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

**Please observe the Lenten regulations of Fast and Abstinence.**



**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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**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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217-285-4321

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