

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 8, 2026**

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16

<b>Offering</b> 	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Mark</b>
Sunday Contributions	2523.00	782.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	254.00

 Ash Wednesday

**Mass Schedule Lent Begins**

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

**Stewardship Reflection**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help. Parish Link

**Women’s faith, wine, and chocolate night**

Women of the diocese are invited to a beautiful evening of prayer, fellowship, and faith on Wednesday, March 25, at the Villa Maira Retreat Center on Lake Springfield in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The night begins with Mass at 6 p.m., honoring Mary’s joyful “yes” to God, followed by a relaxed and meaningful gathering featuring wine, chocolate (Lenten penances are not obligatory on solemnities), and guided discussion. The night ends at 9 p.m. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live as women after the model of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, growing in friendship with Christ, Our Lady, and one another. The cost is \$10. Registration deadline is March 20. Go to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) to register.



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9  
**8:00 AM (W) NO MASS \***

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 **St. Scholastica**  
**8:00 AM (P) NO MASS \***

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**8:00 AM (P) Benita Boone**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
**8:00 AM (W) + Vivian & Edwin Schulte**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
**8:00 AM (P) NO MASS \***

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 **St. Cyril**  
**8:00 AM (P) NO MASS \***  
**6:00 PM (P) NO MASS \***

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
**8:30 AM (P) + Edward Benz**  
**10:30 AM (W) + Kathy Moore**

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

**LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE**

**ST. MARY**  
**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**FEBRUARY 15 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY**  
Lector – Jeff Stark  
Ushers – Volunteers  
Server – Ben & Ian Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

**ST. MARK**  
**FEBRUARY 8 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY**  
Lector – Jan Ala

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

**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**




**LENT IS COMING VERY SOON  
 LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (*in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow*), serious prayer, and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

- ✚ **Abstinence** — Everyone **14 years of age and over** is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ✚ **Fast** — Everyone **18 years of age** and **under 59** is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ✚ **On these two days of fast and abstinence**, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- ✚ **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

**OUR ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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



**Father Mark’s Homilies Online:**

**[www.stmaryspittsfield.org](http://www.stmaryspittsfield.org)**

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**ST. MARY**

**Rosary Before and After Mass** — Sundays (to be offered for Father and his healing).  
**K of C Meeting - St. Mark's**, Monday February 16 at 6:30 PM.  
**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.**  
**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** — on hold at this time..  
**Legion of Mary** — Friday mornings, 8:45 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.



**Bishop Paprocki is joining bishops across the country in calling for the faithful to pray a Holy Hour for Peace before the Blessed Sacrament in your church, praying specifically for peace in our communities, in the U.S., and for those suffering persecution in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Nigeria. Your prayers and acts of love are powerful instruments of God's peace — join in this moment of hope and healing.**



**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.



**THANKS TO ALL**

Thanks to all parishioners who contributed in any way to our Country Breakfast. We had a very successful day! (We netted over \$1100.00 toward our kitchen renovation!) The teamwork was greatly appreciated, whether you attended, donated or worked.

**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.

**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.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls:**

**JOANNE QUINN**

*(member of St. Mary's Parish and mother of Mickey Elliott)*

**JANET R. LAKE**

*(mother of Donna Killday of St. Mary's Parish)*

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



**New! Sign up to receive Diocesan Pro-Life Newsletter**

Stay rooted in the Gospel of Life and connected to pro-life efforts across our diocese. Get quarterly updates on prayer opportunities, formation, advocacy, and human dignity issues — no fundraising, ever. Sign up today! Scan the QR code.



**ST. MARY**

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 Pittsfield, IL 62363  
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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



**Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

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**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki**

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 217-321-1155

**Rev. Mark A. Schulte, Pastor**  
**Parish Secretaries:** Pat Galle & Jo Whewell  
 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