

**The Baptism of the Lord  
January 11, 2026**

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"  
MATTHEW 3:14

**Offering**  **St. Mary** **St. Mark**

Sunday Contributions	3911.00	1201.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	248.00

**Do You Have Holy Water in Your Home?**

This is just a reminder to **ST. MARY** parishioners that holy water bottles are available in the back of church at the holy water font.

Please take one home.

Holy water is a significant **sacramental** in the Catholic Church, symbolizing purification and blessing, and is often discussed in the context of teachings from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. (USCCB) Holy water is blessed water used in various Catholic Rituals, primarily as a **reminder of Baptism and a means of sanctification**. It serves as a sacramental that helps the faithful recall their baptism and the grace received through it. The Church encourages the use of Holy Water for its **spiritual benefits including: protection from evil, healing and the forgiveness of venial sins**.

Taken from USCCB

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The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

**Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK**

**LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE  
MASS SCHEULE FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, JANUARY 12 St. Marguerite  
**8:00 AM (W) NO MASS \***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 St. Hilary  
**8:00 AM (P) NO MASS \***

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14  
**8:00 AM (P) Cory McClellan**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15  
**8:00 AM (W) + Curtis Family**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16  
**8:00 AM (P) NO MASS \***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 St. Anthony Abbot  
**8:00 AM (P) NO MASS \***  
**6:00 PM (P) NO MASS \***

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18  
**8:30 AM (P) + Jean Gipperich**  
**10:30 AM (W) + Kathy Moore**

**\* PLEASE NOTE \***

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

**ST. MARY**

**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**JANUARY 18 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector – Jeff Stark  
Ushers – Volunteers  
Server – Eli & Sam Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

**ST. MARK**

**JANUARY 11 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector — Jenny Schmidgall

**JANUARY 18 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY**

Lector — Andy Moss

**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 — Lindell Shireman - Jim Stark  
Mary Fran Smith — Donna Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Joshua Turpin  
Carol Ward - Kent & Connie Wesson — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall



**CATECHETICAL CORNER (by Jo Whewell)**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

The Baptism of the Lord is a significant feast in the Catholic Church, commemorating the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, and it emphasizes the importance of baptism in the Christian faith.

**Significance of the Feast**

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. This feast highlights the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and the initiation of His public ministry. It serves as a reminder of the importance of baptism as a sacrament of initiation into the Christian community and the grace it imparts to believers.

**Scriptural Readings**

The readings for the Baptism of the Lord typically include passages that recount the event of Jesus' baptism and its significance. For example, the Gospel reading often includes the account from the Gospel of Matthew (3:13-17), where Jesus comes to John to be baptized, and the heavens open with the voice of the Father proclaiming Him as His beloved Son.

**Theological Implications**

The Baptism of the Lord is not only a historical event but also a theological cornerstone or understanding the sacrament of baptism. It signifies the beginning of Jesus' mission and His identification with humanity. Through His baptism, Jesus sanctifies the waters of baptism, making it a means of grace for all believers. This event also emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and the importance of being baptized into the faith.

**In summary**, the Baptism of the Lord is a profound feast that invites the faithful to reflect on the significance of baptism in their lives and the call to live out their faith as children of God. For more detailed information, you can refer to the official USCCB resources on this feast.

Taken from USCCB

**Please welcome Mickey Elliott as the  
Interim Director of Religious Education (DRE) for St. Mary's!**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January Schedule AT THIS TIME

**Daily Mass — 8:00 AM**

**Wednesday (St. Mary)**

**Thursday (St. Mark)**

**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**

**We welcome Father Schulte back as the celebrant at our Sunday Masses!**

**Thank you for your continued prayers!**

## UPCOMING COUNTRY BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus and **St. Mary's**

Altar & Rosary Society

are sponsoring a **Country Breakfast**.



Everyone is welcome so please join us on:  
**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Time: 9 AM - 12: 30 PM**

**Location: St. Mary's Parish Hall**

**Menu:** Breakfast casserole, sausage links, scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, and fruit

**Cost:** By Free Will Donation

All proceeds are toward kitchen renovation!

**Pray to End Abortion**

## ST. MARK'S Altar Society

will hold their meeting this

**Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 PM in the Rectory.**



## The Knights of Columbus



will meet on  
**Monday, January 19th**  
at 6:30 PM  
at **ST. MARY**.  
Hope to see you there!

Humble  
Acts  
of  
Devotion



are the  
surest  
sign of  
Faith.

## Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2026! World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! The following upcoming weekend experiences are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO  
4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO  
6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

## Father Mark's Homilies Online:

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

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### ST. MARY

**Take Down Christmas Decorations** — Sunday, January 11th, after 8:30 AM Mass.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** — Monday, January 19, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.

**Country Breakfast** — Sunday, January 25, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Parish Hall.

**Rosary Before and After Mass** — **No Rosary after Mass THIS SUNDAY January 11th.**

**That Man Is You** — **Will resume Wednesday, January 21**, 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, 9:45 AM, Gathering Space.

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

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

### ST. MARK

**Altar Society Meeting** — **Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 PM in the RECTORY.**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** — Monday, January 19, 6:30 PM, at **ST. MARY'S**.



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

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

**Bread of Love** — Week of: January 20, March 2, April 13, May 26.



**TODAY AT ST. MARY'S — Volunteers needed to help take down Christmas decorations THIS Sunday, January 11th, after 8:30 AM Mass. There will be no Rosary after Mass.**



### ST. MARY

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

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**Office:** (217) 285-4321 / **Fax:** (217) 285-9400 / [stmarymark@gmail.com](mailto:stmarymark@gmail.com)

**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 8:30 AM / **NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**Daily Mass:** Wednesday 8:00 AM



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** **after Wednesday Mass or by appointment.**

### ST. MARK

**Online Giving:** <https://www.pushpay.com/g/stmarkwinchester>

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

**Daily Mass:** Thursday 8:00 AM **Reconciliation: after Thursday Mass or by appointment.**



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**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki**

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation Number

217-321-1155

**Rev. Mark A. Schulte, Pastor**

**Parish Secretaries:** Pat Galle & Jo Whewell

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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