

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

Offering	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	1747.00	828.00
Online Giving	0.00	125.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	250.00

FREE LUNCH MONDAY

St. Mark's is in charge of the *Free Lunch Monday on January 26*. If you would like to help by donating any items that are needed, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Any donation would be greatly appreciated! **It takes a lot to feed hungry teenagers!**

Sign up now for Illinois Pro-Life Mass and attend Illinois Pro-Life March afterward – On **Thursday, March 19**, you are invited to join thousands of pro-life advocates, being a joyful witness to life and raising your voice for the voiceless at the Illinois Pro-Life Mass and March. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. at the Exposition Building on the grounds of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and concelebrated by bishops and priests from across the state. You must register for the Mass by going to dio.org. After the Mass, there is a **rally at the capitol at 1 p.m.** with guest speakers, and then a march around the capitol at 2 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be going on at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from noon to 5 p.m. Confessions at the Cathedral will also be available from 1:30 – 5 p.m. Last year, about 2,000 people attended the Illinois Pro-Life March, the vast majority being students from Catholic grade schools, high schools, and Newman Centers. Priests, seminarians, religious, and the lay faithful from every corner of the diocese and the state also showed up in strong numbers.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE
MASS SCHEULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM (W) NO MASS *

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 **St. Fabian**

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 **St. Agnes**

8:00 AM (P) + Vivian & Edwin Schulte

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00 AM (W) + Dorothy Sauer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 **St. Vincent/St. Marianne Cope**

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 **St. Francis DeSales**

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

6:00 PM (P) NO MASS *

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30 AM (P) + Lanny Lemons

10:30 AM (W) + Mark Walbaum

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

NO Saturday Evening Mass

Weekday Masses Wednesday/Thursday Only

ST. MARY

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

JANUARY 25 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Mark Welch

Ushers – Volunteers

Server – Ben & Ian Musgrave, Timothy Wessing

ST. MARK

JANUARY 18 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Andy Moss

JANUARY 25 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Theresa Sauer

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pat Dailey — Baby Gray and Family — Theresa Cooley — Sandy Davies
Joann Delacruz — Joan Dieker — 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 Wason — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall



CATECHETICAL CORNER (by Jo Whewell)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period is known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time begins on Monday after the Sunday following January 6 and continues until Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, inclusive. It begins again on Monday after Pentecost and ends before evening prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent."

EWTN

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

USCCB

Catholics nationwide are invited to pray **"9 Days for Life," an annual Respect Life novena** **starting Friday, January 16—Saturday, January 24, 2026.** A novena consists of prayers over nine successive days. This particular novena is an opportunity for prayer and penance in observance of the annual **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22.**

All are invited to sign up. Participants may access the novena or subscribe to receive the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Printed copies of the 9-day Novena are available:

ST. MARY — Gathering Space

ST. MARK — Back of Church

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!

**The Knights of Columbus**

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

2025 Contribution Statements

Please contact the Parish Office to request a copy.

217-285-4321**stmarymark@gmail.com****Father Mark's Homilies Online:****www.stmaryspittsfield.org****St. Mary's Catholic Church****Country Breakfast**
Free Will Donation**January 25, 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

Are you planning for a Pilgrimage? Pilgrimage to Poland with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki — Join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and Father Jerome Koutnik on a 9-day pilgrimage to Poland, **April 6-14, 2026**, "In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II." Highlights include visits to Krakow, Czestochowa, Zakopane, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, and Wadowice—the birthplace of St. John Paul II. The pilgrimage features daily Mass, first-class hotels, private luxury transportation, professional guides, and all admission fees. Cost: \$4,250 per person from Chicago, IL (includes round-trip airfare, taxes, meals, and more).

For details or to register,
visit pilgrimtravel.info.

Pray to End Abortion

January 18, 2026 . Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**ST. MARY****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** — 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** — 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****Knights of Columbus Meeting** — Monday, January 19, 6:30 PM, at **ST. MARY'S**.**Free Lunch Monday** — Monday, January 26th.**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.****JANUARY 22, 2026****Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

**ST. MARY****Website:** www.stmaryspittsfield.org**Online Giving:** <https://www.pushpay.com/g/stmaryspittsfield>**Office:** (217) 285-4321 / **Fax:** (217) 285-9400 / 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>**Office:** (217) 285-4321 / stmarymark@gmail.com**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 10:30 AM / **NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS****Daily Mass:** Thursday 8:00 AM **Reconciliation:** **after Thursday Mass or by appointment.****Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

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www.dio.org**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki****Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation Number**

217-321-1155

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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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