

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2026

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
MATTHEW 4:22

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

Sunday Contributions	3311.00	755.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	204.00

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Sign up now for Illinois Pro-Life Mass and attend Illinois Pro-Life March afterward

ward – 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 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus
8:00 AM (W) NO MASS *

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 St. Angela Merici
8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 St. Thomas Aquinas
8:00 AM (P) Father Mark Schulte

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
8:00 AM (W) + Don Lawless

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 St. John Bosco
8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *
6:00 PM (P) NO MASS *

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:30 AM (P) + Chris Nichols
10:30 AM (W) John & Pat Dailey

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

NO Saturday Evening Mass

Weekday Masses Wednesday/Thursday Only

ST. MARY

NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

FEBRUARY 1 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Gabe Wheelan

Ushers – Volunteers

Server – Bodie & Asher Marable, Timothy Wessing

ST. MARK

JANUARY 25 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Theresa Sauer

FEBRUARY 1 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Janet Paslay

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 Wesson – Sharon Wiese – Colleen Wishall



CATECHETICAL CORNER

The Liturgical Year

For Catholics, the Church year is the **Liturgical Year**, a sequence of seasons and feasts that are celebrated in the liturgy - the official public prayer of the Church - during a year's time. Unlike our traditional 365-day calendar, the purpose of the Liturgical Year Calendar is not to mark the passage of time, but to more fully celebrate and understand the entire mystery of Jesus Christ, from his Incarnation and birth until his Ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of his return in glory.

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

Advent - Four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Christmas - Recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

Ordinary Time – First of two parts. During this season, we celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and what it means to be his disciple.

Lent - Six-week period to pray, give alms, and fast in order to grow closer to Jesus and to one another.

Sacred Paschal Triduum - The holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Easter - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit.

Ordinary Time – Second part lasting about six months after Easter Time. The faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people. The season is called Ordinary Time because the weeks are named in numerical order.

Each liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent during the preceding calendar year (i.e., the First Sunday of Advent in 2025 began the 2026 liturgical year).

<https://catholicstraightanswers.com/>

Father Mark's Homilies Online:

www.stmaryspittsfield.org

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!

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!

Another Pilgrimage Opportunity

Several churches in diocese available for Special Year of
St. Francis pilgrimage so you can receive indulgence —
Pope Leo XIV declared a Special Year of St. Francis to mark
the 800th anniversary of his death, running until January
2027. During this time, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence
by visiting Franciscan churches or praying spiritually if
unable to travel, following the usual conditions of going to
Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the
pope's intentions (e.g., one Our Father and Hail Mary). For
example, in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, one can
make a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis,
St. Francis of Assisi Church in Springfield, St. Francis of
Assisi Church in Hardin, or St. Francis Adoration Chapel in
Alton (home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Martyr St. George).

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:
www.40daysforlife.com. MCRTL hopes to have many
more pray weekly or monthly at Planned Parenthood,
601 Bruns, Springfield. Volunteers needed.

DATE CHANGE to February 1st!

St. Mary's Catholic Church



Sponsored by:



Breakfast Casserole
Sausage links
Scrambled Eggs
Pancakes
Biscuits and Gravy
Fruit
Coffee Cake

Country Breakfast Free Will Donation

February 1, 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

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 24th – 25th** 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.

ST. MARY — gathering space
ST. MARK — back of church

Deadline to register is Feb 14th.
Contact Mary Ann Sullivan 217-822-1928.

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Country Breakfast — DATE CHANGED to next Sunday, February 1st !!!!

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, 8:45 AM, Gathering Space except 1st Friday 9:45AM.

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

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

ST. MARK

Free Lunch Monday — Monday, January 26th (Sign-up sheet in back of church).

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.



2025 Contribution Statements

Please contact the Parish Office
to request a copy.
217-285-4321
stmarymark@gmail.com

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION (WOD) Ballots

ST. MARY Ballots are available in the Gathering
Space for our Annual Diocesan Woman of
Distinction Award. Please take a ballot and enter
your vote for our Woman of Distinction this year.
Names of our previous winners are also listed.
Coming to our Diocese on June 21st.

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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

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



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Website: www.stmaryspittsfield.org

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

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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.**



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

(217) 698-8500

www.dio.org

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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