


**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026**

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” JOHN 11:40

 Offering	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	2846.00	825.00
Online Giving	0.00	125.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	233.00
Parish Hall (weekly)	179.00	N/A

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

NO soup or sandwiches after Stations of the Cross.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 2) 7 PM — St. Mary

Good Friday (April 3) 5 PM — St. Mark
Good Friday (April 3) 7 PM — St. Mary

Holy Saturday (April 4) 7 PM — St. Mary

Easter Sunday (April 5)

8:30 AM — St. Mary
10:30 AM — St. Mark



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 23 **St. Turibius**
8:00 AM (W) **NO MASS ***

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 **St. Oscar Romero**
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS ***

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 **The Annunciation**
8:00 AM (P) + **Joanne Quinn**

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
8:00 AM (W) + **Deceased Priests of Diocese**

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
8:00 AM (P) **NO MASS ***

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
8:30 AM (P) **Gloria Heinen**
10:30 AM (W) + **Richard Brown**

NO Saturday Evening Mass
Weekday Masses Wednesday/Thursday

LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE

No longer published in bulletin.

Refer to monthly schedule as provided.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Parish Link

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Pat Dailey — Sandy Davies — Joann Delacruz — Khoy DeWitt
Joan Dieker — Bill Hannant — Gloria Heinen — Laura Hughes — Jace Michael Kunkle
Kris Lundberg — Becky Mann — Aaron McCarter — Aniyah McCarter
Kingston McCarter — Gary McCartney — Dawn Partain — John Peters
Kay Rowley — Teresa Shank — Lindell Shireman — Jim Stark
Mary Fran Smith — Donna Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Joshua Turpin
Kent & Connie Wasson — Gene Whewell — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall

Catechetical Corner

Holy Thursday Ritual Actions

The Triduum (TRIH-du-um) is the time of the Church year when we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This three-day celebration begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. Then, on Saturday at sundown, the Church re-gathers to celebrate the final, and most grand moment of the Triduum: the Resurrection of our Lord.

The Mass on Holy Thursday is commonly known as the Feast of the Lord's Supper. This Mass is a time for Catholics to remember the last Supper where Jesus and His apostles gathered to celebrate Passover. In the Holy Thursday celebration, two ritual actions stand out among the rest.

At the Last Supper Jesus took a basin and a towel, got down on His hands and knees and washed the feet of His Apostles. Foot washing is not a re-enactment or re-creation of a past event, but rather, it is a commemorative action that reminds us that God calls us first and foremost to be servants to others in our daily lives.

At the very first Last Supper, Jesus also instituted the Eucharist for the Church. At this Holy Thursday celebration, we are reminded of who we are in Jesus Christ and that, through the sacrament of the Eucharist, we can and we become even more the Body of Christ together.

At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday celebration, there is no concluding prayer. Once the celebration of the Eucharist is completed, there is a Eucharistic Procession (where the Eucharist that is left from Communion is processed to a Chapel of Reservation). This procession to the Chapel of Reservation reminds us of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane, when He prayed so fervently through the night. The entire community is invited to join in silent prayer and adoration. The gathered community leaves in silence only to return in prayer the next day for the Good Friday celebration.

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/walking-through-the-triduum/>

MARCH 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 your prayers!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will meet **Monday, March 23rd, 6:30 PM, at ST. MARY'S Parish Hall.**

(This is the meeting that was postponed from March 16th).



ST. MARK — Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Free Lunch** for the high school students.



Need Helping Hands

Do you have free time to volunteer to help with St. Mary's Seasonal Church Cleaning

We are looking for helping hands to deep clean **ST. MARY'S Church** prior to our Easter Celebration. Any day, any time can be arranged for your convenience prior to March 27, 2026.

Examples of projects to be undertaken include: windows (valences and blinds), overhead lights, baseboards cleaned, black cassocks and white surplices washed, etc. Work at your own pace! Form your own crew. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you can help us, or would like more information, please contact Brenda Rennecker, Lisa Welch or Mickey Elliott.

ST. MARY'S

Altar and Rosary Society

will sponsor a **bake sale** next Sunday, **March 29, 2026** in the **Gathering Space**. All ladies (and men if you like to bake) are asked to donate baked goods for this event. The items will be sold as "free will donation" and all proceeds will go to **St. Mary's Renovation Project Fund**.



Please pray for the repose of the soul:

DAVE PFEIFFER

(member of St. Mark's Parish)

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



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 EWTN Learn 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

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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.



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ST. MARY

Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, March 23, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.

Altar Society Bake Sale — Sunday, March 29, Gathering Space, Free Will Donation!

Rosary Before and After Mass — Sundays (to be offered for Father and his healing).

Easter Choir Practice — Tuesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, church choir loft.

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

Food Pantry Collection — First weekend each month at Masses (April 4 & 5).

24-Eucharistic Adoration — First Friday/Saturday (No Adoration in April / Holy Week) .

ST. MARK

Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, March 23, 6:30 PM at ST. MARY'S.

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: April 13, May 26.



Father Mark's Homilies Online:

www.stmaryspittsfield.org

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



ST. MARK

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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