


**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord
March 29, 2026**

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32

Offering 	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	2524.00	773.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	N/A	258.00
Parish Hall (weekly)	601.00	N/A

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



Divine Mercy Sunday

ST. MARY

Sunday — April 12
3:00 PM

- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- † Divine Mercy Chaplet
- † Confessions



A Journey Through Lent

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 AM (W) NO MASS *

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM (P) NO MASS *

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM (P) + Fr. Robert (Bud) DeGrand

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 **Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM (P) Lawrence & Rachel Smith

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 **Good Friday Services**

5:00 PM (W) NO MASS INTENTION

7:00 PM (P) NO MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 **Holy Saturday**

7:00 PM (P) + Heidi Coe

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 AM (P) + William (Bill) Henderson

10:30 AM (W) + Kathy Moore

LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE

No longer published in bulletin.

Refer to monthly schedule as provided.

PALM SUNDAY

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return. Taken from Parish Link

Father Mark’s Homilies Online:

www.stmaryspittsfield.org

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 — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall

Catechetical Corner

On Good Friday, by a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. On this day, Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful only within the celebration of the Lord’s Passion; but it may be brought at any hour of the day to the sick who cannot participate in this celebration. The altar should be completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths.

On the afternoon of Good Friday, at about three o'clock (unless a later hour is chosen for a pastoral reason), there takes place the celebration of the Lord's Passion consisting of three parts, namely, the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Key Elements:

- **Liturgy of the Word:** Includes readings from Scripture, focusing on the Passion of Christ.
- **Veneration of the Cross:** Parishioners approach and show reverence to the cross, often by kneeling or kissing it.
- **Intercessions:** Prayers for the Church, the world, and those in need are offered.
- **Communion Service:** Distribution of the Eucharist, typically using hosts consecrated at the previous Mass.
- **Silent Reflection:** Time for personal prayer and contemplation after Communion.
- **Departure in Silence:** The service concludes without a formal dismissal.

JUST A REMINDER

See the Holy Week Schedule in our bulletin for times for our Good Friday Services!

GOOD FRIDAY REGULATIONS

Abstinence: Refrain from meat, ages 14+

Fasting: One full meal + two smaller meals, ages 18–59

APRIL MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS — 8:00 AM
Wednesday — ST MARY
Thursday — ST. MARK (No 8AM Holy Thursday)

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



Thank you from Father Schulte

A sincere thanks to all who sent me cards, gifts, prayers and masses for my birthday! Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated!

BAKE SALE TODAY!

ST. MARY'S
Altar and Rosary Society
March 29 in the Gathering Space. The items will be sold as "free will donation" and all proceeds will go to **St. Mary's Renovation Project Fund.**



SCHOLARSHIP — ST. MARY

The guidelines and application for the **Virginia Redman Scholarship** are now available. Students eligible for the scholarship must have lived in the **St. MARY'S Parish** for at least one year and regularly attend Mass. You must attend as a full time student and the scholarship is for any accredited school. **Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2026 to be considered for the 2026-2027 school year.** Please contact the parish office for an application.



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OUR SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

April 2 - OPERATION RICE BOWL
 April 3 - HOLY LAND
 April 5 - SEMINARIANS

Thank You in advance for keeping our Diocesan Collections during Holy Week in mind.
 Thanks for your continued generosity & support!

Catholic Psychologist: These are the MUSTS to Keep Your Kids Safe Online

It's one of the biggest challenges facing Catholic families — protecting their homes and family member's souls from online dangers, especially children. Whether it's sexual content, social media, or children playing video games with friends. Dr. Peter Kleponis — a Catholic pastoral counselor, author, and Director of Integrity Counseling Services joins Dive Deep to address what families are underestimating, when is the right age for a child to have social media, and what are practical, faith-filled strategies for building a digitally safe, spiritually strong home? Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Protect Your Kids Online

Do you wish that someone had told you early on about the dangers of pornography? Do you ever wonder how to introduce the topic to your kids and when? The average age of first exposure to porn is 8 to 10 years old. When girls internalize the harmful images in porn, they are likely to have issues with self-esteem, body image, and relationships, and 58% of girls have seen porn by age 12. The resources at [go.dio.org/2XY](https://www.go.dio.org/2XY) will help your children learn about healthy intimacy and understand healthy sexuality as well as protect them from the damage that pornography can do to their brain and to their relationships.
 From Parish Link

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ST. MARY

Altar Society Bake Sale — TODAY, March 29, Gathering Space, Free Will Donation.
NO First Friday/Saturday Adoration/Mass on April 3 & 4 due to Holy Week.
NO Donut Sunday in April / Easter Sunday.

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting — Tuesday, April 7, Rosary @ 6 PM, Meeting at 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.
Country Breakfast — Sunday, April 19th, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Parish Hall (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 — Yes, PSR this Wednesday evening, APRIL 1, 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
Adult Education Class — Last Class, this Wednesday evening, APRIL 1, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.
Hour of Adoration (healing for Father) — Fridays, 3-4 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM.
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
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

Rosary — Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.
Men's Group — Thursday mornings, 6:45 AM, Church Basement.
Bread of Love — Weeks of: April 13, May 26.



ST. MARY — During the month of April !

DUE TO HOLY WEEK
NO Donut Sunday (Easter Sunday)
NO 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration (Good Friday)

ST. MARY
COUNTRY BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 19th
Posters available in gathering space.

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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Weekend Mass: Sunday 10:30 AM / **NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS**
Daily Mass: Thursday 8:00 AM **Reconciliation: after Thursday Mass and Sunday Mass**



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 8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM
 12:30 PM -- 4:30 PM