


**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

*“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7*

 <b>Offering</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Mark</b>
<b>Sunday Contributions</b>	<b>3004.00</b>	<b>715.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Rectory Roof (weekly)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>226.00</b>
<b>Parish Hall (weekly)</b>	<b>342.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan. Parish Link

**Confirmation for Adults at Pentecost**

For adults who have been baptized but still have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Bishop Paprocki invites you to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, May 24 to complete your initiation. To request registration information regarding this event, please contact Kyle Holtgrave at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154 for details.

**Deadline to register is  
Monday, May 11.**

**Father Mark’s  
Homilies Online:  
[www.stmaryspittsfield.org](http://www.stmaryspittsfield.org)**



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, MAY 4  
**8:00 AM (W) Dolores Marques**

TUESDAY, MAY 5  
**8:00 AM (P) Sue Evans**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6  
**8:00 AM (P) John & Bernadette Bilderback family**

THURSDAY, MAY 7  
**8:00 AM (W) + Deceased of Paul McGrath**

FRIDAY, MAY 8  
**8:00 AM (P) All Parishioners**

SATURDAY, MAY 9  
**8:00 AM (P) + Joanne Quinn  
6:00 PM (P) + Edward Benz**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
SUNDAY, MAY 10  
**8:30 AM (P) Angela Lipcamon  
10:30 AM (W) + Dr. John Dailey**

**LITURGY SERVER SCHEDULE**

**No longer published in bulletin.  
Refer to monthly schedule as provided.**

**Pray with the Pope is**

a global initiative of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network where the Holy Father shares his monthly prayer intention, an invitation to pray and mobilize for the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church, through **The Pope Video** and **The Pope Audio**. Simple and accessible, it helps anyone, anywhere, **take a moment to pray with the Pope** and stay connected to the Church’s mission. [Pray with the Pope - For priests in crisis](#)



**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR SICK**



**Pat Dailey – Sandy Davies – Joann Delacruz – Khoy DeWitt  
Joan Dieker – Bill Hannant – Jace Michael Kunkle  
Kris Lundberg – Becky Mann – Aaron McCarter – Aniyah McCarter  
Kingston McCarter – Gary McCartney – Dawn Partain  
Mary Pranger – Kay Rowley – Teresa Shank – Lindell Shireman – Jim Stark  
Mary Fran Smith – Donna Smith – Raylan Turnbull – Joshua Turpin  
Kent & Connie Wasson – Colleen Wishall**

**Catechetical Corner**

**SEVEN HEAVENLY VIRTUES**

The Catholic tradition teaches that the Seven Deadly Sins can be classified by the Seven Heavenly Virtues they oppose. (CCC 1866)

**Humility (Pride)** - Humility is the recognition of the truth: that all good gifts come from God. A humble person accepts correction without resentment and does not seek status. (CCC 2546, 2559)

**Charity (Envy)** -This virtue enables us to rejoice in the good fortune of others. To conquer envy, make a habit of praying specifically for the person you envy. This spiritual act neutralizes the poison of resentment. (CCC 1822,1829, 1832)

**Patience / Meekness (Wrath)** - Patience is often called the “Guardian of the Virtues” because it preserves the peace of the soul against the storms of life. It is not merely waiting; it is the strength to endure present evils, whether physical pain, insults, or daily frustrations—without giving in to sadness or resentment. While Patience helps us endure external provocations, Meekness is the specific virtue that governs our internal response. Far from being weak, meekness is actually “strength under control”—the power to temper the onset of anger so that it does not override our reason. (CCC 1866)

**Diligence (Sloth)** - Diligence is the direct remedial virtue to the capital sin of sloth. It is characterized by active engagement and perseverance in spiritual life. (CCC 2094, 2733)

**Charity / Generosity (Greed / Avarice)** - This virtue fights greed by freely giving away what we have. It recognizes that we are stewards, not owners, of God’s gifts. (CCC 1822, 1832, 2093)

**Temperance (Gluttony)** - Temperance is the cardinal moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasure and provides a balance in the use of *created* goods. It ensures the mastery of the *will* over instinct and keeps *natural* desires within proper and honorable limits. (CCC 1809, 2341, 2407, 2517)

**Chastity (Lust)** - Chastity is the successful integration of sexuality within the person. It is not just suppression; it is the freedom to love others rightly. (CCC 915, 2337, 2349, 2520)

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**MASS SCHEDULE RESUMED:**

**Beginning Monday, April 20th**

**DAILY MASS — 8:00 AM**

**ST MARY**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday**

**ST. MARK**

**Monday & Thursday**

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

**ST. MARY — 6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY MORNING MASSES**

**ST. MARY — 8:30 AM**

**ST. MARK — 10:30 AM**

**CONFESSIONS**

**ST. MARY — Saturday evening after Mass**

**ST. MARK — Sunday morning after Mass**



**ST. MARY  
Food Pantry  
Masses this Weekend  
May 2 & 3**



**ST. MARY'S  
Altar and Rosary Society**  
will meet **Tuesday, May 5,  
6 PM at Gianni's Pizza**  
as their last gathering before  
Summer Break.

**All are welcome!  
Come  
Join  
Us !**



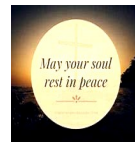
**Protect Your Kids Online** – Do you wish that someone had told you early on about the dangers of pornography? Do you ever wonder how to introduce the topic to your kids and when? The average age of first exposure to porn is 8 to 10 years old. When girls internalize the harmful images in porn, they 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](http://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. Questions? Contact Gracie at 217-321-1124 or [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org).

**Please pray for the repose of the soul:**

**TOM RAY**

*(member of ST. MARY'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.



**Pray to End Abortion**

**May 3, 2026 . Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**ST. MARY**

**Donut Sunday — THIS SUNDAY, May 3, after Mass, LAST ONE before summer break!**  
**Altar & Rosary Society — Tuesday, May 5, 6 PM, Gianni's Pizza (last gathering before summer break).**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** — Monday, May 18, 6:30 PM at **ST. MARK'S**.

**Men's Group** — Wednesday mornings, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

**Bible Study — Introduction to Theology of Body**, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM, Parish Hall.

**Legion of Mary** — Friday morning, after Mass in Gathering Space.

**Men's Group** — Saturday morning, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** — Saturday morning after 8:00 AM Mass.

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

**Food Pantry Collection** — First weekend each month at Masses (May 2 & 3).

**24-Eucharistic Adoration** — First Friday/Saturday (June 5 & 6).

**ST. MARK**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** — Monday, May 18, 6:30 PM, Church Basement.

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

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

**Bread of Love** — Week of: May 26.



**ST. MARY DONUT SUNDAY  
JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL  
AFTER 8:30 AM MASS!  
(Last One Before Summer Break!)**



Welcome,  
Fr. Jason Stone

As Father Mark announced to us this past weekend, Reverend Jason P. Stone has been appointed Parochial Administrator of our parishes to assist Father Mark effective July 1, 2026.

If you would like to send a card of welcome to Fr. Jason, his address is:  
3850 Lourdes Drive  
Decatur IL 62526

**St. Mary School in Mt. Sterling**, a PreK-8 Catholic School, is **seeking a PRINCIPAL**. For more detailed information including salary range, benefits, required qualifications, school information, and how to apply, please reach out to the Pastor, Fr. Aaron Kuhn at [akuhn@smseagle.org](mailto:akuhn@smseagle.org). Interested candidates will need to submit an application package by May 20.

226 E. Adams  
Pittsfield, IL 62363

**ST. MARY**

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

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

Office: (217) 285-4321 / Fax: (217) 285-9400 / [secretary@stmaryspittsfield.org](mailto:secretary@stmaryspittsfield.org)

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 6:00 PM / Sunday 8:30 AM

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 AM

**Confession:** after 6:00 PM Saturday evening Mass



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Winchester, IL 62694

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**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 10:30 AM

**Daily Mass:** Monday & Thursday 8:00 AM

**Confession:** after 10:30 AM Sunday morning Mass



**Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

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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