The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." John 3:16

Offerin9	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	3878.00	613.00
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)		339.00

Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa empowers the Church to fulfill its mission as peacemaker to those who have most suffered fear and violence. Please be generous to this collection for the Solidarity Fund through the offertory collection.

Excerpts from letter from Bishop Paprocki Will be gathered on weekend of Sept. 20/21

ST. MARY PORK LOIN MEAL

will be on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Each parish family is asked to donate one pie and \$25.00 to help defray cost of supplies. Watch for sign up sheet in gathering space. There are fliers for this event, and families are asked to take a flier and post where you feel it would be beneficial. Thanks to all for your help in making our meal successful.

BULLETIN PRAY FOR OUR SICK —

Please contact the parish office when we can remove a name from the prayer list. Going forward the names will be listed for one month only, unless the parish office is notified. **Thank you!**





MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 8:00 AM (W) No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 **Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian 8:00 AM (P) No Daily Mass**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 **St. Robt Bellarmine St. Hildegard**

8:00 AM (P) No Daily Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM (W) No Daily Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 St. Januarius 8:00 AM (P) + Jeanie Goodwin No Adoration following Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions

8:00 AM (P) All Parishioners 6:00 PM (P) + Heidi Coe

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 AM (P) + Phyllis Clendenny VanStrien 10:30 AM (W) Special Intention

SERVER SCHEDULE

ST. MARY

SEPTEMBER 20 - 6:00 PM - SATURDAY

Lector – Chuck Bartlett

Ushers - Volunteers

Server – Chase Henderson

SEPTEMBER 21 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

<u>Lector</u> - Craig Welch

Ushers - Volunteers

<u>Server</u> – Ben & Ian Musgrave

ST. MARK

SEPTEMBER 14 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Jan Ala

SEPTEMBER 21 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

<u>Lector</u> — Theresa Sauer

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pat Dailey — Baby Gray and Family — Theresa Cooley
Ray Davenport — Sandy Davies — Khoy Michael DeWitt — Becky Ghrist
Bill Hannant — Joyce Kuck Jace Michael Kunkle
Aaron McCarter — Aniyah McCarter — Kingston McCarter —
Gary McCartney — Dawn Partain — John Peters — Dave Pfeiffer
Kay Rowley — Carol Seybold — Teresa Shank — Jason Shireman
Lyndell Shireman — Mary Fran Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Carol Ward
Kent & Connie Wasson — Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall



Catechetical Corner

On Divine Mercy: from the Diary of St. Faustina

"On one occasion, Jesus gave me to know that when I pray for intentions which people are wont to entrust to me, He is always ready to grant His graces, but souls do not always want to accept them:

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners ... it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from my Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy (Diary, 367)."

[Jesus said,] Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion (Diary, 1146).

[Jesus said,] I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You" (Diary, 327).

Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and enobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity (Diary, 1602).

When I went for adoration, I heard these words: ... Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls (Diary, 1074).

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter Sunday



The K of C will meet on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM at ST. MARY. Hope to see you there!

Please pray for the repose of the soul:

Chris Nichols (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.



Next Women's Study will be Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 AM in St. Mary's parish hall. (Read Chapter 3 of the Story of a Soul).

QDCCW officers are hosting an elegant 3-course Tea Party to raise funds for Hope House of Quincy. This event will take place on Sunday, November 9 at 2 PM at the Lorenzo-Bull House at 1550 Maine Street, Quincy, IL. The mission of Hope House is to save the lives of the unborn by engaging and empowering mothers with the love of Jesus and giving them Hope for their future. They will provide housing, education, and jobs, as well as raising up Mentors to walk along side them. Please check the table in the gathering space for more information.

"That Man is You" program has resumed on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM in ST. MARY parish hall.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (RCIA) St. Mary and St. Mark

The adult education classes will begin Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's parish hall. Please note the day of the week has been changed from Monday to Wednesday! All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these classes to learn more about our Catholic faith. Classes will be taught by Father Schulte.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW)

Annual Convention — Wednesday, October 1, 2025
St. Paul's Trinity Hall and Church
Highland, Illinois
Mass: Bishop Paprocki
Registration forms:
ST. MARY — Gathering Space
ST. MARK — Back of church

ADAMS COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE is

having their annual fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 at the Holiday Inn, 4821 Oak Street, Quincy, IL at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Dinner is at 6:00 PM. Speaker is Kristina Churchman. Please check their website for contacts on this event.

President Donald Trump unveiled the "America Prays" campaign Sept. 8, calling on Americans to hold weekly prayer gatherings as the US prepares to mark 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence next year.

At the Religious Liberty Commission hearing at Washington D.C.'s Museum of the Bible, Trump laid out the initiative, urging Americans to dedicate **one hour each week**, gathering in groups of 10 or more, to pray for the nation, its leaders, families, freedoms, and future.

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ST. MARY

Knights of Columbus Meeting — Monday, September 15, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall Adult Education Classes — BEGIN Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.

<u>Right to Life Chain</u> — Sunday, October 5, 12:30 to 1:30 PM — Pittsfield Square.

Pork Loin Dinner — Sunday, October 12.

That Man Is You — Wednesday mornings, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall.

PSR Classes Begin — Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 PM, Parish Hall.

Men's Group — Saturday mornings, 6:45 AM, Parish Hall.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle — Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass, Gathering Space.

Women's Study — Next study will be Saturday, October 18, 10 AM, Parish Hall.

<u>Legion of Mary</u> — Friday mornings, 9:45 AM, Gathering Space.

<u>Food Pantry Collection</u> — First weekend each month at Masses (October 4 & 5).

24-Eucharistic Adoration — (October 3 & 4)

ST. MARK

<u>Knights of Columbus Meeting</u> — Monday, September 15, 6:30 PM, **ST. MARY** Parish Hall.

Pray the Rosary — Tuesday mornings, 8:00 AM, Church.

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

<u>Bread of Love (for the week of)</u> — September 15, October 27, December 8.

<u>Please note:</u> Due to Priest's Convocation, No Daily Mass Sept. 15/16/17/18

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Exaltation of the Cross honors Christ's Cross, an instrument made sacred by the Lord's offering of Himself upon it for our salvation. It is celebrated on Sept. 14.

ST. MARY

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