

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug. 16	4:00pm
John D. Merrifield	
Sun. Aug. 17	8:30am
Kathryn Wright 11:00 For the Parish	
Tues. Aug. 19	6:00pm
Charles Patterson	
Wed. Aug. 20	6:00pm
Corporal William McMillan III	
Thurs. Aug. 21	6:00pm
Nathalie Leathem	
Sat. Aug. 23	4:00pm
For the Parish	
Sun. Aug. 24	8:30am
Charles Patterson 11:00am Ed Tincher	



**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM A. VILL**



ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited
each Sunday at 8:10 am
before 8:30 Mass.

WHAT TO DO IF...

You want to baptize your baby:

Baptisms are on the third weekend of the month during Saturday and Sunday Mass. Call Cathy Cornett at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 3203 about the preparation program.

You want to join the parish:

To register as a member, visit the Welcome Committee desk in the gathering space.

You want to get married:

Please arrange an appointment with the priest at least six months before the date you would like to be married. You must be registered in the parish.

You want to make your First Communion or be Confirmed:

If you are an adult, call Terry Culross at 623-6847 or Linda Clark at 623-0925. If you are in grades 1-8, call Cathy Cornett, 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 3203.

You have a prayer concern:

Please call Connie Wason at 623-1703 or Rose Mansfield at 623-0971, who are members of the Praying Hands Prayer Group, by Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

You would like to arrange a Mass Intention:

Come to the parish office and ask for the secretary.

You want to put something in the bulletin:

Instructions for getting announcements in the bulletin can be obtained by calling the parish office at 623-2989 and speaking with the secretary. **BULLETIN DEADLINE IS 12:00 PM ON TUESDAY.**

You would like more information about Knights of Columbus:

Please call Otto Rieck at 582-4112.

You want to register your child in St. Mark School: Call the school at 623-2989, prompt 4.

You need a ride or can offer a ride to or from Church: Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

You wish to have an announcement read at Mass:

Anyone wishing to have an announcement said before Mass must bring the announcement in to the Parish office for the pastor's approval by Thursday before the scheduled mass. Announcement can be emailed to:

saintmarkcatholicchurch.net.

You would like the parish priest or parishioner to visit someone who is sick:

Please call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext 2002, if there is an emergency (imminent death or need of sacrament, prompt 3) or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in a hospital or nursing home, or have become homebound. The priest is ready to visit, administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Please provide the location and phone number of the person to be visited, and the time that is most convenient for the visit.

You want to change your name or address in the Parish records OR are leaving the parish:

Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

You want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes before each weekend mass.

You would like more information about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Call Tricia Davis at 623-9184 or Laure Schadler at 624-9316.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Notes from the Pastor:

I wish to express my thanks to all those who offered, sent and/or expressed well wishes to my mother on her 80th birthday. She wished for me to share her thanks and gratitude for your kindness in remembering her on her special day.

Also, we offer congratulations to Devin and Mandi Bennett, Deacon Jim and Dot Bennett's son and daughter in law, on the birth of their baby, Gavin James Bennett, weighing 9 lbs and 1 oz and 22 inches long. Both Mandi and the baby are doing well.

Please don't forget next week is our infamous 12 GRAND EVENT! This event is one of my favorite, next to our upcoming PARISH PICNIC, in which everyone has a chance to play, have a good time, and share in a wonderful meal. I know that some great silent auction items have been gathered and this year you can purchase items with cash, check and/or credit card. Tickets are \$100 and \$25.00 for the meal. You can purchase tickets after Masses or contact the parish office and a ticket seller will contact you within the hour!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Greg Gaerke (Chair), Ben Massaro (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Grant (Secretary), Billy Simmons, Linda Clark, Nicole Stuart, Jim Swartz and Larry Hoffman. I am grateful for their willingness to come forward and to be of service to me and our Church community.

Please do not forget to register your children for CCD. Registration will be taking place after the weekend Masses. Please listen for the appropriate announcement and get your child registered. As you are aware, CCD has moved from Sunday mornings to Wednesday afternoons. Please see Cathy Cornett for more information.

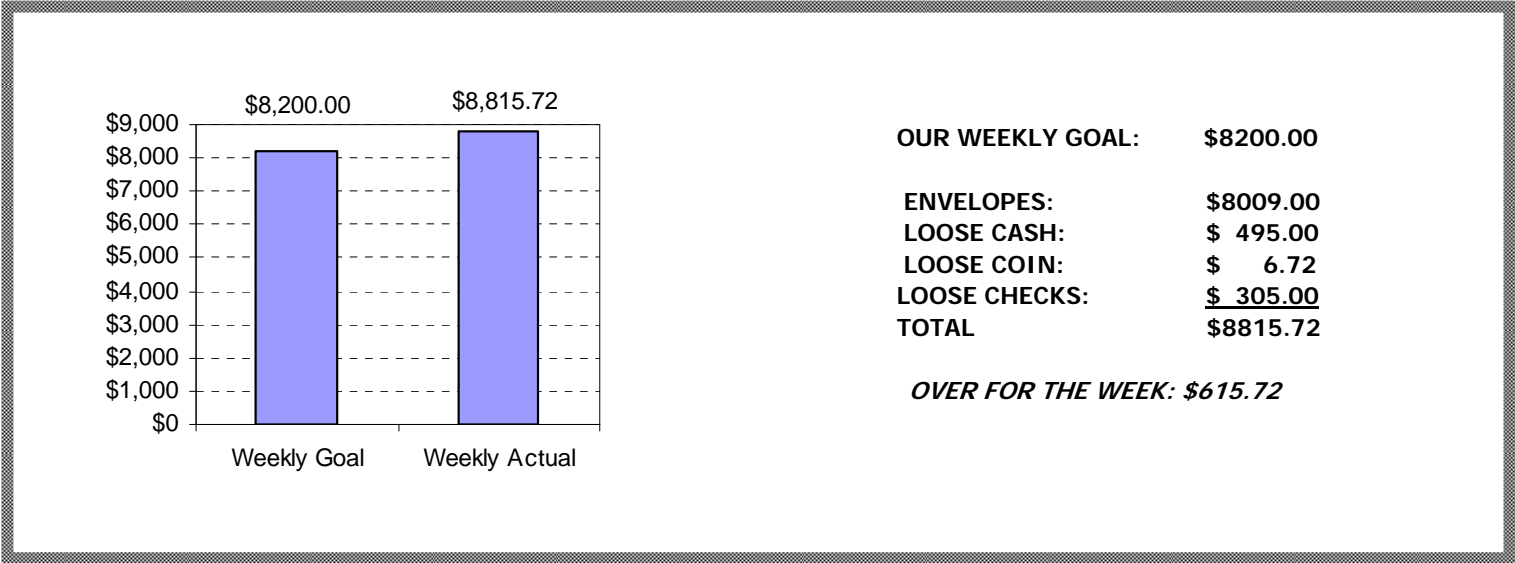
HEADS UP! There is a possibility of a modular classroom being placed in our very back parking lot, therefore eliminating the use of those parking spots. Though an inconvenience to some, this is good news for our school, because it means we are running out of room! I will keep you all posted on the possibility of this modular unit being placed in our very back parking lot.

Please do not forget that Liane Hinch, our Parish Secretary, remains on vacation this week and will return next Monday. We are grateful for Kitty Culp and Cathy Cornett who have filled in for Liane while she is away.

As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net or, in cases of an emergency (i.e., death or imminent need of the Sacraments), by phone at 859-623-2989, prompt #3.

See you in Church,
Fr. Jim

MINISTRIES



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Linens: Mary Katherine Barnes

Ministry				
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00pm Saturday July Aug 23	Judy Cahill Jean Price	Jim Bennett Dot Bennett Barbara Durfee Ava Eaves Micheal Eubanks Terry Foster Darren Norton	Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway	Georgetta Swartz
8:30AM Sunday, Aug 24	Jim David Todd King	John O'Bryan Melissa O'Bryan Billy Simon Sr. Mary Thomas Denny Vanstone Susan Vanstone Shirley West	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Linda Maxwell
11:00am Sunday, Aug 24	Brad Wood Lois Scott	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Tricia Davis Neil Diteresa Chuck Marz Donna Meek	Kala Minguela Brittany Scott Alley Rowland	Robin Walters

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Bishop Appeal Status:

Pledge amounts thus far: \$18,439
Status on our Statutory Goal: 88.6% of the way!!

We're over half-way through our appeal and doing well towards attaining our goals – particularly our Statutory Goal!

The Statutory Goal is important because, if we don't hit that goal, we need to make it up by sending in a check for the shortfall. As Fr. Jim mentioned at last weekend's Masses, this would need to come out of our general operating budget.

The great news is that so many of you have already made your pledge. As we have been stressing, our true goal is 100% participation -- regardless of the amount. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a moment today and make your pledge. Any amount would be wonderful! If you need an envelope, you'll find blank ones on the bulletin board in the school hallway outside the gathering space in a larger envelope, marked "Annual Appeal Envelopes".

It's not what you give, it's that you give that counts!

FALL PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours are as follows:

Monday 8:00am to noon
Tuesday through Friday: 8:00am to noon
And 1:00-3:00pm

REMINDER

Please don't forget to pick up your Stewardship envelopes from the Parish office. We also have more directories if you need one.



Mark your calendars now!

CCD will begin on **Wednesday**, September 3rd. Please note the new day. Registration for CCD classes will take place on the weekends of August 23/24 and August 30/31. There will be a table set up in the back of the church following each Mass on both weekends. The registration fee per family will be \$35.00, which will help cover the cost of books and supplies for each student. This fee can be paid with cash, check or credit card during registration. If paying this all at once presents a challenge for you, talk to me privately and we will work out a payment schedule.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

(CDA): CDA's August meeting date is August 19.

Save the Date! CDA will sponsor a Day of Reflection for all women of the parish on Sat., Oct. 4. Watch for more details in future bulletins.



LAST WEEK to purchase your winning ticket for our 12 Grand Event to be held this Saturday night. You don't have to be present to win, just give your stub to a friend who is coming.

BINGO IS ON THE WAY! Mark your calendars--Start-up is scheduled for Friday, September 5th.

It's also Pottery Festival Antique Car Show-time (pardon the pun!)-September 6th in downtown Richmond-all brother Knights need to be present. Your help and that of the weather, will assure a successful event.



St Mark Catholic School

Take the St Mark School Quiz and come up a Stellar Student!

1. Are you looking for a safe environment for your children?
2. Are you looking for an academically challenging program?
3. Are you looking for a faith-based education built on the Gospel values of peace and justice?
4. Are you looking for the extras?
The school offers computer, music, art, physical education, Spanish, plus a brand new sports and activities program.

If the answer was "YES" to the above join us here at SAINT MARK SCHOOL!

Small classes, differentiated instruction, certified, qualified and dedicated administration, staff and faculty! Hot lunch program, before and after school care program. Academic excellence in a Catholic environment with superior test scores. Financial aid available on a needs basis.

For more information or to register for classes call 859-623-2989 Option 4 or email Saintmarkcatholicchurch.net and link to the School website. Limited openings in most grades so hurry!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be held at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH on 12-14 September 2008 and 10-12 October at the Cliffview Retreat Center in Lancaster, KY.

For reservations, contact Keith & Lori Maurmeier, 1-800-547-1251, code 00, www.Esharing.org. Join in this special blessing for your relationship and marriage Sacrament.

August 15-16, "Marian Retreat," led by Msgr. Ralph W. Beiting. Mary is exciting and full of God's plan for her to be the model of all God's children. We will explore "Mary and the Saints" by talking about a few exciting people who changed the world for the better under Mary's guidance. We will also discuss "What Mary can do for you. How she can enlarge your vision of yourself. How the Church can grow and make holy the world through her." Mass will be celebrated Saturday morning. Msgr. Beiting will also be available for confession and private consultations during the retreat. Msgr. Beiting is the founder of Christian Appalachian Project, the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa, and of Cliffview. He is currently pastor of St. Jude in Louisa. \$80 per person double room; \$100 per person single room; \$50 commuter rate. Call Cliffview Retreat and Conference Center at 877-792-3330 or e-mail cliffctr@cdlex.org for more information or to register. Cliffview is located 25 miles South of Lexington in Lancaster, KY. A ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington.

St. Mark 12 Grand Event

Tickets Still Available for August 23

With only a month to go, our 12 Grand event is right around the corner!

Tickets are moving faster than expected – you'll need to get yours today!

And don't forget your chance for the next Early Bird drawing!

This year, the 12 Grand event promises to be one of the best and most festive nights ever. As we move into August, we'll start releasing details about some of the outstanding Silent Auction items we've been gathering. And which you too may bid on – providing you have a ticket!

So act now and Contact Bob Jankowski at 859-626-5609 today for your chance at \$12,000, and to be a part of history.

Tickets are \$100 for the raffle and \$25 per person for the dinner.

We look forward to seeing you then – and remember, you can't win unless you have a ticket.

(It's a rule!)

All event proceeds benefit St. Mark!

WOULD I MAKE A GOOD RCIA TEAM MEMBER?

- ❖ Are you an active and practicing Catholic, fully initiated (baptized and confirmed) and a registered member of St Mark Catholic Church?
- ❖ Do you know about your faith, and is your life rooted in prayer and the doctrinal and sacramental aspects of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church?
- ❖ Do you have the desire to share your love of the faith with others to bring them to Christ and His Church?
- ❖ Are you a “people person” who enjoys meeting new people, making people comfortable, and are you accepting of others?
- ❖ Are you willing to commit time, energy and prayer to be faithful and reliable in service to the church?

If you can answer “yes!” to these questions, the Holy Spirit may be calling you to be a member of the RCIA Team!!

*“But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”
Ephesians 4:7*

RCIA

Interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Join us for an introductory explanation of RCIA.

For questions call:
Terry Culross 623-6847 or Linda
Clark 623-0925.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 10 at 6:30 P.M.

Second floor of the parish office

