

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

<u>Sat. Aug. 23</u>	<u>4:00pm</u>
For the Parish	
<u>Sun. Aug. 24</u>	<u>8:30am</u>
Charles Patterson	
11:00	
Ed Tincer	
<u>Tues. Aug. 26</u>	<u>6:00pm</u>
Beverly Heilig	
<u>Wed. Aug. 27</u>	<u>6:00pm</u>
John Sydor	
<u>Thurs. Aug. 28</u>	<u>6:00pm</u>
Paul Henderson	
<u>Sat. Aug. 30</u>	<u>4:00pm</u>
Bernard M. Geiger	
<u>Sun. Aug. 31</u>	<u>8:30am</u>
For the Parish	
11:00am	
Mike Caudill	



**OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE CANDLE  
IN MEMORY OF  
SHEBA HADDIX**



**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:

Tonight as I write these Pastor's notes, I have somewhat of a melancholy feeling. I just finished hosting a potluck at my residence for the outgoing parish council members, who have finished their three year tenure as advisors to me. For the past three years on the fourth Tuesday of every month, I have gathered with these individuals and we have grown together, prayed together, laughed together and discerned together! Please note the key word: together. I wish to express my thanks to them on YOUR behalf for their time, talent and treasure these past three years: Melissa Dieckmann, Darren Norton, Marsha Hale, Jim Conneely, Patrick Reister, Mark Hahn, David Nash, Beth Grant and Brian Doty.

In the weeks to come, I will be introducing our new Parish Council to you. I know that it will take some time, as together we get to know one another and they begin learning the process of the "ins and outs" of being a council member. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers for them during these next three years.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL COMPLETE OUR DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL PLEDGES. We are only \$3,000 from reaching our goal. As I have shared numerous times: it is not WHAT you give, but THAT you give. A reminder that our parish has received generously from this Annual Appeal and that the Diocese has once again furnished us with a generous \$30,000 grant for this upcoming year. (P.S., For those that do not know, should we NOT reach our goal, our Parish will be billed the remaining amount, and somehow we will be responsible for paying this....SO PLEASE.....GIVE!) Special thanks go to George and Michelle Monticello for their hard word and dedication.

We are just weeks away from our upcoming 12 GRAND EVENT to be held on the 23rd of August! I always enjoy this evening and time together, as we collectively bid and outbid one another and anxiously await for the tickets to be drawn in reverse! I know that I have purchased TWO tickets, one for me and the other for my mother. Hurry and get your tickets!!!

I have some difficult news to share on the Music Director front! Mr. Craig Swatt informed me by email last week that he has accepted a job in Louisville and will be declining the job offer that he previously accepted. Therefore, for the next year, I have made the following decisions:

4 p.m. Mass: Linda Hensley will be playing this Mass. This Mass will continue with its Mass parts being spoken, however the Opening and Closing hymn will be sung. Linda will play meditative music during the offertory and communion.

8:30 a.m. Mass: Betty Reister will be playing this Mass. This Mass will continue to be accompanied by a choir and/or cantor. Betty has also agreed to oversee music for any funerals that may come our way.

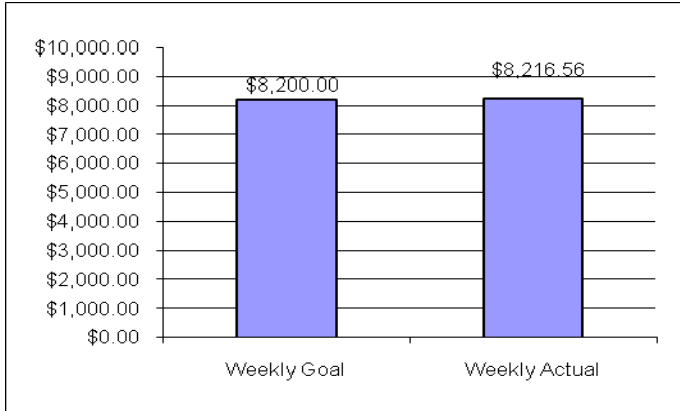
11:00 a.m. Mass/5 p.m. Newman Mass: Matt Getsi and his Praise Band will be playing for these Masses. These Masses will have a more contemporary flair.

These arrangements will allow the parish to have a variety of musical styles, so that each of us may choose the style that best enhances our prayer, meditation and participation in the Mass and makes our Liturgy experience rich and spiritually fulfilling.

As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at [FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net](mailto: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**



**OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$8200.00**

**ENVELOPES: \$**  
**LOOSE CASH: \$**  
**LOOSE COIN: \$**  
**LOOSE CHECKS: \$**  
**TOTAL \$**

*UNDER FOR THE WEEK -*

**MINISTRIES**

Linens: Mary Katherine Barnes

<b>Ministry</b>				
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Welcome Desk</b>
<b>4:00pm Saturday July Aug 30</b>	Betty Davy Kent Kessler	Phil VonMann Micah Hall Laure Schadler Jean Price Jill Obergfell Joanne McCrary Karen Mayo	Jim Swartz Nicholas Norton	Betty Rush
<b>8:30AM Sunday, Aug 31</b>	Pete Creighton Charlie Chaplin	Barbara Cain Kitty Culp Terry Culross Pat Currans Emma Esker Carroll Hale Marsha Hale	BJ Shacreaw Brittany Hendricks	Michelle Monticello
<b>11:00am Sunday, Aug 31</b>	Michael Carter Lydia Akin-Carter	Caryn Vazzana Evelyn Spalding Sidney Sebastian Bill Durbin Jenny Rieck Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan	Matt Taylor Vivian Nguyen Noah Beard	Terry & Donna Meeks

**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.



**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.



## 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](mailto:Saintmarkcatholicchurch.net) and link to the School website. Limited openings in most grades so hurry!



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

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

### 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](http://www.Esharing.org). Join in this special blessing for your relationship and marriage Sacrament.

September 5-6, "The Joy of Aging," led by Barbara Whalen. Do you want to be a grumpy old person? All of us are growing older. Come and find out how to find joy in aging and leave the grumpies behind. A member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a proud mother and grandmother, Barbara Whalen is joyfully aging and remains ever young and a gifted retreat leader. Come find out her secret for joyfully embracing each moment. \$80 per person double room; \$100 per person single room; \$50 commuter rate. Call Cliffview Retreat and Conference Center 877-792-3330 or e-mail [cliffctr@cdlex.org](mailto: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.

September 19-21, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Abortion has many victims. Many do regret their abortions. There is hope and healing for those left with the pain. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The retreat is open to parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends of someone who is post-abortive as well as to health care providers who may have been involved in, or witnessed, abortions. Cost of retreat is \$165. Scholarships are available for those in need. For confidential registration, please call Sharla toll-free at 877-792-3330 or e-mail [sharlaky@yahoo.com](mailto:sharlaky@yahoo.com) for more information. For Rachel's Vineyard Retreats nationally, visit online at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call 877-HOPE-4-ME.

**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

