

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008

4:00pm Harold Jones

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008

8:30am Justin Hinch

11:00am For the Parish

5:00pm Polly Borho

Monday Dec. 8, 2008

7:00am Dorothy Thomas

7:00pm Addie Koch

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008

6:00pm Bernard M. Geiger

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008

9:00am Cynthia Thompson

6:00pm John Sydor

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008

6:00pm Lechter Shepherd

Friday, Dec. 12, 2008

7:00pm Delia De Noma

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008

4:00pm The Heil family

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008

8:30am For the Parish

11:00am Carolyn Leachman

5:00pm James Gilbert



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
JUSTIN HINCH

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.

First Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008

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:

It was a joy to see all of you bringing forth your canned good gifts to the front of the altar this past week. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and willingness to participate in this Advent program of helping others in a unique and different way. I also want to thank Sybil Fagan and Mary Lou Remaley, two of the women who brought this idea to me several weeks ago.

We know that the Holiday Season is upon us, as we celebrated our usual custom the first Saturday in December: The St. Mark Altar Society Christmas Bazaar. How grateful I am to Carol Kinelski (and her husband Joe) and the many people who come together to put this wonderful Bazaar on. I do not think many people realize that the proceeds from this event are used to assist us with the regular supplies of celebrating Mass: altar bread, altar wine, missalettes, vestments, candles for the altar, incense, charcoals, advent candles (and the list goes on), not to mention scholarships for our St. Mark students in need. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Just a reminder that this coming **Monday, December 8th** is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, therefore all of us are obliged to attend Mass somewhere on Monday. It also means that our Parish Offices/Newman Center/School will be closed. Money counters will need to come on Tuesday, when our offices reopen. **Mass times for the Holy Day at St. Mark are: 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

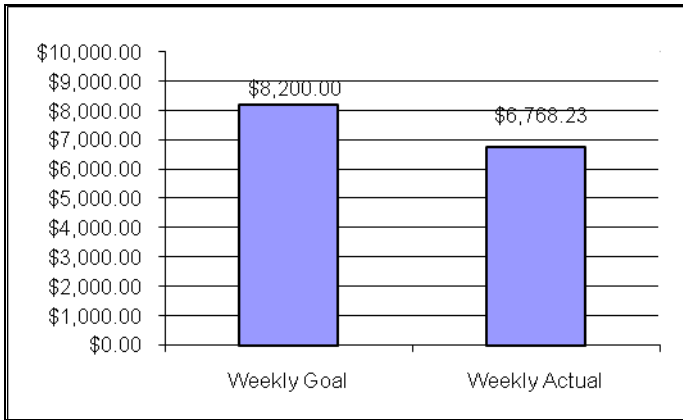
Please do not forget about our joint celebration with our Hispanic Community on **Friday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.; the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!** This Mass will be bilingual and will have a wonderful FIESTA following our liturgical celebration. I invite and encourage our parish community to come together in celebrating this yearly Feast in honor of our Blessed Mother.

For all ministers at St. Mark (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers), a reminder of our new dress code which will go into effect January 1, 2009. You will be receiving a letter with your own personal dress code policy detailed, so that there will be no confusion on what is permissible and what is not. Should you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to come and speak with me.

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



OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00

ENVELOPES: \$5,313.00

LOOSE CASH: \$ 506.00

LOOSE COIN: \$ 7.23

LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 942.00

TOTAL: \$6768.23

Under for the week - \$1,431.77

MINISTRIES

Linens: Mary Katherine Barnes

	Ministry			
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00PM Saturday Dec 13	Michael Eubanks Jack Culross	Dot Bennett Bill Durbin Michal Eubanks Terry Foster Robert Jackowski Joanne McCrary Sidney Sebastian	Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway	Becky Etherington
8:30AM Sunday, Dec 14	Phil Mattingly	Carroll Hale Marsha Hale Kathy Hall Charlotte Hill Angel King Gail King Lynn King	BJ Shacreaw Brittany Hendricks	Michelle Monticello
11:00am Sunday, Dec 14	Michele Huybers Matthew Periolat	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Greg Discepoli Neil DiTeresa Chuck Marz Marlene Flinchem	Kala Minguela Brittany Scott Alley Rowland	Anne Norton

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW DRESS CODE FOR ALL ST. MARK MINISTERS:

(Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist, Lectors, Altar Servers, Musicians)

This dress code is instituted the First Weekend of Advent, however officially begins January 1.

1. **General:** Refrain from wearing flip flops, tennis shoes, shirts with spaghetti straps, strapless shirts, shirts with logos, advertisements or slogans, jeans and shorts. Slacks are acceptable.
2. **Women:** Skirts and dresses should be knee length or longer, Capri's are acceptable.
3. **Men:** Collared shirt or polo, no shorts. (Jacket and tie are always optional.)

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

DECEMBER 24, 2008

Family Liturgy: 4:00 p.m.

Solemn Mass at Midnight: 12:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 25, 2008

Mass of Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday** Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8
- Monday** The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday** Saint Juan Diego, hermit
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday** Saint Damasus I, pope
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday** Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab; Ps 1; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- Saturday** Saint Lucy, virgin, martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a,
10-13
- Sunday** Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Mon- Thursday: 8 AM-12 NOON
1 PM until 4 PM**

CLOSED FRIDAY

**The Office will be Closed Monday, Dec 8th
in observance of Immaculate Conception**



ROSARY

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



Next High School Youth Group will meet Wednesday, December 10th, from 6-7:30pm. Meeting will be in the gathering space in the back of church.

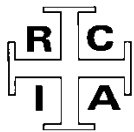
6:00 Mass
6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister mbreister@att.com.



CCD Schedule for the month of December
Dec 10

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30pm
cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net



RCIA

RCIA Wed., Dec. 3rd at 6:30 pm in the School Gym. For questions please contact Terry (623-6847) or Linda (623-0925).



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Texas Hold-em Tournament to be held at the Galaxy Bowling Center on Friday evening December 12. Registration begins at 5:00PM with playing time beginning at 6:00PM. For further information contact Greg Gaerke at 986-6611.

Our 3rd Degree Council had a wonderful outing to Danville, KY where we enjoyed a great meal at the new Sutton's Restaurant. GOOD NEWS! Our bus showed up this time, not leaving us standing at the curb. Future outings for Knights and wives to be announced.

Our Council is sponsoring a contest for our school and CCD children with the theme being: "Putting Christ Back In Christmas." Kindergarten thru 3rd grade will be doing a poster while 4th thru 8th grade will do an essay. One winner from each group will receive a \$75 US Savings Bond. We look forward to seeing the talent and imagination of our young people.

All Brothers, please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 10 for our annual Knight of the Year Banquet. Wives or guest are invited to attend this event. Details to follow.

As always, we invite all men who are not members of the Knights of Columbus to consider joining our Catholic fraternal men's group. We are dedicated to not only our Catholic faith but also to service of our church, school and community. To get more

information please call John Wright at 893-1123 or email at johnw@chpl.net.

The Catholic Newman Center is proud to offer Coffee and Doughnuts again after the 8:30 Mass in the school cafeteria. This the final weekend of the year for Donut donations. Thank you so much for your support of the Newman Ministry. All donations benefit the Newman Center.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA): CDA's December meeting will be a holiday social open to all women of the parish, on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 p.m. at the Newman Center. Watch this box for more details.

ALL PARISH WOMEN INVITED



SAVE THE DATE: CDA is sponsoring a women's overnight retreat, "**PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH,**" on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, at Cliffview Retreat Center. Open to all women of the parish, the retreat will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and will close with Mass and end at 5 p.m. Saturday. Meals are included. Lodging will cost \$60.00 (double-occupancy room) or \$80.00 (private room). Stipends will be available. Please mark your 2009 calendars for this event! There will be registration forms and envelopes in the back of the church after each Mass.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Take a break from the Christmas rush and join us on Saturday, December 20, 2008 from 9am – 12 Noon at Christ the King in Lexington for a Magnificat Breakfast. Come listen to the inspiring story of Angie Allen, wife of Mike and mother of seven. Hear about how God led Angie and her family on a life-changing conversion to the Catholic Church. This breakfast will be catered; all we ask is that you bring yourself and a friend. Start Christmas week in a spirit of fellowship and prayer with other women from the diocese. Child care and transportation are available. Advance reservations are required. To register, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a \$10.00 check by December 15th (payable to Magnificat) to Laura Westbrook, 3336 Braemer Dr., Lexington, KY 40502. Call Laura Westbrook at (859) 277-1427 (laurawestbrook@insightbb.com) or Sue Sopala at (859) 224-4908.

SCHOOL NEWS

Gift Baskets

St Mark School will be offering several "themed" Gift Baskets next weekend after each Mass. Your chance to win is only 50 cents for one entry or \$1.00 for three! Purchase your tickets and then select which basket (or two, or three) that you would like to take a chance on. Winners will be announced during the St. Mark School Christmas Program, December 18th.

There will be baskets with the following items - Arts & Crafts, Superheroes, UK Wildcats, Books, DVD & CD, Games, Fruits, Baking Supplies, and Religious Items.



NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

Monies to benefit Home and School Association



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you! Thank you! Thanks a million to my husband, Joe, who works all year to help me pick up "stuff" and first stack it in the warehouse, then empty it as well; to Pat Horvat and her sons, Joe & Jacob Fichetola (and cousin Bryan Horvat, whose covered trailer saved the day); Mark Davis, Sue & Chuck Marz, Bill Wason, Bob Jackowski, Mike Putnam & son, Colton, Janet Shacreaw and our good friend, Pat Woods. A special tip of the hat to Mary Deltry, who 4-5 weeks ago moved from Arizona, joined St. Mark, and there she was, already at service. Also, thanks to all of you who thought of this worthy cause during the year to donate gently-used items, and to Father Jim, who was willing to pick up the tab for the expense of the warehouse.

FRESH BAKED GOODS NEEDED ON SAT., DEC. 13TH AND SUN., DEC. 14TH: We would be most appreciative if our parishioners could donate more baked goods to sell at our leftover tables next weekend as this was a big hit last year. Some of our parishioners who are out-of-town for the bazaar weekend or need baked goods for a party, etc. really love having freshly baked goods available the weekend after the bazaar. Of course, we will be selling the best of the crafts and Grandpa/Grandma's Attic items as well, and last year we made over \$400 on this endeavor. SO, PLEASE BAKE, BAKE, BAKE & BUY, BUY, BUY (and, remember, this is freshly baked stuff, not left over from the bazaar)!!!

Thanks, also to Kitty Culp, who has been such a big help to me in taking over the \$200 Kroger Shopping Spree and has done a superb job; Emma Esker, who has organized one of the most important jobs of the bazaar, the Telephone Committee, and all of the volunteers who assisted her by calling each of the over 500 St. Mark families and giving them the bazaar info, and Liane Hinch, our church secretary, who has done a fabulous job of editing the bulletins, collecting the raffle tickets, etc. Last but not least, to Father Jim, who has put up with my panic attacks when things didn't go right (no volunteer forms turned in, etc.), and Anna Etherington & Erlene Nichols, who have also been there to lend an ear and give suggestions. Without all of you, it just wouldn't happen!!!

An Evening Among Friends Encore Series

St. Mark Catholic Church
608 West Main Street
Richmond, KY 40475
December 19, 2009
7:00 p.m.

- **Valet Parking**
- **Only 500 tickets available**
- **Reception with hors d'oeuvres prior to the performance**
- **Performance by Patti LaBelle**
- **Desserts and aperitifs after performance**



An Evening Among Friends: The Encore Series Reservation Form

I would like to reserve _____ ticket (s) or _____ pew (s) to
Ring in Christmas with Patti LaBelle at the following level:

- General Admission: \$175 per person**
- Meet and Greet with Patti LaBelle: \$500 per person**
Limited to 50 tickets
Includes special pre-performance reception with Ms. LaBelle in the St. Mark Church gathering space, personalized photo with Ms. LaBelle and Preferred Reserved Seating

- Group Seating: \$2500 per pew for 8 guests**
Includes Preferred Reserved Seating and Patti LaBelle memorabilia for each guest (please list below)
- _____
- _____
- _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Tickets may be purchased by cash, check, or credit card in one payment or in installment payments at a minimum deposit of \$50 per ticket, with the entire cost paid **prior to October 19, 2009.**

*Checks should be made payable to
St. Mark Catholic Church.*

- Enclosed is my entire payment of \$_____.
- Enclosed is my first installment of \$_____.

For credit card orders, please complete the back of this form.

To submit your reservation, complete this form and then mail the form to the parish office, place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it by the parish office.

St. Mark Catholic Church Advent Canned Food Drive

Think.....Chicken

St. Mark Catholic School Helping Others

St. Mark students are collecting warm winter outerwear in both children and adult sizes. These can be new or gently used items that are free of stains, tears etc.

We are collecting hats, mittens and gloves, scarves, coats and boots.

We are also collecting new children's books to donate!

All donations will be given to local charities and families.

If you would like to help by bringing in items, the bins are located across from the gym doors.

**All items need to be turned in no later
December 10, 2008.**

Thank You for your support!



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2008

Advent is a time of anticipation, of waiting. Soon we will be celebrating Christ's birth and the church will be adorned in the lights and greenery of the Christmas season. Among the decorations are flowers, which are reminders of lives of the loved ones whom we wish to honor or remember this holiday season. If you wish to purchase a flower in honor or memory of a special person for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and place it and the \$15.00 donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" OR send it to the Parish office by December 20th. The memorial list will be included throughout the Christmas Season bulletins.

Number of Plants: _____

Amount enclosed (\$15.00 per plant) _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____