

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008

4:00pm Marilyn & James Moore

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008

8:30am William & Betty Dawson

11:00am For the Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008

6:00pm Duane Hagan

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008

4:00pm Clark Bailey

Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008

Midnight Addie Koch

10:00am Harold Jones

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008

8:30am Anthony Estrada

11:00am J.T. Hinkle



**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
THOMAS AND KATHLEEN BUZEK**



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:

Can you believe that this is the fourth and final week of Advent? I pray that you and I both have used this period of time for good preparation in receiving Our Lord at Christmas.

Thank you to the large majority of you who participated in our CANNED FOOD drive this Advent. It was a huge success and I wish to thank Sybil Fagan and Mary Lou Remaley for their wonderful idea and in their undertaking of this project.

Please do not forget that this Tuesday, you have the opportunity to drop by Church and make time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Tuesday, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and then 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. I guarantee that you will find Christ's healing presence as you clear out the messiness of your soul and fill that space with the healing GRACE of Christ.

Also, Tuesday evening beginning at 8:00 p.m. after Reconciliation, we will begin decorating the Church/Sacred Space for Christmas. It is always a fun time and a lot of hard work! I am grateful for those of you who signed up this weekend to assist us in our preparations!

A reminder of our Christmas Schedule:

Wednesday, December 24th: 4:00 p.m. (Family Liturgy)

Thursday, December 25th: 12:00 a.m. (Solemn Liturgy at Midnight)
10:00 a.m. (Mass of Christmas Day)

A reminder that the second collection on Christmas Eve/Christmas is your opportunity of an "extra special gift" to St. Mark Catholic Church. I ask that you be as generous as you can be, especially as we all endure this economic time of uncertainty.

Our NEW YEARS DAY MASS will be held on January 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. I invite you to gather in our Church and ask God for blessings upon you, your family, your work and one another this NEW YEAR!!

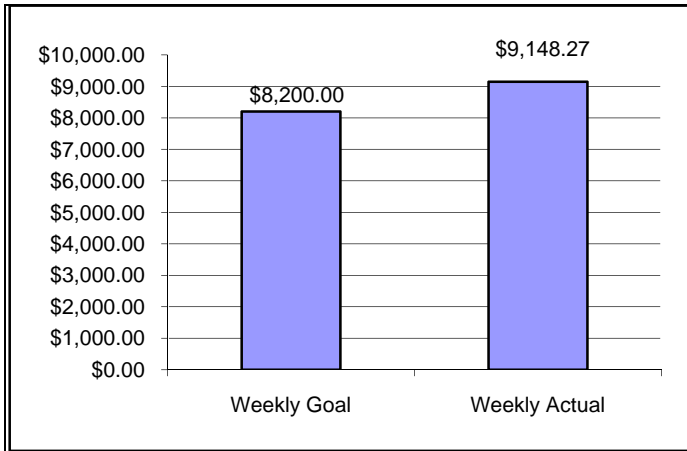
This is also a gentle reminder that beginning January 1, 2009 our new dress code policy goes into effect for St. Mark ministers. We ask that you be attentive to this new dress code policy and please be mindful of your attire in Church, especially when you are scheduled to minister.

In closing, let me once again wish you all a very Blessed Christmas Season! May God's blessings be upon you in a very, very special way and may the Christ Child bless you each abundantly.

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: \$7,969.00
LOOSE CASH: \$ 425.00
LOOSE COIN: \$ 14.27
LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 740.00
TOTAL: \$9,148.27

Over for the week + \$948.27

MINISTRIES

Linens: Mary Katherine Barnes

	Ministry			
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00PM Saturday Dec 27	Mike Schwendeman Nancy Wigand	Patti Baker Michal Eubanks Bill Durbin Robert Jackowski Joanne McCrary Dot Bennett Sidney Sebastian	Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway	Georgetta Swartz
8:30AM Sunday, Dec 28	Randy Collins Marsha Hale	John O'Bryan Melissa O'Bryan Sr. Mary Thomas Denny Vanstone Susan Vanstone Shirley West Bob Yerks	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Linda Maxwell
11:00am Sunday, Dec 28	Brad Wood Lois Scott	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Tricia Davis Marlene Flinchem Ingrid Gautreaux Greg Discepoli	Michael Price Lee Anne Ogle Jay Biven Matt Biven	Terry Meeks

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

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Saint John of Kanty, priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5 ; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thursday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday	Saint Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	Saint John, apostle, evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 23-26 AND RE-OPEN 8:00AM
DECEMBER 29. MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

There will be a meeting of communion ministers of the St. Mark Ministry to the Homebound (SMMH) on Monday, December 22, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary.



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. **Meetings will resume on Jan 7, 2009.**

6:00 Mass
6:30 Dinner and Meeting

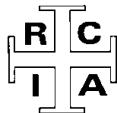
Any questions contact Mike Reister
mbreister@att.com.



CCD Schedule

Will resume - 1/7

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



RCIA

Break for Christmas, we will resume meeting Wed. Jan 7, 09.

We will be beginning a new session for new inquirers on Feb. 4, 09. For questions please contact Terry (623-6847) or Linda (623-0925).



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Our annual KofC Banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Galaxy Center Meeting Room. All Knights and spouses or guest are invited to attend this event. We will have a catered meal and entertainment. Time to be announced.

A big "thank you" to Greg Gaerke and all his helpers who worked so hard putting on our latest fundraiser. We will have another Texas Hold-Em Tournament on January 16 at the Galaxy Center meeting room. Details to follow.

We urge all Knights, as well as everyone, to sign the FOCA petition that is placed at various locations outside our worship space this weekend. This petition, along with many, many other Catholic and non-Catholic churches, will be sent to President-Elect Obama urging him NOT to sign the above bill. More detailed information on the above bill can be found at: www.fightfoca.com

And last but not least, we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every person who reads this bulletin a Most Blessed Christmas. Our Council would not be as successful as it is if it were not for these special men who support our church and our country, under the guiding hand of our Almighty God and Father.

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.



NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

The Catholic Newman Center will break for the Holidays on December 12th and resume on January 12th.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):

CDA's next monthly meeting is January 20 at 7 p.m.

CDA wishes to thank all parishioners who supported the nativity raffle. Monies raised are used to support upcoming women's ministries. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from CDA!

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Classes will resume on Jan. 5th.

Have a safe Holiday and Merry Christmas!



parishioner, Kim Carter, won the gift card.

Speaking of the raffle, I would be remiss if I did not thank Don Foster & Associates and our own Connie Lawson for their generosity each year in picking up the tab for the printing of the raffle tickets. The printing has gotten quite expensive yet they pay

the bill, year after year.

Last week I made a typo on Anna's Breakfast Nook; they took in \$558 (not \$538), \$87 more than last year. And thanks again to Anna Etherington and her crew, especially the ones who made the delicious Sausage Casseroles, Quiches and baked goods that delighted the crowd. We were so excited when we heard that Dot & Jim Bennett donated a new convection oven as Anna was hard-pressed to keep the food hot with the old oven broken and one of Becky's delicious casseroles was destroyed with the only oven available.

While I am doing my thank you's, I must sincerely thank Liane Hinch, our church secretary, who has the patience of a saint and helps out in every way possible. Along with helping me with the bulletins, etc., the Thurs. before the bazaar, after hours and as she was leaving town for the weekend, she and Brian (from the Newman Center) carried a bunch of stuff from the Parish to the school, something beyond the call of duty for the both of them. What a marvelous staff we are blessed with!!!

As I sign off, I would like to again thank each and every one of you for your generous donations, be it baked goods, crafts, items for Grandpa's Attic & Grandma's Christmas Shoppe, and, most important working at the bazaar. We again have the warehouse this year, so, when putting your Christmas decorations away, why not sort them out & give us a call (623-7511) so we can pick up the ones you no longer need.

Merry Christmas to all,
Carol Kinelski, Chairman

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The bazaar is officially over and we are elated with the results. Last year, before a sizable donation was made, we netted \$11,242 and this year we netted a grand total of \$12,039.32, \$797.32 more than last year, and, with the present economic situation, we feel God has blessed us. Also, can you believe that this weekend we made \$475, mostly on baked goods and these were by a handful of people?! Just think if more baked for the bazaar and the following weekend, what we could have made! Sometimes I have disappointments during the bazaar and then something so nice happens that just brightens my day, such as the sweetest note from Father Jim and then, this weekend, when I went to set up the bazaar tables, there was a large box of cookies, in little bags, with a note "From St. Mark School for the Bazaar Table." Also, Taylor Smith, a Confirmation student, baked plates of cookies for Volunteer hours, all adding to this profitable weekend. Thanks to parishioners Lucy & Jay Bruner @Golden Silver Co. who contributed \$630, and parishioners Sandy Sullivan & Ingrid Gautraux @The Finer Things who contributed \$245; I think all of you will agree that there is nothing we could put in this little space that would be more profitable (they each donate 40% of their profit from their boutiques).

Thanks to the helpers who manned the Baked Goods Tables this weekend and a special thanks to Taylor & JoAnn Smith and the Discepoli Family who, within 15 min. of the last sale on Sun. morning, had my car packed with the leftovers and we were on our way.

I am also excited about the innovative Kroger's Shopping Spree, something we tested this year. The final results: 1,246 tickets were sold, 93 more than last year. So, next year we will continue this same approach and hope to find a grocery store that will give us more of a donation towards the total. If any of you missed last week's bulletin, our



**CHRISTMAS
MEMORIAL
FLOWERS
2008**



Charles and Catherine Beirne
Marshall and Flossie Bruner
Kenneth Carter
Aymara Castillo
Catherine Dabkowski
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elder
Mr. Rusty Elswick
Peter J. Flaherty III
Mrs. Minnie Green
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunter Grose, Sr.
Dominick and Dorothy Hart
Betty Heil
The Heil Family
Scott Alan Heilig
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Herzog
Gregory C. Herzog
Justin Lee Hinch
Ruth Hines
Helen and Rudy Jarosz
Barna Juhasz, Jr.
Kinelski and Caldwell Family
James E. and Ellen Leona Marshall
Mr. William O'Neil
Anita M. Otero
Frank H. and Mary Helen Radabaugh
Hunter Spalding
Joseph A. Stephan
Mildred A. Stephan
Cindy Thompson
Bernard Tierney

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.*