

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008

8:30am Anthony Estrada

11:00am J.T. Hinkle

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008

6:00pm Norbert Esker

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008

4:00pm Bernie Stucker

Thursday, Jan., 1, 2009

10:00am Addie Koch

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009

4:00pm Addie Koch

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009

8:30am Tom Pinnell

11:00am For the Parish

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.



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN HONOR OF
THE MILITARY



ROSARY

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Notes from the Pastor:

First and foremost, I wish you and your family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and as January 1, 2009 approaches, a VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR!

I wish to express my thanks to all who helped decorate and prepare the Sacred Space for our Season of Christmas. Each year, it is a fun time coming together and trying to transform our Sacred Space to help all of us worship in a more meaningful way.

I also want to express my thanks to each of you for your generous and thoughtful financial gift that you provided to St. Mark during the second collection at all of our Christmas Masses. Your extra gift and sacrifice is an outward sign of the inner commitment you have to this particular Church. I know that God will bless you abundantly for your generous and thoughtful ways.

I am also appreciative and humbled at the many expressions of love and care that were given to me (and my family) during this Holiday time. Thank you for remembering me and in supporting me. All of your acts of kindness are greatly appreciated and I continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Please do not forget that as we approach NEW YEARS DAY, that January 1, 2009 IS a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Mass at St. Mark will be at 10:00 a.m. A reminder that ALL Roman Catholics are obliged to attend Mass this day -- please make every effort in finding a Mass time that will fit into your particular schedule on New Years Day.

A reminder that beginning January 1, 2009 our NEW DRESS CODE for ALL MINISTERS goes into effect. I am asking that you be mindful of this dress code and that you adhere to it please. For those that have any questions or concerns pertaining to the dress code for our liturgical ministers, you are welcome to contact me at your earliest convenience.

I am not sure if I ever thanked the community for the wonderful CANNED FOOD DRIVE that we undertook during the Season of Advent. I am still amazed at the amount of food that we were able to give to the Salvation Army for their food pantry. Once again, as in the past, present and I am sure will be in the future, St. Mark rises to the task of the challenges placed before them.

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: \$

LOOSE CASH: \$

LOOSE COIN: \$

LOOSE CHECKS \$

TOTAL \$

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 21ST AND CHRISTMAS WILL BE REFLECTED IN JAN 4TH WEEKEND BULLETIN DUE TO HOLIDAY BULLETIN PUBLISHING SCHEDULE. THANK YOU!

MINISTRIES

Linens: Mary Katherine Barnes

	Ministry			
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00PM Saturday Jan. 3	Judy Cahill Jean Price	Karen Mayo Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jean Price Mary Lou Remaley Laure Schadler Jill Silver	Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway	Dottie Stipes
8:30AM Sunday, Jan. 4	Kathy Hatton Angie Wright	Mary Rose Bauer Barabara Cain Charlie Chaplin Terry Culross Emma Esker Kathy Hall Patty Holly	Joshua Schwab Bailey O'Bryan	Larry & Pam Palmisano
11:00am Sunday, Jan. 4	Michael Carter Lydia Akin-Carter	Donna Meek Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Lois Scott Evelyn Spalding Bill Sullivan Caryn Vazzana	Patrick Sullivan Andrew Brockman	Kathryn Maynard

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW DRESS CODE FOR ALL ST. MARK MINISTERS:

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

This dress code will be officially instituted as of 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.)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 31ST AND JANUARY 1ST AND
RE-OPEN 8:00AM JANUARY 5TH. HAPPY
NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CANDLES

THE PARISH OFFICE HAS OPENED THE 2009
CALENDAR. CALL SOON TO GET THE DATE
FOR 2009 YOU DESIRE.

WEEKLY READINGS

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
Monday	Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday	Saint Sylvester I, pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday	The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4- 7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 147; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Next High School Youth Group will meet
Wednesday, **on Jan 7, 2009.**

6:00 Mass
6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister
mbreister@att.com.



CCD Schedule for the month of December

Schedule for the month of January:

7 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

14 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

21 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

28 - 7:00pm - Confirmation Mass - all
parishioners are invited to attend

If school is canceled for inclement weather,
CCD classes will be canceled for that day as
well.

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



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.

Our thanks to all the St. Mark School and CCD
children for participating in the "Putting Christ
Back In Christmas" poster and essay contest.
The winner of the poster contest is Kate
Scarborough, a 3rd grade student, and Haley
Marks, a 4th grade student, won the essay
contest. Each student was given a \$75 savings
bond, awarded at the annual St. Mark School
Christmas program.

A most Blessed New Year to all!

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.



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. Happy New Year from CDA!

ALL PARISH WOMEN INVITED

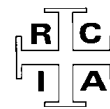


SAVE THE DATE: CDA is sponsoring a women's overnight retreat, "**PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH,**" on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, at Cliffview Retreat Center. Open to all women of the parish, the retreat will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and will close with Mass and end at 5 p.m. Saturday. 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.



NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

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



RCIA

Break for Christmas, We 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).

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Classes will resume on Jan. 5th.

Have a safe Holiday and Merry Christmas!



**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. Robertt L. Herzog
Gregory C. Herzog
Justin Lee Hinch
Ruth Hines
Helen and Rudy Jarosz
Barna Juhasz, Jr.
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.