

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5, 2009

4:00pm No Mass

Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:30am John Sydor

11:00am For the Parish

5:00pm Justin Hinch

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

7:00am Marie Sichko

7:00pm Carolyn Leachman

9:00pm LaShon Jefferson

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

6:00pm Vencil Parkos

Thursday, December 10, 2009

6:00pm Eugene & Joan

Iagnemma

Friday, December 11, 2009

9:00am James W. Boarman

Saturday, December 12, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:30am Mary Golden

11:00am St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton

5:00pm Leonard Kogut, Sr.



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
JANE AND GEORGE
FITZSIMMONS



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. 2005 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 2-12, call Cathy Cornett, 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2005.

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 John Wright at 859-893-1123.

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: liane.hinch@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 immediately after all of the weekend Masses.

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:

No words can express my thanks to all of you for the wonderful Evening Among Friends with Natalie Cole. I am grateful in particular to the entire staff who worked tirelessly in making sure that every detail was done to the best of our ability. These past six shows have been awesome! I will echo the words that I shared this past Saturday, and during our first Evening Among Friends with Regis Philbin,: "The main purpose of Evening Among Friends was NOT to raise money -- the main purpose was to bring people together of every Faith, Walk and Way of Life into our Sanctuary, where together, for at least one night, we would celebrate an Evening Among Friends." I feel I must send a note of thanks to all of our celebrity performers who "believed" in our concept and who have kept St. Mark in their thoughts: Regis Philbin, Bill Cosby, Martin Short, Natalie Cole and Dolly Parton. Finally, a note of thanks to THIS YEAR's sponsors: Lundy's Special Events, St. Joseph's Healthcare Systems, UK Healthcare, KODA (Kentucky Organ Donors Association), McDonalds and William and Sherre Sichko.

Now that Evening Among Friends is over, we turn to our Christmas Bazaar which is next weekend December 12th!!! Special Kudos to Carole Kinelski and all those who are preparing for this amazing fundraiser. I am in awe when I think of all the things that the Parish Altar Society provide for us through this Bazaar: Missalettes, Wine and Hosts for Mass, Flowers, Bereavement Dinners, the list goes on... Come and help support our Christmas Bazaar this year!

Also being held on December 12th is Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe which will be held Saturday, December 12th at 7 p.m. You are welcome to come and celebrate this Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the America's. Please be reminded that this Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe is an ADDITIONAL Mass on Saturday and does not count as your Sunday Obligation.

DECEMBER 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, therefore, Mass times for this day will be held at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. This Holy Day of Obligation is the ONLY obligation that is never transferred and/or "negated" because of it falling on a weekend; thus stressing the importance of this DAY. As has been my policy, all offices and school will be closed for this day.

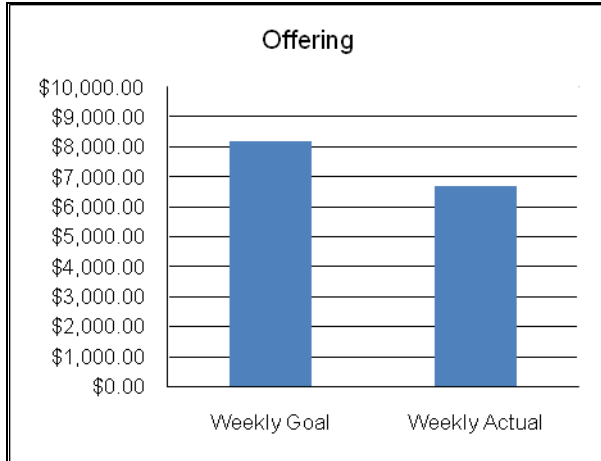
Our canned food drive for our local Salvation Army is up and running. This week, the canned good to remember to bring is:

SPAGHETTI SAUCE!!!

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

STEWARDSHIP



OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00

ENVELOPES: \$5,426.00
LOOSE CASH: \$ 595.00
LOOSE COIN: \$ 1.85
LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 685.00
TOTAL \$6,707.85

Under for the week - \$1,492.15

SECOND COLLECTIONS 2009

July	Home Meals Delivery	\$ 966.56
August	St. Mark School	\$1,766.13
September	Seminary	\$2,194.90
September	St. Mark School	\$1,194.32
October	Catholic Higher Ed.	\$1,184.36
October	St. Mark School	\$1,386.17
November	Human Development	\$1,017.68
November	Home Meals	\$1,159.18

PARISH APPRECIATION PLEDGE

Goal: \$50,000.00
 Current Total: \$21,655.00

Father Jim's Speaking Donations

	Parish	School
1. Missouri:	\$2,946.00	\$2,946.00
2. Kansas:	\$2,044.50	\$2,044.50

Bake Sale for St. Mark School

Thank you for your support in the Bake Sale.
 We raised \$404.50 for St. Mark School!

Sept. \$387.75
 Oct: \$479.00
 Nov: \$404.50

MINISTRIES

Linens: Terry Culross

	Ministry				
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk	Gifts Baskets Bulletins
4:00PM Saturday, December 12	Mike Schwendeman Nancy Wigand	Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jill Silver Jean Price Mary Lou Remaley Laure Schadler Phil Von Mann	Jim Swartz Mariah Felix	Georgetta Swartz	To be assigned
8:30AM Sunday, December 13	Randy Collins Kathy Hatton	Bradley Layton Mary Layton Charles Marz Sue Marz Julia Nash Marilyn Nash BJ Shacreaw	Joshua Schwab Bailey O'Bryan	Linda Maxwell	To be assigned
11:00am Sunday, December 13	Michele Huybers Matthew Periolat	Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Lois Scott Evelyn Spalding Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan Caryn Vazzana	Kala Minguela Brittany Scott	Terry Meek	To be assigned

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Ill and Homebound....

Violet Mullins
Mark Davis
Bob Millet
Robert Doot
Mary Powell
Pat Hensley
Sheryl Stephan
Wanda Martin

Lee David
Sammy Tierney
Michael O'Connor
Hazel Parkos
Pam Palmisano
Robert Simkins
Steven Wason
Barbara Stuecker

Julia Hinkle
Mary Lewis
Virginia Sykora
Frank Kerry
Nancy Miller
Michael Parker
Jean Kuhn
James W. Boarman

Our Active Duty Service Members.....

LTCOL Chris Holly
LT Charlene Hinch

SPC Randy Shacreaw
LCPL Phillip Shacreaw

PO1 Tom Etherington
SSG Chris Ramsey

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Saint Juan Diego, hermit
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Saint Damasus I, pope
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab; Ps 80; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18



Coffee and Donuts will be offered after the 8:30am Mass due to Holiday Schedule



The Parish office is now taking names for the candle in front of the Blessed Mother, and Mass Intentions. Please call the office at 623-2989.

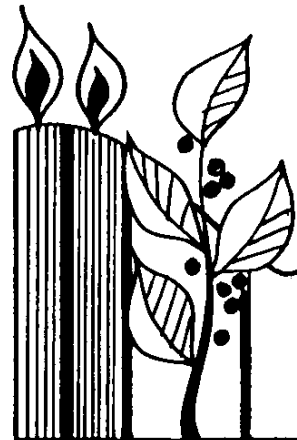


Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults
RCIA

RCIA will meet December 7th in the gathering space of the church.

CHILDREN's CHOIR

The Christmas Eve Children's Choir will practice on Saturday, December 12, from 10-11o'clock. Practice will be held in the St. Mark Church sanctuary





Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Ladies of the Parish: Please hold April 16-17 for our Women's Retreat 2010! More details soon to follow.

Next Monthly Meeting: CDA's next meeting will be December 15th with Mass at 6:00pm, followed by the Christmas Party in the school cafeteria.

CCD NEWS

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the school.

CCD Schedule

December 9 - 6:30-7:30
December 16 - Christmas Program
December 23 - No Class
December 30 - No Class
January 6 - No Class
January 11 - 6:30-7:30

Contact:

cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net or 623-2989 x2005.



A big thanks goes out to Chuck Marz, Jr. for chairing the recent Tootsie Roll roadblock. Nearly \$1,400 was collected for the MARC Center. Hats off to all the Knights who helped make this such a success.

All Knights are to be congratulated for their help in making our Friday night Bingo a success. Your dedication is a very large part of this fundraiser.

A reminder that there will be NO DECEMBER FOURTH DEGREE meeting this month. Regularly scheduled meetings will resume in January.

BINGO, every Friday night-Galaxy Bowling Center-6:00 Earlybirds—Regular Bingo 7:00. If your non-profit group needs a fundraiser and would be willing to do Bingo one night a week or month, call John Wright at 859 893-1123

THIRD DEGREE: Meets on the First Thursday of each month at the Newman Center at 7:00 PM

FOURTH DEGREE: Meets on the Third Sunday of each month at St. Clare (Berea) meeting room at 5:00 PM.

ST MARK SCHOOL NEWS

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Our school is in desperate need of substitute teachers. If you would be interested in becoming a sub teacher, please call Sandy in our school office.

**ST MARK'S
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
GROUP**



- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**
- **6PM – MASS with Fr Jim**
- **6:30 TO 8:30 - Faith Sharing/Fellowship**

**CONTACT REBECCA OR LARRY HOFFMAN
(859) 626 5025
FOR DETAILS**

Youth Group will break December 20th, 2009 to January 5th, 2010.

"Thank you" to all parishioners for voting on the turkeys and cornucopias.



Pictured from left to right: Eli Stuart (Pre-K), Chloe Jones (1st gr.), Flannary Patterson (2nd gr.), Cecilia Cobb (1st gr.), and Sarah Tackett (1st gr.). Front row: McKenzie Bittel (Pre-K). Not available for photo: Steven Cocolas (Pre-K).

The School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair next week and parishioners are invited to come shop on Thursday, December 10th from 2:00-6:00 pm. Books make great Christmas gifts!



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This coming Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We have a **BIG PROBLEM:::** We have lots of stuff for Grandpa's Attic-Grandma's Christmas Shoppe, and we know much more will be coming in on Fri., the 11th, but only 18 have signed up to work during the period of 1:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There is no way we can get this done unless we all work all night so, please, if you can spare even an hour or two, just show up and pitch in! It's not hard work but takes a lot of people. And, if you are there at 5:30 p.m., we'll have pizza for the workers.

Can you imagine coming to church and finding a bare building, with no candles nor flowers, especially during the holidays? And then, you sit in the pew and there are no missalletes, so you cannot sing hymns (unless you know all of the words) and cannot follow the mass. The musicians and choir have no music books and then, during communion, there are no hosts and no wine? A loved one passes away and the ladies on the Bereavement Committee bring delicious dishes but there is no fried chicken and you have to eat it off a napkin (with your fingers) as there are no paper plates nor silver, and no drinks but water. Last year we had twelve Bereavement Dinners and the families who lost loved ones will attest that this is one of the most appreciated ministries of our parish. The list of the expenses of the Altar-Society goes on and on but these are just a very few of the items purchased with the proceeds from the Bazaar. As many of you know, the Bazaar is the only fund-raiser of the Altar-Society and it is for this reason that we beg you to be generous in your donations. We need all of the baked goods you can bring. If you only plan to bring gently-used items, how about taking a few more minutes and baking your favorite cookies, cake or pie; making some homemade fudge or bread, even if in the bread machine. At 8:30 a.m. on Sat. morning, the tables are packed with baked goods and, one hour later, they are stripped. So, please, bake, bake and bake some more!!!

PLEASE BRING YOUR COOKIES FOR THE "COOKIE TRAYS" NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M. (the elves start preparing the trays at 1:00 p.m.) and all other items, be it baked goods, crafts, gently-used items, etc. can be brought to the gym from 1:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Baked goods may also be brought on Sat. from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING BAKED GOODS AFTER THE MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 19TH-20TH!

If you will be unable to help at the Bazaar due to previous commitments, could you please bring some baked goods to our table in the lower hallway on that weekend. Last year we made a considerable amount of money on the 2nd weekend as many of our parishioners need more fresh baked goods closer to the holidays. However, remember these are all fresh baked goods and not left-overs from the Bazaar (unless they are specifically marked as such).

Last but not least, we need customers. Please tell your family & friends about the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and share with them that they can not only do their holiday shopping, fill their homes with gently-used items (& this year we have the best, including lots of bikes, household goods & furniture), decorate their homes with beautiful items from Grandma's Christmas Shoppe (this year we have lots of new items) then rest their weary bodies at Anna's Breakfast Nook, (at candle-lit tables) and enjoy sausage casserole, coffeecakes, beverages, etc.). What more could you ask for?

SHOULD YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:

Carol Kinelski (623-7511) Anna Etherington (623-3931) Charlotte Hill, Cookie Trays (369-3162)



**CHRISTMAS
MEMORIAL
FLOWERS
2009**

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 18th. The memorial list will be included throughout the Christmas Season bulletins.

Number of Plants: _____

Amount enclosed (\$15.00 per plant) _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

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