

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 12, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:30am Mary Golden

11:00am Sr. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

5:00pm Leonard Kogut Sr.

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

6:00pm Deacon Dick Jackson

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

6:00pm Deacon Dick Jackson

Thursday, December 17, 2009

6:00pm Bill Tudor

Friday, December 18, 2009

9:00am No School

Saturday, December 19, 2009

4:00pm Mary Ellen Thomas

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:30am For the Parish

11:00am David E. Waggoner

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:**



OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE CANDLE  
IN HONOR OF  
THE SICK



ROSARY

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

## **Fourth Su**

Call Tricia Davis at 623-9184 or  
Laure Schadler at 624-9316.

**December 21, 2008**

**PASTOR'S PAGE**

Notes from the Pastor:

What a great CHRISTMAS BAZAAR we had this year! Thank you to Carol Kinelski and all the chairs of the various "departments" of the Christmas Bazaar who assisted this year. The proceeds from the Bazaar assist us in many ways to "function" as Church. From purchasing the Hosts, Wine, and Missalettes – to providing food for the Bereavement Dinners --- Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Also, this past Saturday evening, we had our annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I am grateful for our Hispanic Community and for the many ways that they "make us whole" as a parish community. Thanks especially goes out to Fr. Bob Thul, S. J. and to Deacon Jim and Dot Bennett. May Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to protect us under her mantel of Love and Peace.

Thank you also for all those who took seriously your obligation in attending Mass on December 8th; the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It was a joy to see a full Church at our Masses.

This past Wednesday I hosted our Newman Center students over at my house for their yearly Christmas Party! It was a joy to gather and spend time with them. How fortunate we are to have such a great group of students who are "in love" with their Roman Catholic Faith. Special thanks to Brian Walsh, our Campus Minister for his continued ministry to our college students.

Please do not forget the Christmas Schedule this year:

Thursday, December 24: 4:00 p.m.: Family Liturgy  
Friday, December 25: 12:00 a.m.: Solemn Mass at Midnight  
Friday, December 25: 10:00 a.m.: Morning Mass for Christmas Day

Also, please be reminded that we will have our REGULARLY scheduled WEEKEND Masses immediately following Christmas (which falls on a Friday).

We are HALF WAY to our goal for our Parish Annual Pledge! Thank you for your generous ways and in supporting this yearly pledge drive. I am grateful for your generous and caring way!

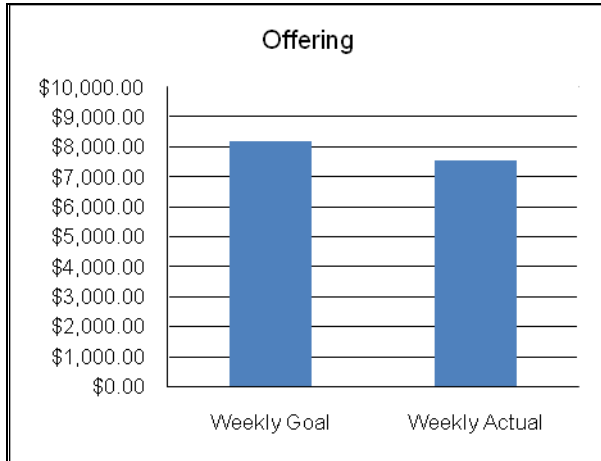
**SALVATION ARMY CAN FOOD DRIVE ITEM FOR THIS NEXT WEEKEND:**

**MACARONI AND CHEESE**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**



**OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00**

**ENVELOPES: \$6,627.20**  
**LOOSE CASH: \$ 523.00**  
**LOOSE COIN: \$ .27**  
**LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 415.00**  
**TOTAL \$7,565.47**

**Under for the week - \$634.53**

**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: \$25,470.00

**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
<b>4:00PM Saturday, December 19</b>	Bob Geiger Jean Price	Patti Baker Dot Bennett Pat Currans Micah Hall Robert Jackowski Karen Mayo	George Nichols Haley Nash	Becky Etherington	To be assigned
<b>8:30AM Sunday, December 20</b>	Angie Wright Todd King	Billy Simon Denny Vanstone Susan Vanstone Shirley West Bob Yerks Melissa O'Bryan	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Larry & Pam Palmisano	To be assigned
<b>11:00am Sunday, December 20</b>	Ann Merriman Connie Wason	Chuck Marz Sandy Adams Tricia Davis Neil DiTeresa Linda Clark Marlene Flinchem	Michael Price Patrick Sullivan Andrew Brockman	Donna Foure	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  
Shannon Felix

Lee David  
Sammy Tierney  
Michael O'Connor  
Hazel Parkos  
Marvin Bauer  
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:** Third Sunday of Advent  
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Monday:** Saint John of the Cross, priest,  
doctor  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25;  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34;  
Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25;  
Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71;  
Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

saint  
**stephen**  
THE MARTYR  
catholic newman center



Coffee and Donuts be offered after the  
8:30am Mass.



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 resume meeting January 11, 2010 in  
the gathering space of the church.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Christmas Eve Children's Choir will  
practice on Saturday, December 19,  
from 10-11 o'clock. Practice will be held in the  
St. Mark Church sanctuary

**Note From Natalie**

Dear Father Jim,

I was so moved when you presented the Pope's Plaque to me. It is so extraordinary that you could even GET to the Pope in the first place, and then that he would take the time to do this at your direction! It is so amazing.....thank you again and I look forward to seeing you in Biloxi---that will be a hoot for sure!!

With Love,  
Natalie  
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

**CCD NEWS**

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

**CCD Schedule**

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.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)**

**December Meeting:** This month's meeting is Tues., Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. As this is our Christmas Social, the meeting will be brief and will be followed by a cookie exchange and holiday game. Members, please see this month's newsletter for more details. If your newsletter hasn't arrived in your mailbox, please contact either Angie at 626-5086 or Tricia at 623-9184.

**April 2010 Women's Retreat:** CDA will again sponsor a women's retreat this coming spring (April 16-17) at Cliffview. Elaine Caldwell, former St. Mark parishioner, will return to lead us in prayer and reflection on thoughts of discipleship. Please check next week's bulletin for an informational flyer and registration form. The retreat is open to all women of the parish, age 18 and older.

**Thanks** to the many CDA members who helped with the Evening Among Friends events and the Christmas Bazaar.



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

We want to welcome Lee Hoffman and Philip Mann, our two newest members, who we're certain will be a great asset to our Council.

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

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**Youth Group will break December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

Newman Center Students and Father Jim would like to thank those who provided such delicious treats and snacks for the Newman Student Social on this past Wednesday!! We are truly blessed to have such great cooks in our community!



### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

We would like to send out a great big thanks to all of those who prepared food, brought drinks and donated all the various and sundry items needed to feed Natalie Cole, her management team, her band and the tech crew. They were overwhelmed by your generosity.

Gail, the band leader, came into the house and said "Oh my, what smells so good?"

When she was told: "Lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, chicken lasagna, garlic bread, fried chicken, yeast rolls, potatoes, corn pudding, broccoli casserole, green bean casserole, tossed salad and fruit salad,"

Edwin, the bass player, piped in and said "Is that all?"

When he was told, "Well no, there is also, chocolate cake, butter cake, spice cake, cranberry pumpkin cake and 3 homemade apple pies," his mouth dropped open, he visibly teared up and said "It's just like Thanksgiving!". And indeed it was as Natalie came in and joined them for dinner, something she rarely does.

It is just a testimony to the fact that you never know how the seemingly small things you do can deeply touch another. Thank you again for everything.

If you brought a dish that was not disposable, please check underneath the front counter in the school kitchen. We have several crock pots, dishes and coolers that have been washed and placed there for pickup.



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** By the time this reaches you, the bazaar will almost be over and let's hope the shelves are bare and it was a huge success. Please be sure to come down to the gym as I know we will have bargains galore. As I type this early in the week, I am praying for good weather, lots of help and many customers!

Next weekend, on Sat., Dec. 19th, and Sun., Dec. 20th, after all of the masses, we will have a table in the lower hallway with fresh baked goods & a few of the best craft & gently-used leftovers. Unless they are marked specifically, we will not sell any leftover baked goods from the bazaar. If we do, it will only be candy or items that will not be stale and they will be reduced and specifically marked. If you were unable to help the weekend of the bazaar or if you can spare a few minutes to bake bread, cake, a coffeecake or a pie, make a plate of cookies or candy, and bring it with you to the mass you attend, we will be most appreciative. Then, we also need customers so please stop by our table and buy what we promise will be the freshest baked goods for Christmas Day! In the past few years, we have made between \$350-\$450 on the weekend after the bazaar and this really helps us reach our goal.

Special thanks so far to Connie Lawson & Don Foster Realty for paying the expense of the raffle tickets, a hefty price these days. Their generous donation is something which we are forever grateful. Also, this past weekend, the gang that showed up, almost every one of them with a truck, to empty the storage building still has me reeling! Can you believe that, in 45 minutes, not only was the storage building emptied but everything in it was transported to St. Mark's gym and hauled to the stage (& it totally filled the stage). Thanks to Joe & Jason Fichetola, whose landscaping rig was an enormous help, their mom, Pat Horvat, Don Fourre, Mary Deltry, Trish & Mark Davis (even Mark, with his arm in a sling helped), Mike Reister, Charlie Norton, Greg & Kevin Gaerke, Nancy Glotzbach, Patrick Woods and Joe Kinelski. Guys & Gals, we never could have made it without you!

I am still in need of persons to work after the masses next weekend (19th & 20th) and a couple to help with clean-up, (we'll be done by prob. 12:30 p.m.) that same day. If you can help, please call Carol Kinelski (623-7511) and let me know.



**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 18<sup>th</sup>. The memorial list will be included throughout the Christmas Season bulletins.

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**Number of Plants:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$15.00 per plant) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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