

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 19, 2009

4:00pm Mary Ellen Thomas

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:30am For the Parish

11:00am David E. Waggoner

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

6:00pm The Heil Family

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

6:00pm Mary Golden

Thursday, December 24, 2009

4:00pm Aida Ceraso

Midnight David E. Waggoner

Friday, December 25, 2009

10:00am Sichko Family

Saturday, December 26, 2009

4:00pm Duane Hagan

Sunday, December 27, 2009

8:30am David E. Waggoner

11:00am For the Parish



**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN HONOR OF
EKU NURSING STUDENTS**



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:

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

December 21, 2008

PASTOR'S PAGE

Notes from the Pastor:

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent; as the days are quickly escaping from us, I leave with you a prayer....

Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Savior putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us.

As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him. Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet night-watch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Savior who would pay the price for our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all men, and Your desire for peace on earth.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts -- not just at this joyful season but all the year round.

Thank you for sending Your only son to earth for a specific purpose -- to provide eternal life to all who accept Him.

Please do not forget our Christmas Mass Schedule:

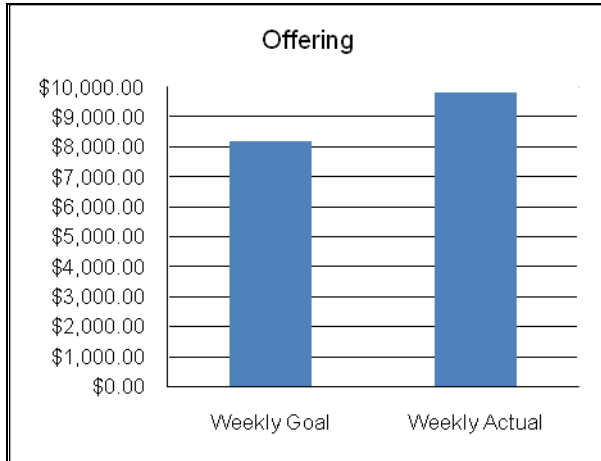
Thursday, December 24: 4:00 p.m., Family Liturgy
Friday, December 25: 12:00 a.m., Solemn Mass at Midnight
Friday, December 25: 10:00 a.m., Mass at Dawn at Christmas

Also, please note WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE on Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 26/27), immediately following Christmas.

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: \$8,506.00
LOOSE CASH: \$ 607.00
LOOSE COIN: \$ 3.74
LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 700.00
TOTAL \$9,816.74

Over for the week + \$1,616.74

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: \$26,600.00

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

Father Jim's Speaking Donations

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

MINISTRIES

Linens: Terry Culross

Ministry					
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk	Gifts Baskets Bulletins
4:00PM Saturday, December 26	Betty Davy Kent Kessler	Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jill Silver Jean price Mary Lou Remaley Laure Schadler Phil Vonmann	Scott Dieckmann Haley Marks	Becky Etherington	To be assignend
8:30AM Sunday, December 27	Peter Creighton Phil Mattingly	Barbara Cain Charlie Chaplin Terry Culross Emma Esker Kathy Hall Patty Holly Mary Rose Bauer	BJ Shacreaw	Dan & Emily Jarosz	To be assigned
11:00am Sunday, December 27	Brad Wood Lois Scott	Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Lois Scott Evelyn Spalding Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan Caryn Vazzana	Matt Taylor Vivian Nguyen	Anne Norton	To be assignend

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
Chuck Marz Sr.

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

Monday: Saint Peter Canisius, priest, doctor
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33;
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8;
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Saint John of Kanty, priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 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
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
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

Saturday: Saint Stephen, first martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31;
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22,
24-28; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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



This Sunday will be the last Coffee and Doughnuts until January 24th. Thank you so much for your generous support!



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.

YOUTH GROUP

CCD NEWS

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

CCD Schedule

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)

Why not give yourself the Christmas gift of a quiet retreat?

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. The cost of the retreat is \$60.00 (double room occupancy) or \$80.00 (private room), all meals included. The retreat will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. on Fri., April 16, and end with a closing mass at 5:00 on Sat., April 17. Half of the cost of registration is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. The registration form will be ready and available in next weekend's bulletin.

THANK YOU!

Rev. Sichko,

Just a note to say what an enjoyable time we had seeing Natalie Cole perform. We also want you to know how welcome your church family made us feel. Everyone was so nice and helpful. For us it turned out to be truly "An Evening Among Friends". We're sorry we missed the other five shows. Thanks to everyone and Best Wishes...

Carol and Steve Barker



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

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO on Friday, Dec. 25th. Bingo will resume on Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010.

We would like to wish all of our K of C members, their families and friends, the parishioners of St. Mark Church and Father Jim a most Blessed Christmas. The continued support of our members and our parishioners are what it has taken to make our Council one of the most successful in the State of Kentucky. GOD IS GOOD!

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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

December 23rd 10am to 11am in the Sanctuary.



LAST CHANCE FOR MEMORIAL FLOWERS.
SEE FORM ON LAST PAGE.

ST MARK SCHOOL NEWS

At the end of the month of January, we will begin our Catholic Schools Week Observance, the annual celebration of Catholic education and its role in making the world a better place. Our theme this year is *Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life*. To volunteer to help with the festivities, please contact Natalie Fitzsimmons 859-582-3069 or natalie.fitzsimmons@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING NOTES**Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels**

Thank you for your continued support of our collection efforts! Every Box Top earns \$.10 for the school and every Soup Label can be redeemed for school supplies. As a reminder on the soup labels, we need the UPC or bar code along with the label. Visit Boxtops4Education.com for more information.

Market Day Update

For the last couple of years the school has participated monthly in Market Day. We are no longer able to meet the minimum requirements for this program and will not be having delivery at the school. If you wish to continue to order from Market Day, you may do so by selecting a different location.

Christmas Bazaar: What a huge success it was! Can you believe, as of Sun., Dec. 13th, we grossed \$12,575. Not counting the 2nd week of baking, which we hope will be fruitful, we already are \$536 ahead of last year and this is definitely our best yet. Anyone who witnessed the crowd would have been in awe; at 8:30 a.m., when we cut the ribbon, the crowd, 2-3 wide, was up the hall and all of the way back to the W. Main St. entrance.

The crowd was so large that we ran out of Sausage Casserole by noon, so next year we need several more. We were saved by Robert Mark and his wife, who came wheeling in a hand truck with 2 white Styrofoam coolers. Each one had 24 containers with a most generous portion of fried rice and sautéed shrimp and he priced them at \$2 each. They were absolutely delicious and were also gone before noon. Anna Etherington and her group again kept the lots fed. They grossed over \$700, another bazaar first, and everyone left their candle lit tables smiling.

We never saw so many beautiful cookies and, with the help of the Cookie Elves; led by Terry Culross, Charlotte Hill's stand-in (Charlotte missed the Bazaar to go to her nephew's ordination in Rome), we had 116 of the most beautiful Cookie Trays you have ever seen. They were gone by 10:15 a.m. and we grossed \$1,224.00 just in this area. Erlene Nichols and friend, Nancy Coatney, then cut up numerous cakes and put an assortment in plastic boxes; a novel idea appreciated by many.

Mary Kay Kasitz, Loretta Leszczynski and Ann Hill took over Grandma's Christmas Shoppe (Sue Marz had her family Christmas) and, as usual, they nearly sold everything. On Fri. night, I never thought the crowd in Grandpa's Attic could possibly sort out everything and mark it but they somehow got it done. For fear of

forgetting someone, as there were several captains of the ship, I'll just thank the group of them. They did a fabulous job. The usual crew in the Crafts and Baked Goods also did a fine job of arranging and pricing everything and the bakers of St. Marks are to again be commended. We had so many beautiful cakes, desserts, candy, etc. The whole gym looked like a Christmas picture! I know the shoppers were most appreciative of the youth who were working for service hours. They carried box after box out to the customer's cars, surely a tiring job.

Last but not least, I want to thank Father Jim, Liane, Cathy & Michelle, who were there at our beck and call. Connie Fischer (Lead-Teacher), the school secretary, Sandy Sullivan, Vicki Mitchell and all of the teachers could not have been more helpful. Our poor janitor is also to be commended as the dumpster was full and he had to carry out bags of trash when room was available.

God blessed us with good weather all weekend (no snow or ice) and, as I said, Saturday was as near perfect day as you could ask for. After the 3 masses, we were shocked to find we made an additional \$1,500. It's just hard to imagine that we made that much with so little left!

I would be remiss if I did not thank our clean-up crew from the bottom of my heart; my husband, Joe, who has worked all year loading the warehouse, growing veg. for canning and then baking for 3 days prior to the bazaar, was one of the few who showed up to help pack up. The others, Donna, Don & Tammy Foure, Bill Brown, Ruth Ann, Charlie & Megan Chapman, Mary Lou Remaley, Martha Brown and Chad Feldman (the only youth who showed up) had a daunting job. What should have taken an hour, had more volunteers showed up, took us almost 3 hrs. and we were all exhausted. If we are going to continue a bazaar of this magnitude, more of our parishioners are going to have to show up to set up on Friday and to clean-up on Sunday. It isn't fair that the same ones who brought numerous baked goods, etc., worked not only on Fri. but on Sat. as well, then sold after masses, then had to clean up. We have over 500 families, all of whom reap the benefits of the bazaar, yet many do nothing. It is a very rewarding experience to know that you and your family personally raised funds to support the expenses of the Altar Society, from church supplies to the meat and paper products used for the Bereavement Dinners. Also, Kitty Culp has been such a big help to me with the raffle. It's so nice when someone takes over and handles a whole job and I do not have to worry about it. This year's raffle winner was Noreletta Wilburn of Berea. Her ticket was one of 200 sold by Pat Horvat. Surely Pat should get a prize for tenacity!

Although I have already thanked them, a second thanks to Connie Lawson/Don Foster Realtors, who paid for the raffle tickets, the Telephone Committee, the guys & gals who emptied the warehouse, and the ones who worked after the masses. A huge thank you to all of you who helped make the Christmas Bazaar of 2009 such a great success.

(In all of the excitement on Sun., I have misplaced all of my volunteer sign-up sheets and, so far, even St. Anthony cannot find them. If you volunteered to work this coming weekend and I haven't called you, this is the reason.) Please call if you have any questions or if you know of someone I failed to recognize.

Carol Kinelski, Chairman

P. S. The high winds on last week took away some of our signs (we are missing 11). If you see any of them, could you please contact me at 623-7511.



**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: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____