

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 26, 2009

4:00pm Duane Hagan

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:30am David E. Waggoner

11:00am Duane Hagan

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

6:00pm

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

6:00pm Zilla Rose Peterson

Thursday, December 31, 2009

6:00pm No Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010

10:00am Sichko Family

Saturday, January 2, 2010

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2010

8:30am Deacon Dick Jackson

11:00am Catherine Dalgleish



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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:

First and foremost, I wish you and your family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and as January 1, 2010 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.

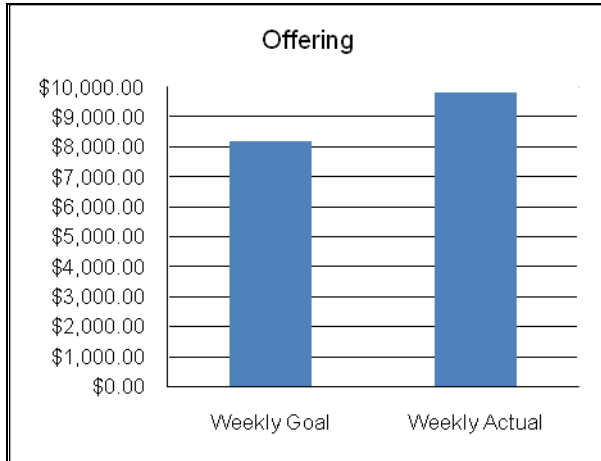
Please do not forget that as we approach NEW YEARS DAY, that January 1, 2010 IS a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Mass at St. Mark will be at 10:00 a.m. A reminder that ALL Roman Catholics are obliged to attend Mass this day -- please make every effort in finding a Mass time that will fit into your particular schedule on New Years Day.

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

STEWARDSHIP



OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00

ENVELOPES: \$
LOOSE CASH: \$
LOOSE COIN: \$
LOOSE CHECKS: \$
TOTAL \$

Over for the week +

**Due to Publisher schedule December 19/20 weekend will be reflected in next week's bulletin.
Thank you.**

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: \$28,900.66

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, January 2	Michael Eubanks Joan Grefer	Patti Baker Pat Currans Terry Foster Micah Hall Robert Jackowski Joanne McCrary Allana Siniger	Jim Swartz Anne Marie Kessler	Michelle Monticello	To be assigned
8:30AM Sunday, January 3	Jude Cecil Carroll Hale	Caroll Hale Marsha Hale Angel King Gail King Lynn King Sr. Mary Thomas BJ Shacreaw	Joshua Schwab Bailey O'Bryan	Linda Maxwell	To be assigned
11:00am Sunday, January 3	Sandy Sullivan Kathy Palmer	Marlene Flinchem Chuck Marz Janelle Massaro Mike Schwendeman Lois Scott Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan	Brittany Scott Haley Marks	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
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
LCPL Phillip Shacreaw

SPC Randy Shacreaw
SSG Chris Ramsey

PO1 Tom Etherington

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs
 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr
 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: Saint Sylvester I, pope
 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God
 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: Saints Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Coffee and Doughnuts will resume 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

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

CCD NEWS

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

CCD Schedule

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.

Respect Life

Dec. 27th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

"Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance. At the end of life, we will be judged on love alone."

~ Cardinal Justin Rigali, Statement for Respect Life Sunday, September 29, 2009



BINGO will resume on Friday, January 1st, at the Galaxy Center. Early birds at 6:00, followed by regular bingo at 7:00. All Knights check your schedule for working and we'll see everyone in 2010!!

All 3rd and 4th Degree meetings will resume in January. Meeting dates are: Jan. 7th – 3rd Degree and Jan. 17th – 4th Degree.

We look forward to another successful year and wish everyone a blessed, safe, and happy 2010!

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

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.

During the time of Christmas, you reflect back on the good things that have happened during the year. The School would like to express its feeling of joy for the spirit of community we have shared with the parish during the first semester of school. It has been a wonderful first half of school, thanks in no small part to you, St. Mark parish.



**MINUTES OF ST. MARK SCHOOL COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 3, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

Call to Order – Jud Patterson called the meeting to order. Members present: Father Jim, Connie Fischer, Michelle Monticello, Peter Creighton, Jim Bennett, Natalie Fitzsimmons, Jud Patterson, Pam Wood, Aaron Thompson, Dan Vazzana, Minh Nguyen, Sybil Fagan

Opening Prayer – Father Jim

After prayer, Father Jim introduced Michelle Monticello, St. Mark's new business manager. She will be in charge of the financial operations of the parish. She will be a member of the School Council and will be the liaison to the Finance Council.

Routine Matters

Reading/Approval of the Minutes – Approved
Visitor Policy – No visitors

Old Business

Report of Marketing Committee – Natalie Fitzsimmons

1. Contacted the Richmond Register about the "Advertiser" mailing to promote St. Mark School, especially in the third week in January which is the week before Catholic Schools week.
2. Contacted parent volunteers who have expressed interest in helping with marketing and PR and assembled a Catholic Schools Week Committee. Nathalie Deitrich, Sybil Fagan, Angel King, Jud Patterson, Nikki Stuart, Pam Wood, Dan Vazzana and Natalie Fitzsimmons are members of the Marketing Committee.
3. Reviewed current St. Mark Catholic School information packet; update of packet will include three parts: initial interest brochure, enrollment packet, and admission packet. Ms. Deitrich collaborated with Ms. Fitzsimmons to develop sample marketing materials. Materials were distributed to the council for review. After review and discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have Meridan Chiles, a PR company, look over the materials to develop a brochure about the school. The company will probably present two ideas for consideration; perhaps by Thanksgiving.

4. Collaborated with Sandy Sullivan, office manager of school, on addressing inquiries about enrollment and tuition. Ms. Sullivan will help develop and implement a usable system for anyone in that position.
5. Three Council members, Pam Wood, Natalie Fitzsimmons and Sybil Fagan, attended the Diocesan workshop on "Growing our Catholic School Enrollment". Ms. Fitzsimmons will set up a Marketing
6. Committee meeting to address the ideas from the workshop and to develop a system for enrollment and retention. Pam Wood will head the retention piece of the process. Already completed is the review of existing information given to parents about the school. Information will now be grouped into three stages: Inquiry, Application, and Acceptance
7. Received US Conference of Catholic Bishops marketing kit for Catholic Schools Week.

Report of Fundraising Activity

1. \$12, 115.58 has been realized thus far from fundraising. This amount includes monies from Trunk or Treat, Father Jim's speaking engagements, and bake sales.
2. Father Jim noted that funds raised from Natalie Cole's concert will be equally divided between the school and the church. Father Jim has secured \$35,000 in sponsors for the event with a possibility of other sponsors.

Summer School/After Care

A committee with Sybil Fagan as chair will collect information and report to the council at the December meeting. Aaron Thompson will serve on the committee.

New Business

Finance Report - Ms. Monticello distributed a St. Mark School Balance Sheet for review and discussion.

"Town Hall Meeting" idea – tabled

Enrollment Status Report – One new student enrolled; 57 students total currently with a possibility of one more.

Bingo - This is a possible fundraiser idea for the school. Pros and cons were discussed. No action taken.

Information/Communication/Reports

Pastor's Report

1. About 20 tickets for the Pattie LaBelle concert have been returned for a refund.
2. Natalie Cole's original crew from the concert two years ago have all agreed to return for the concert this year.

3. Father Jim stressed the importance of selling tickets for this event and has charged the councils of the church with each selling one pew for the event. Mr. Vazzana offered to contact the president of Georgetown to see about a possible sponsorship.

4. Four Kentucky artists will be displaying their work at An Evening Among Friends. Additionally, these four artists will work with the students at St. Mark to produce a Christmas piece of which 15 will be selected for auction the night of Ms. Cole's performance. Mr. Vazzana suggested making the selected pieces into Christmas cards to also be sold that night. Mr. Nguyen suggested a calendar. Both suggestions are under consideration.

5. Another artist from the parish, Neal di Terese, will also be displaying his work during the concert evening.

Head Teacher's Report – Ms. Fischer

1. Nikki Stuart, professional photographer, has been taking individual and group pictures of the students.
2. St. Mark students are participating in Mayfield School's backpack program by bringing food items.
3. Report Cards have been sent home and parent conferences have been held.
4. Students are collecting items for a care package to be sent to Matthew Smith who is currently serving in the military.
5. Veteran's Day Program will be held to honor veterans. The Richmond Register will cover this event.

Future Business

Next meeting: December 15, 2009 after Mass

Adjourned with Prayer: 8:20 p.m.



**CHRISTMAS
MEMORIAL
FLOWERS
2009**



Carl Douglas Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Beirne
Mr. and Mrs. Marhsall Bruner
Caldwell and Kinelski Family
Riley and Marjorie Culross
Catherine Dabkowski
Anthony Estrada
Peter J. Flaherty III
Mr. and Mrs. Dominick J. Hart Sr.
Betty Heil
The Heil Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Golden
Scott Alan Heilig
Justin Lee Hinch
James E. and Ellen Leona Marshall
Richard and Dan Mary Owen
Anita M. Otero
Frank H. and Mary Helen Radabaugh
Todd Satterly
Hunter Spalding
Cindy Thompson
Zachery Crump Vasquez

Second Annual St. Mark Women's Retreat

Sponsored by CDA

Guest Speaker: Elaine Caldwell

What: Women's Retreat

Theme: Discipleship

When: April 16 - 17, 2010

Where: Cliffview Retreat Center

Cost: Private Room \$ 80.00

Double Room \$ 60.00

* All Meals included. A deposit of half the room cost is due at the time the registration form is turned in and is a non-refundable deposit. Deadline to register is January 10, 2010.

Questions? Please contact Tricia Davis at 623-9184.

Please complete the form below and drop in the collection basket during mass.

Name : _____

Phone : _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Single Or Double Room: _____

If Double, who would you like to room with, if possible:
