

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2009

8:30am Lois Riepel

11:00am John Sydor

Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2009

6:00pm Edith Ceraso

Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2009

9:00am Virginia Cooper

6:00pm Thomas Pinnell

Thursday, Mar. 5, 2009

6:00pm Jeanne Fogt

Saturday, Mar. 7, 2009

4:00pm Helen Brislee

Sunday, Mar. 8, 2009

8:30am For the Parish

11:00am Edith Ceraso



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
ROSE PUCCIO



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. 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. 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 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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

As we begin the LENTEN JOURNEY, I have decided to be a little bit more reflective in my NOTES during the LENTEN SEASON. But before doing so, some important reminders:

- 1) A reminder that Fridays during the SEASON OF LENT, we are required to abstain from meat.
- 2) I would like to CHALLENGE and EMPOWER each person in our CHURCH to FAST at least one day a week in SUPPORT for the needs of our PARISH, including SCHOOL, HISPANIC MINISTRY and NEWMAN MINISTRY. Offer up this fasting for those in need.
- 3) Daily Masses/Communion Services will be held all throughout LENT. On Wednesdays during LENT, the Stations of the Cross will be recited after the daily Mass.
- 4) Lenten Book Club is available through the Catholic Daughters of America.
- 5) Please do not forget to READ MY BLOG: Kentucky.com and/or Lexingtonherald.com.

LENTEN TOPIC 1
FEAR AND ANXIETY

If you experience fear and/or anxiety concerning any situation in your life, you may be assured that GOD is able to hear your concern, give you peace and answer your prayer, should it be His Will. May the following verses of Scripture be an encouragement and comfort for you.

See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. (Isaiah 59:1)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Do not be afraid of sudden panic, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. (Proverbs 3:26)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

Human fears lay a snare, but one who trusts in the Lord is secure. (Proverbs 29:25)

The Lord is my strength and my shield.; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. (Psalm 28:7)

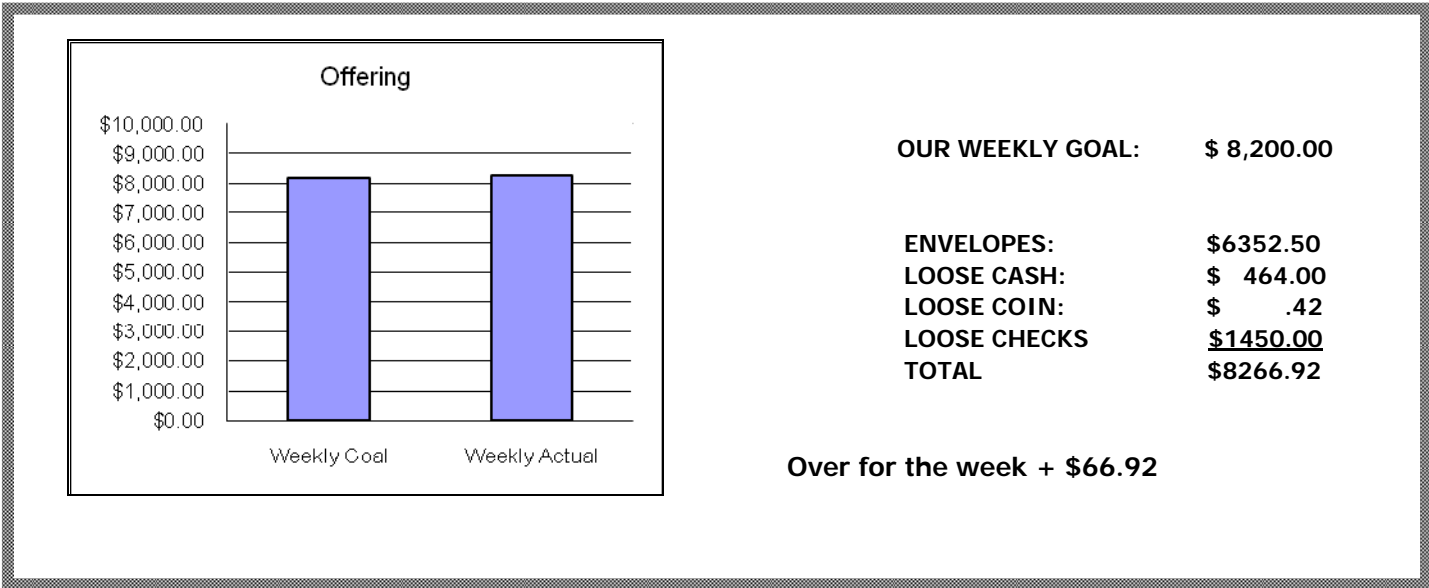
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

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: \$6352.50
LOOSE CASH: \$ 464.00
LOOSE COIN: \$.42
LOOSE CHECKS \$1450.00
TOTAL \$8266.92

Over for the week + \$66.92

MINISTRIES

Linens: Kitty Culp

	Ministry			
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00PM Saturday Mar. 7	Betty Davy Kent Kessler	Patti Baker Dot Bennett Michal Eubanks Terry Foster Micah Hall Robert Jackowski Joanne McCrary	Jim Swartz Scott Dieckmann	Dottie Stipes
8:30AM Sunday, Mar. 8	Pete Creighton Charlie Chaplin	Pat Currans Carroll Hale Marsha Hale Angel King Gail King Lynn King Sr. Mary Thomas	Joshua Schwab Bailey O'Bryan	Michelle Monticello
11:00am Sunday, Mar. 8	Ann Merriman Connie Wason	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Tricia Davis Greg Discepoli Marlene Flinchem Chuck Marz	George Nichols Alley Rowland Brittany Scott	Anne Norton

****A Reminder to all Ministers – Please be mindful of Dress Code. Gentlemen must have shirt with collar.**

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATES AND NOTES:

The St. Mark Finance Council meets on a monthly basis. During these meetings we discuss various aspects of the financial condition of the Parish. We want to share with the parishioners items of interest:

- Collection revenues from July 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 are \$16,000 under budget.

- Fr. Jim's January preaching travels to Kansas brought in donations totaling \$5,800--- WOW!!!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

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

Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25;1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Saint Casimir Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



There is still time to memorialize a loved one, or have your family name a permanent part of St Mark history by having a name inscribed on the new Chalice. Please call the Parish office for more information



CCD Schedule:

- March 4
- March 11- NO CCD
- March 18
- March 25

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

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday March 7th
10:00am to 12 Noon
Students must be in the 4th grade or above in order to be trained.

High School, College Age and Adults are especially encouraged to attend.

Please call Cathy Cornett at 623-2989, prompt 5, if you have any questions.



Next High School Youth Group will meet Wednesday, March 4th.

- 6:00 Mass
- 6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister
mbreister@att.com.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thanks to our K of C Trivia Team who participated in the Newman Center event. For those who weren't in attendance, you missed a great time.

ALL FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS: The Spring Outing to Bardstown is tentatively set for a weekend in May. More details to follow.

A First Degree Initiation will be held in the near future. We urge all men of our parish to consider becoming a member of our Council. For additional information call John Wright at 893-1123 or email at johnw@chpl.net.



RCIA

- Wed March 4, 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym
- Wed March 11, NO RCIA SPRING BREAK
- Wed March 18 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym
- Wed March 25 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym

RCIA (Rite of Christian Information of Adults)
For more information, contact Terry, 623-6847/ email: towen44@bellsouth.net; or Linda, 623-0925 /email: ljlclsw@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all those who supported the St. Mark Lions Team in the Polar Bear Plunge!! We raised \$1,150.00 for the Special Olympics!!



NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

The Newman Center would like to thank all those you came out and supported us at our Pancake Dinner and Trivia Night! We reached our goal, and I will have the unique penitential experience of being bald this Lent.

The Newman Center also wishes to congratulate the 1st place winner, Saint Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch, the Knights of Columbus team, as well as the second place team, Reister's Roosters, the 8:30 choir teams.

Also, a big thanks to Michael Baur, Zach Carroll, Renee Kling, and Theresa Smyser who put so much time and effort into this event.

CHOIR

Choir practices for the 8:30 a.m. liturgies are held each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 in the Church. Come and lend your voice as we prepare for the beautiful Triduum liturgies. Questions?

Call Betty Reister at 623-2573. We look forward to seeing some new faces.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):

LAST CHANCE! CDA has organized a Lenten book group that will meet on Thursday evenings in the school cafeteria. The book is BRIDGES TO CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING WITH THOMAS MERTON; it costs \$6.00. If you would like to join the group, please contact Tricia Davis (623-9184 or ferdie@chpl.net) no later than Tues., March 3, to join and get your book.

MARCH MEETING: CDA's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, March 17. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. (Why not join us for Mass beforehand?)

ALL PARISH WOMEN INVITED
ONLY 8 SPOTS LEFT!!



SIGN UP NOW: 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. Register after Mass or call Parish office. **Eight spots remaining!**

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Mark Lions will play two Basketball games next week, Tuesday evening at 7:00pm we will play against Bluegrass Christian and Friday we will play St. Mary, Paris at 12:30. Both games will be at St. Mark.

During Lent our students will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday as part of our Catholic tradition.

Look for our AD in the Sunday Richmond Register!

Look for our AD about our Friday Fish Fry's during Lent!!

Faculty Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th - Noon Dismissal

If you are looking to attend the best school in Madison County next year, please call St. Mark School to arrange a tour - 623-2989 #4.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Right to Life News. During this Lenten season our community will unite with 200 other cities across North America for "40 days for Life." This campaign has generated measurable lifesaving results. Some areas have reported a 28% drop in local abortions. Join us this Lent for 40 days of prayer and fasting, or, if possible, stand for Life in public witness in prayer and take a positive pro-life message through media, church, and public visibility. For more information: 859-277-4917 or www.40daysforlife.com/Lexington
Also please join the "Red envelope drive" to stop the abortion agenda from DC. It is a simple message. For information on this drive call (623-8431) or checkchuc@aol.com. You will be joining hundreds of thousands in this effort.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us in prayer and song for a Magnificat breakfast on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 9am – 12 Noon at Hehman Hall, Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington, KY. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Whalen, a parishioner at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Lexington. Barbara is a mother of seven, a convert to the Catholic Church, and active in the RCIA, CRHP and Why Catholic? ministries. Child care and transportation are available. To register, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a \$10.00 check by March 9 (payable to Magnificat) to Laura Westbrook, 3336 Braemer Dr., Lexington, KY 40502. Tickets will be \$12.00 at the door. Call Laura Westbrook at (859) 277-1427 (laurawestbrook@insightbb.com) or Sue Sopala at (859) 224-4908.

Empty Bowls Project

Help fight hunger in Madison County. On Friday, March 20, at the First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass, will present the Empty Bowls Project. The minimum donation is \$12, and your donation will include a handmade pottery bowl, homemade soup, bread and a drink. All of the proceeds will go to feed the hungry in Madison County through the following programs: God's Outreach Community Food Bank, Food Bank of Kentucky River Foothills, Home Meals Delivery and the Salvation Army of Madison County. The bowls are provided by local potters and ECU art students. Times for the event are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 623-4028.

ST MARK CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
INVITE ALL WOMEN OF
ST. MARK PARISH TO JOIN THEM AND GUEST
SPEAKER
CAROLE CHUK TO OUR RETREAT
"PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH"
APRIL 24TH AND 25TH 2009



Carole serves the Church of the Assumption, Bethlehem, PA as Director of Christian Ministries

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER BY PHONE PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 623-2989. CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED.

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.