

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21, 2009

4:00pm Dominic Trifero

Sunday, November 22, 2009

8:30am Jerry Healy

11:00am For the Parish

5:00pm Carl Stockhausen

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

7:00pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

6:00pm No Mass

Thursday, November 26, 2009

No Mass-Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27, 2009

9:00am No School

Saturday, November 28, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, November 29, 2009

8:30am Mary Golden

11:00am David E. Waggoner



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
HENRY T. GAERKE



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:

Please do not forget about our Evening Liturgy of Thanksgiving which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m., here at St. Mark. It is a wonderful time for us to all come together as one parish family and thank God for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. I also encourage you to invite those individuals who are not members of our church and or Faith denomination. You can RSVP by filling out the appropriate form from the bulletin and drop it off in the cornucopia; or you can phone the parish office with the number of individuals who will be participating.

As I am sure you heard in the announcements this weekend, sign up sheets have been placed in our gathering space for assistance needed for our Evening Among Friends with Natalie Cole. There are many opportunities and ways in which each of you can be of assistance in making this Evening Among Friends such a great success. One of the greatest ways is to PRAY! I have always believed that we must all be grounded in FAITH and to surrender to the will of God. A second way is to be a good evangelizer of the event! Spread the word of the good news that will take place with this concert -- encourage people to purchase tickets and hang up posters. A third way is to be a participant yourself and if you can't make the concert or don't wish to attend, purchase a ticket for a friend, family member or someone who is not able to afford a ticket. Remember, it is in giving that we receive.

This year, with Evening Among Friends, a group of Kentucky artists of which our own Nancy Wigand is a member, will display and sell their art! This group of artists came by our St. Mark School this past Wednesday and gave a "hands on" demonstration to our children! It was great to see the children painting and making their own art! The artwork of 15 students from our school will be selected, displayed and hopefully sold at Evening Among Friends, with some of the proceeds from the artwork sold going to our School/Parish.

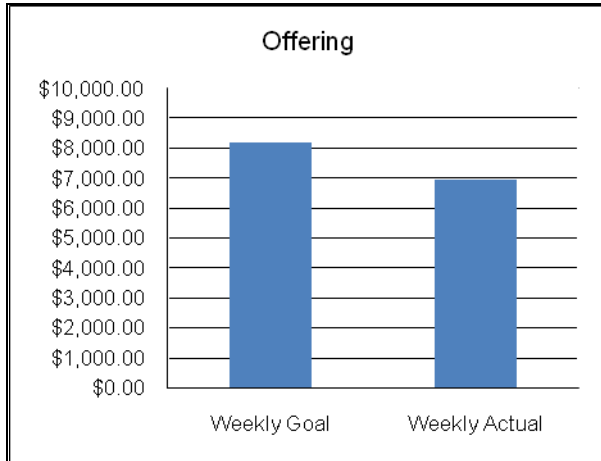
I wanted to offer some clarification on our 2009 Parish Annual Pledge. The Parish Annual Pledge occurs ONE time each FISCAL year. Our last Parish Annual Pledge was Ash Wednesday of 2009, which part of the 2008/2009 FISCAL YEAR. Our current Parish Annual Pledge, which began several weeks ago, is for the FISCAL year of 2009/2010. Please note that this Parish Annual Pledge is not a part of the Bishop's Annual Appeal or Diocesan Capital Campaign, but the proceeds from our Parish Annual Appeal go directly to the operating costs of our parish. As always, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Mark your calendar ahead of schedule for December 8th, which is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for this Holy Day will be at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be no School Mass that day, as ALL of our Parish Operations are closed on Holy Days of Obligation.

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: \$5,835.00
LOOSE CASH: \$ 564.00
LOOSE COIN: \$ 2.76
LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 535.00
TOTAL \$6,936.76

Under for the week - \$1,263.24

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

PARISH APPRECIATION PLEDGE

Goal: \$50,000.00
 Current Total: \$17,390.00

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 \$479.00 for St. Mark School!

Sept. \$387.75
 Oct: \$479.00

Money Counters Needed. Please call Michelle Monticello, our Business Manager at (859) 623-2989 ext 3205.

MINISTRIES

Linens: Terry Culross

	Ministry				
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk	Gifts Baskets Bulletins
4:00PM Saturday, November 28	Michael Eubanks Jack Culross	Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jill Silver Jean Price Mary Lou Remaley Laure Schadler Phil VonMann	George Nichols Haley Nash	Michelle Monticello	To be assigned
8:30AM Sunday, November 29	Peter Creighton Phil Mattingly	Mary Rose Bauer Barbara Cain Charlie Chaplin Terry Culross Emma Esker Kathy Hall Patty Holly	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Linda Maxwell	To be assigned
11:00am Sunday, November 29	Sandy Sullivan Kathy Palmer	Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Lois Scott Evelyn Spalding Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan Caryn Vazzana	Michael Price Patrick Sullivan Andrew Brockman	Terry Meek	To be assigned

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Ill and Homebound....

Violet Mullins
Kathy Switzer
Bob Millet
Robert Doot
Mary Powell
Pat Hensley
Sheryl Stephan
Daniel McAvoy

Lee David
Sammy Tierney
Michael O'Connor
Hazel Parkos
Pam Palmisano
James. W. Boarman
Steven Wason
Wanda Martin

Julia Hinkle
Mary Lewis
Virginia Sykora
Frank Kerry
Nancy Miller
Michael Parker
Rich Shuntich
Barbara Stuecker

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 of November 22, 2009

Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Monday Saints Clement I, pope, martyr;
Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel
Agustín Pro, priest, martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-26;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest,
martyr, and his companions,
martyrs Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61;
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin, martyr
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Thanksgiving Day
Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74;
Lk 21:20-28

Friday Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87;
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1
Thes 3:12—4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Choir practices Wednesdays from 7-8:30 in the church.

Four trees have been planted in the recently landscaped lot next to the church. For a donation of \$150, a tree can be designated/given as a memorial for a loved one. There are only four trees available so this will be first come first served. Please contact the parish office for more information.



Coffee and Donuts will be not take place next week due to the Thanksgiving break.



Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults
RCIA

RCIA will be meeting on Monday nights. Sessions will be from 6:00 PM-7:45 PM in the Gathering Space at St Mark. For details or questions, contact Terry Culross, 859-623-6847; 859-582-9629; email www.towen44@bellsouth.net; OR Linda Clark, 859-623-0925, email www.ljclcs@yahoo.com.

My family and I would like to thank the Bereavement Committee for providing food and drinks following my Mother's funeral on Nov. 14, 2009. Jim and I would especially like to thank Carol Kinelski for delivering the food and for her words of comfort and support during the visitation. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful ministry at St. Mark and special people like Carol and the rest of the Bereavement Committee who give of themselves to help our parish family. We are also truly blessed to have Father Jim in our lives and I want to give special thanks and praise for him. I'm not sure everyone realizes just how much he does for this parish and how fortunate we are to have him. Thanks again and may

God continue to bless each of you.

Thanks to everyone who filled a bag to help fight hunger!

Georgetta & Jim Swartz



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 our Christmas Party in the cafeteria.

Deacon Jim Bennett will be our guest speaker about the Hispanic Ministries with dinner at Casa Café after. Spouses are welcome to attend.



REMINDER: --3RD Degree Monthly Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 3rd, Newman Center.

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.

CCD NEWS

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

CCD Schedule

- December 2 - 6:30-7:30
- December 9 - 6:30-7:30
- December 16 - 6:30-7:30
- 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.

LECTORS

Lector workbooks for the new liturgical year are here. Please pick up a copy in the vestry after Mass.

**SALVATION ARMY AUXILIARY
"FILL A BAG" FOOD DRIVE**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ONLY 3 WEEKS LEFT!!!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and after all of the masses!

NEW PARISHIONERS & YOUTH: We would like to take this opportunity to invite all of our new parishioners, men, women & youth, who have never joined us at the Bazaar, to come help us at this only yearly fund-raiser of the Altar-Society. We not only need able bodies to help us empty the storage warehouse sometime the week before but need help especially on Friday, any time between 1:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (and, remember, a pizza party at 5:30 p.m.) First, we set up tables, then while the Cookie Elves are in the kitchen preparing Cookie Trays, the rest of us sort, then price the gently-used items (Christmas related articles to Grandma's Christmas Shoppe, others to Grandpa's Attic). If you cannot lift, you can help put together artificial trees, mark baked goods, craft items, etc. We'll give you a chair. We have so much to do and never enough help to do it. I've heard new parishioners comment that they don't know anyone in church. We can guarantee you that you will have a good time and make many new friends. Also, any youth needing Service Hours are asked to fill out the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet or contact Cathy Cornett.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Let's save money by picking up your Raffle tickets (Father Jim wants "zero" to mail!!!!) Just imagine winning a gift card for Kroger's for only \$1.00. Each envelope has 5 tickets in it and, even if you cannot afford to purchase them yourself, surely you know of a relative, co-worker or neighbor who would love to take one or more of your chances. They are in the GATHERING SPACE, in alphabetical order and can be placed in the collection basket no later than the 11:00 a.m. mass on Dec. 6th, taken to the rectory no later than Dec. 10th or turned in to the Bazaar by 12:29 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13th (the drawing is at 12:30 p.m.) Let's set our goal to sell 1,500; 300 more than last year.

BAKED GOODS: Speaking of goals, we hope everyone will be most generous donating cookies for the Cookie Trays and lots of other baked goods. Last year, at the end of the bazaar (2:00 p.m.), there was not a single Cookie Tray on glass plates left, a phenomenal record. The tables that had been heavily laden with other baked goods (fruitcakes, fruitbreads, coffeecakes, pies, homemade bread, candy (including fudge/bourbon balls), jams, jellies, pickles and many others items, were bare. Last week I met a non-parishioner who said she sure hoped the one who made the delicious jam cake she got last year was bringing some more. Please be certain to mark what the item is (jam cake, peanut butter candy, etc.) and be certain to use clear plastic wrap and not colored as the customers like to see what they are buying. We also will have large and small plastic boxes for anyone who can use them for bourbon balls, cookies, etc. (Carol; 623-7511)

Grandma's Christmas Shoppe & Grandpa's Attic: On Sign-Up Sunday, Ingrid G's had a novel idea; a new group of men w/strong backs and pick-up trucks to volunteer to help. As we are getting too old to do a lot of lifting, what a great help it was when Troy Blankenship and Patrick Reister picked up 2 couches and a dresser for Grandpa's Attic. Thanks a million. We are starting to get many really nice things but still have room for lots more so please call Carol (623-7511) if you need a pick-up. Needed items: Christmas decorations (wreaths, artificial trees, ornaments, household items, knick-knacks, jewelry, religious articles, framed pictures, baby articles, furniture, toys, unused gifts, perfumes, etc., but, remember, no clothing unless Christmas related.

Questions: Carol Kinelski (623-7511)

Anna Etherington (623-3931); Charlotte Hill (369-3162)

Emma Esker (623-6129); Kitty Culp (624-9209)

ST MARK SCHOOL NEWS

Attention Parishioners! Openings for After School Care

St. Mark After School Enrichment Program is open from 3:00-6:00 every weekday. If you need after school care for your child/children, Ally Barjuca and Chelsea Joyce would love to have them as part of this program. Your children will be assisted with homework, enjoy the use of our computer lab, gym, and playground while in a wonderful, safe environment at St. Mark. The cost is \$12.00 per day for students who come every day, and \$15.00 per day for drop-ins. If you are interested in our After School Program, please call Sandy Sullivan in the school office at 623-2989 opt.4.

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.

Thank you to Brian Walsh and the Newman Center students who volunteer and help at the drop of a hat at our school. You are all terrific.

St. Mark School Annual Turkey Decorating Contest

We hope you noticed the beautiful turkeys displayed in the hallway from the school to the church. Please take a moment of your time after mass to vote for your favorite!
Your votes pick the winners!

St. Mark Daisy Girl Scouts is open to kindergarten and first grade girls in the parish. Our next meeting is December 1st. We will gather at 5:45 pm to attend mass together. Afterward we have our meeting until 7:45 in the cafeteria.

Our purpose is to plant the seeds of leadership and service in our girls while having lots of fun. Join us and watch your daughter blossom in Girl Scouts!

(After the Christmas season we will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month.)

If your daughter is interested, please contact leaders Joan Grefer 859-200-4639
or Natalie Fitzsimmons 859-582-3069



Gift Wrap Your Holidays
with a Smile

Calling all Parishioners and College Students...

RAISE MONEY

For St. Mark Catholic School
by wrapping gifts purchased by Amazon customers
at our Lexington Fulfillment Center!

DATES:

Wednesday, December 16th

Available shift times: 8am-12 noon and 2pm – 6pm

**To participate in Amazon's "Gift Wrap your Holidays with a Smile" program, please contact
Natalie Fitzsimmons 859-582-3069**



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Open to children
grades 2-5



Sign up sheet in back of
church

Directed by Betty Reister

Rehearsals
Sat. Dec. 5, 12, 19, 23
10:00am

Children's Choir will
sing at **4:00pm**
Mass on December
24th

An Evening Among Friends Encore Series

St. Mark Catholic Church
608 West Main Street
Richmond, KY 40475
December 5, 2009
7:00 p.m.

- **Valet Parking**
- **Only 500 tickets available**
- **Reception with hors d'oeuvres prior to the performance**
- **Performance by Natalie Cole**
- **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
An Unforgettable Christmas with Natalie Cole at the following level:

- General Admission: \$175 per person**
- Meet and Greet with Natalie Cole: \$500 per person**
Limited to 50 tickets
Includes special post-performance reception with Ms. Cole in the St. Mark Church gathering space, personalized photo with Ms. Cole and Preferred Reserved Seating
- Group Seating: \$2500 per pew for 8 guests**
Includes Preferred Reserved Seating and Natalie Cole 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 December 5, 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.

