

## St. Mark 🕀

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Welcome, if you would like to know more about our parish or school please visit the welcome desk in the Narthex or call the Parish Center.

Sacrament of Baptism—Schedule with the Pastor after participation in Parish Preparation Program. Contact Parish Center for registration forms, or download from website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation— Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM

**Sacrament of Matrimony**—Arrange with Pastor at least six months in advance. Participation in all parts of the Marriage preparation program is required.

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday/Sunday Anticipation 5:30 PM Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM 2:00pm Myanmar, every other Sunday

Monday Communion Service 8:15 AM Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday 8:15 AM Holy Day Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM

St. Mark Catholic School, Pre-K-8th Grade 317.786.4013
Principal Rusty Albertson, Ext. 201 ralbertson@stmarkindy.org
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## Bulletin Submissions

To submit information to the St. Mark bulletin, please use the email, bulletin@stmarkindy.org.

Deadlines are Monday at noon, to be included in the next Sunday bulletin. Please include all dates, times, and locations. The bulletin editor will make appropriate adjustments as needed.

Questions, please contact Alison Archer.

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With the exception of law enforcement officers, on or off duty, no one is permitted to have a firearm of any kind on their person in this church, or anywhere on the church or school property. All firearms must be locked in a vehicle in a non-visible manner. Thank you for your compliance to this policy -Fr. Tim Wyciskalla

## Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or

3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2

-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

See page 3 for the week of January 5, 2020

## Mass Schedule

The Holy Family

⊕ JoEllen Forestal

Communion Service

Intentions of Maggie Doyle

Parishioners of St. Mark

⊕ Grace Aspromonte

⊕ Rita Lee

**Anticipation Mass** 

⊕ Don Hamilton

Epiphany of the Lord

Parishioners of St. Mark

Meredith & Mallory Opel

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Bishops & Doctors of the Church

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,

**Anticipation Mass** 

Parishioners of St. Mark



Please schedule your 2020 mass intentions. Please contact Alison Archer to reserve dates.

Sunday, December 29

7:30 AM

9:30 AM

11:45 AM

⊕ Charles Clifford

6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity Monday, December 30

of the Lord

8:15 AM

Tuesday, December 31

4:00 PM (only)

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 AM

Thursday, January 2

8:15 AM

Friday, January 3

8:15 AM

Saturday, January 4

5:30 PM

Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM 9:30 AM

11:45 AM

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

⊕ Betty Boyer

No Mass or Communion Service

8:15 AM

Wednesday, January 8

8:15 AM

Thursday, January 9

8:15 AM

Friday, January 10

8:15 AM

Saturday, January 11

5:30 PM

Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM

9:30 AM

11:45 AM

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Patrick Gallavan

**Christmas Weekday** 

Betty Newman Christmas Weekday

⊕ Tom Newman

**Christmas Weekday** 

Patrick Henn **Anticipation Mass** 

Baptism of the Lord

No intention at print

Nap Ramilo

No intention at print

The year 2020 is just a few days away. It's customary at the beginning of a new calendar year to make a few resolutions, generally meant to improve our lives or the lives of others. Time to take stock and promise ourselves to make some positive changes. Resolutions like spending more time with our family, losing weight (I make this one every year), learning a foreign language, getting organized, making new friends, spending less money, or finishing a degree can all enhance to our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing if we stick with them.

Just as important, even more so, is doing something positive this year to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our personal spirituality. In that spirit, would you permit me to offer you a few suggestions for some New Year's Spiritual Resolutions?

- Make a morning offering. Begin each day with a brief prayer. Thank God for the beginning of a new day. Ask for grace to live out your faith, to preach the Gospel by your actions, and to see and love Christ in every person you meet.
- If you don't attend daily Mass, try to make at least one a week. If you already are doing so, try to add a day.
- Commit some time to personal prayer each day. The Anglican theologian, C.S. Lewis said, "I don't pray because it changes God, I pray because it changes me." Prayer is all about relationship. The Holy Spirit is constantly inviting us into

- intimacy with the One who made us out of love, for love, for Himself alone. Pray every day whenever and wherever you can. It will change your life.
- Spend some time with your Bible once a week. The Gospels and the Psalms are a rich treasure trove of spiritual wisdom and insight. Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is an ancient tradition within the Church, a way of listening for God in the texts of sacred scripture.
- Find one thing you can do to serve God's people. Christ came as a Servant and we are called to model our lives on his own. The St. Mark website lists all the ministries within the parish. There are many opportunities to be of service in the wider community as well. If you are not involved in ministry, consider what you might do to show Christ's Servant Love to others.
- Make a retreat day or weekend. In this busy world, slowing down is definitely good for the soul. Both Fatima Retreat House and Benedict Inn offer excellent programs or you can simply go out for the day on your own.
- Fast or abstain (from meat) one Friday a month. Fridays are still considered penitential days. Fasting or abstinence are physical reminders of our need for repentance and our solidarity with those who lack food or other basic needs. Consider donating the cost of a meal or two each month to Food for the Poor.

- Go to Confession more often, once a month or once every quarter. A good examination of conscience leads us to self knowledge, so that we see ourselves more clearly. The grace of the Sacrament strengthens us to overcome our weaknesses and vices. And there are hardly more meaningful words than "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is Christ who speaks through the minister of the Church.
- Take time to rest from your labors. We have lost our sense of making the Sabbath a holy day. We often feel guilty if we're not doing something all the time. Try to spend at least part of the day each week, to simply be, to be present to yourself, to family, and friends and to God, who rested himself on the seventh day of creation.

There are many other New Years Spiritual Resolutions that you may think of. The most important thing is to make one or two, and stick with them. As a spiritual director, I'm always humbled and in awe of how God speaks to and draws each person into his heart of Love through all the circumstances and relationships in their lives. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Listen to how the Holy Spirit may be speaking to you this New Year. Show up! God will do the rest!

In Christ's Love and Peace, Deacon Paul

## Weekly Readings

#### Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Monday:

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/ Tuesday:

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf.

11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,

17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/

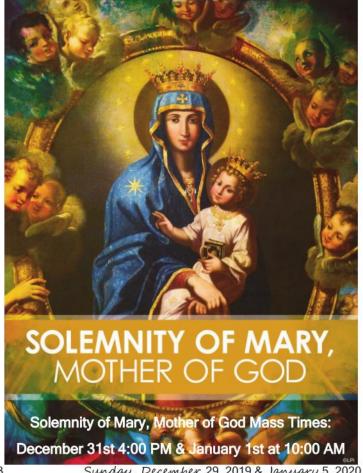
Lk 5:12-16

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a Saturday:

and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



## Please Pray For

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Mary Ann Moran Nancy Bogeman Don Courteau Jerry French Ambrose Lian Claude Bryant Nancy Everling Peggy Compton Erin Schofill Celia Feldhake **Dotty Ross** Michael Cento Karen Firkins Infant James Patrick Meyer Ann Grange Trudy Powell

Tessa Cassetty Sherry Blomberg Bernie Price Bree Wilson Lisa Walker Debbie O'Neal Geraldine Woitowicz Jeanne Schott Diane Swayze Eleanor Sowder Janice Nolt Laverne Davis Darrell Arthur Chris A. Williams Phil Frye Jimmy Hall

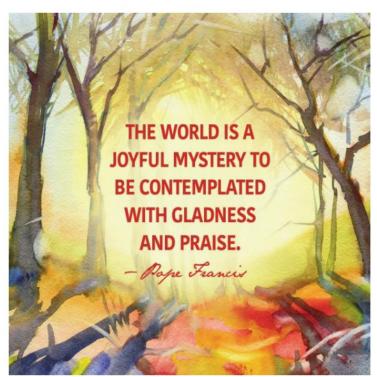
Infant Sofia
Brinkoetter
Paul VanKavelaar
Bryan Collins
Marcia, Steve,
Faith & Love
Swayze
Dick Bowling
Betty Mouser

To add or update a name to our Prayer List or the St. Mark Prayer Chain, call Alison Archer or submit names to: <u>bulletin@stmarkindy.org</u>

## Stewardship Spot

Weekly summaries of collections are delayed due to early holiday deadlines.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Mark.



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## Catechesis



Children's Catechesis will NOT meet Sundays, December 22nd or 29th for Christmas Break. Classes resume on Sunday, January 5th. Have a Blessed Christmas!!

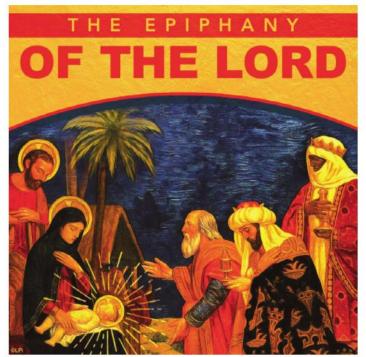
Parent Catechesis will have its next session on Sunday, January 12th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Cenacle.

Please contact Angi Swiezy at aswiezy@stmarkindy.org with any questions.

## Parish Life

There will NOT be Coffee and Donuts on Sundays, December 22nd and 29th due to the Christmas Break. They will resume on Sunday, January 5th. Enjoy this time with family and friends.

Schafer Hall will be closed to all activities January 2, 3, and 4th, as the floor will be resurfaced. Please do not interpret this process. Thank you!



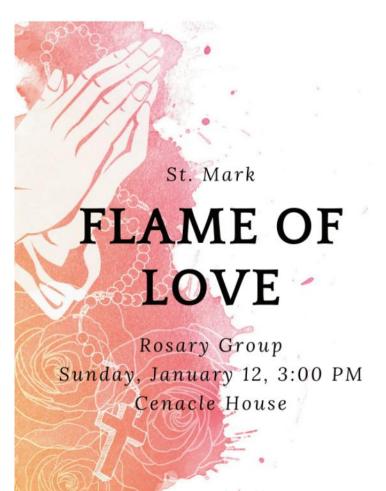
Sunday, December 29, 2019 & January 5, 2020

## Spiritual Life

The Spiritual Life Committee invites all parishioners to join the St. Mark community for Nocturnal Adoration on the first Friday of the month. We will host nocturnal adoration this Friday, January 3rd, from 7:00 PM to Midnight in the Eucharist chapel, rotating through the hours until midnight.

All are welcome to join. Please enter the church thru the North doors on the hour. The doors will be locked and a greeter will be there to let people in on the hour.





## Youth Ministry

#### Senior Retreat 2020

High school seniors are invited to join us for an extended weekend to experience an encounter with Christ and His Church, community, and to learn more about themselves as sons and daughters of God. Enjoy a break from school in nature with us (no tents...we promise). Any High School Senior is invited to participate!



#### Jr. High Youth Rally: Fully Alive

The Jr. High Youth Rally is a one-day event for all students in grades 6-8 to explore their faith and grow deeper in relationship with Christ through music, prayer, and talks prepared by a NET ministries team of young adults. The evening will conclude with a concert by the Hussey Brothers. This event is presented by the youth ministers of the South Deanery and will have attendees from across the Archdiocese.

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020 Time: 1 p.m. drop-off - 8:00 p.m. pickup

Where: Roncalli High School

For more information about both these events, contact Julie Albertson (jalbertson@stmarkindy.org)

## St. Mark Catholic School

Early-Bird Registration for St. Mark Catholic School 2020-2021 Pre-Kindergarten program is open! Please

bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record for registration. If you would like to set up a tour or have any questions answered, please contact Mrs. Leszcynski, administrative assistant, at blesczynski@stmarkindy.org.



We do have financial assistance available for pre-kindergarten students based on financial need.

Thanks for considering St. Mark Catholic School for your child's Catholic education.

## It is not too late to make your tax deductible donation to the "SGO", Scholarship Granting Organization!

Your donation will provide tuition assistance to those St. Mark Catholic School students who qualify. In order to qualify for the tax deduction in 2019, the donation will need to be made by December 31, 2019.

Additional information on how to donate is at the link below: <a href="https://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors">https://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors</a>

Thank you for your generosity.

#### Save Your Plastic Bottle Caps!

St Mark Girl Scout Troop 961 is collecting plastic bottle caps to earn their Bronze Award. The collected plastic bottle caps will be turned into a recyclable bench for the St Mark campus. The plastic bottle caps can be from several different products including, but not limited to: milk gallons, juice containers, soft drinks, water bottles, and flip top caps from ketchup, mustard, or creamers. Clean and dry plastic caps can be placed in a sealed plastic bag and sent to the main office.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Kathy Wilson (Troop Leader) markandkathywilson@yahoo.com

## St. Mark Catholic School

#### Important Enrollment Dates for 2020-2021 School Year

#### Monday, January 6, 2020

Letters of Intent for the 2020-2021 school year will be sent home with the oldest child of current St. Mark Catholic School Families for the purpose of securing spots for the 2019-2020 school year.

#### Friday, January 17, 2020

This Letter of Intent and \$100 family registration fee is due back to the school office by Friday,
January 17, 2020 by 3:30pm

#### Monday, January 20, 2020

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2019-2020 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2020-2021 school year to be considered for any available spots.

#### Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Open House- Open Enrollment for any families seeking enrollment for any available classroom spots.

#### Monday, May 4, 2020

All parents using FACTS Tuition Management to pay their tuition monthly must be enrolled online with their information current.

#### Friday, May 29, 2020

All parents paying their entire tuition upfront and receiving a discount must have full tuition payment to the school office.

#### Friday, May 29, 2020

All upfront partial tuition payments are due to the school office. (no discount given)



### Community

Come join us 7-9pm Tuesday, Jan 21st, 2020 for prayer and worship including: Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and a Eucharistic procession, as we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and pray for the respect of all life especially the vulnerable unborn! Praise and Worship led by Sarah Kroger.

Also, hear local personal testimonies of hope and healing after abortion. Event is free. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Thank you Father Rick Nagel and St. John the Evangelist Parish for helping make this a beautiful event! Parking available at adjacent garages on Capitol Ave (Plaza Park Garage) or World Wonders Garage (mall parking) on Illinois Street.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Diocese of Lafayette - in -Indiana, and Right to Life Indianapolis.



Do you ever feel yourself telling God: Yes...but not yet! Don't miss this inspirational dinner! Thursday, January 16 6:00pm St. Roch Gymnasium. All men and women are invited to an evening of dinner, fellowship, and inspiration. Hosted by: St. Roch Women's Club Catered by: St. Roch's own: Julie Garcia Inspirational Speaker: Amy Kalscheur Amy is a member of Our Lady of Greenwood Parish, a mother of 8 children (all homeschooled), as well as a former public school teacher. She is also a graduate of Marian College with a BA in Elementary Education and Mild Disabilities. Amy will come to share with us her journey after her 18 year old son fell 30 feet to the ground below while visiting family in the French Alps. Amy will talk to us about the harrowing experience and how faith has guided her family through it all. Please plan on joining us and invite a friend. Amy talks about his medical journey from being paralyzed to learning to walk again. She will also share with us her personal spiritual journey, the miracles she saw along the way, and her deeper connection to her faith and her church. \$25 each ticket: includes dinner Get your tickets before January 8! Tickets available at the parish office, and also online at: https://www.osvhub.com/st-roch-church/ forms/yes-but-not-yet

## Parish Activities

#### Sunday, December 29, 2019

Monday, December 30, 2019

#### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Mass-Church, 4:00 PM

#### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Mass-Church, 10 AM

#### Thursday, January 2, 2020

Parish Center reopens

#### Friday, January 3, 2020

Nocturnal Adoration—Church, 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, January 4, 2020

#### Sunday, January 5, 2020

- Coffee & Donuts
- Children's Catechesis 3-K-Parish Center Atrium, 9:30-10:40
- Children's Catechesis 1-8th—Parish Center, 10:40-11:30 AM

#### Monday, January 6, 2020

- Quilters—Cenacle RM A, 12:30 PM
- Citizenship Class—Parish Center Resource Room & Church Courtesy Room, 6:30 PM

#### Tuesday, January 7, 2020

- ESL Class—Cenacle Boardroom, 8:00-9:30 AM
- Liturgy Committee—Parish Center Board Room, 7:00 PM

#### Wednesday, January 8, 2020

- Finance Committee-Parish Center Board Room, 7:00 PM
- ESL Class—Cenacle Boardroom, 8:00-9:30 AM

#### Thursday, January 9, 2020

ESL Class—Cenacle Boardroom, 6:30-8:30 PM

#### Friday, January 10, 2020

Citizenship Class–Cenacle, 10:00 AM

#### Saturday, January 11, 2020

#### Sunday, January 12, 2020

- Coffee & Donuts
- Children's Catechesis 3-K—Parish Center Atrium, 9:30-10:40
- Children's Catechesis 1-8th—Parish Center, 10:40-11:30 AM
- Parent Catechesis—Cenacle, 10:40-11:30 AM

For more information regarding events on our campus, check out the Calendar online at our website, stmarkindy.org



The Parish Center will remain closed until January 2, 2020!



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