

“LORD, IF MY BROTHER SINS AGAINST ME, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE? AS MANY AS SEVEN TIMES?” JESUS ANSWERED, “I SAY TO YOU, NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES.” —MT 18:21-22

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Mark 

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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—Contact [Angi Swiezy](#), Director of Faith Formation to begin Parish Preparation Program, and registration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—
Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM

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

Sacrament of Healing—If you are hospitalized or home bound and in need of sacraments, please call the Parish Center.

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Parish Center Hours
Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:00 PM

Fr. Tim Wyciskalla, Pastor
frtim@stmarkindy.org, Ext. 110

Deacon Paul Fisherkeller,
deaconpaul@stmarkindy.org Ext. 111

Mass Schedule
Saturday (Anticipation) 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM
Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday 8:15 AM
Holy Day Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM
[Live streamed at 4:30 PM, 9:30 AM, & daily mass](#)

St. Mark Catholic School, Pre-K-8th Grade
317.786.4013
Principal Rusty Albertson, Ext. 201
ralbertson@stmarkindy.org
To learn about enrollment opportunities please reach out to Mr. Albertson

Sunday, September 13, 2020

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](mailto:Alison.Archer).

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MASS SCHEDULE



Please schedule your 2021 mass intentions.

Contact Alison Archer to reserve dates.

Sunday, September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Lloyd Williams
9:30 AM † Meredith & Mallory Opel
11:45 AM Parishioners of St. Mark

Monday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Mass or Communion Service

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 AM † Martha Rucker

Wed, September 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:15 AM † Marge O'Brien

Thursday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM † Kathy Ann Cartel

Friday, September 18 Weekday

8:15 AM † James B. Black

Saturday, September 19 Anticipation Mass

4:30 PM Intentions of Carl & Kathleen Chernich on their 50th Wedding Anvi.

Sunday, September 13 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mark
9:30 AM † Norman Briones
11:45 AM † Larry Taylor

ST. MARK FIREARM POLICY

Policy Regarding Firearms at St. Mark Catholic Church

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30–28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31–13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Deacon Paul's Corner

Years ago, I was deeply wounded by a good friend and business partner. His betrayal disrupted many aspects of my family life and financial security. For years, I carried the burden of his offense around with me. I admit to holding some bitterness within my heart. I prayed about it. I tried hard not to resent him, and there were times when I believed I had forgiven him in my heart. Eventually, I moved on, and wrote it all off as one of those hard lessons that life sometimes teaches us.

Because we moved in the same business circles, I would run into him once or twice a year. During one of these times, he invited me for a cup of coffee. I reluctantly agreed and after, some initial awkwardness, he began to speak of the circumstances that caused us to part ways. At first, I thought he was simply trying to justify his actions to me, relieving himself of some of the guilt he might be feeling. But eventually he said, "I wish I had done some things differently, mostly because I've missed our friendship and the great relationship we once had." All at once, I saw that he was right. His sincerity and humility moved me to offer my hand and say, "Why don't we just forget about all that stuff in the past, and be friends again, what do you say?" "Any residual resentment or anger I was still clinging to vanished. We recovered and renewed our friendship and I value it to this day.

When God forgives us, he says, in essence, "I prefer to be in relationship with you, to count ourselves as friends, than to hold your failings and shortcomings against you." Unlike us frail humans, God holds no bitterness or resentment against us, as I had done with my friend, when we offend him with our sinfulness. He is always ready to offer us his hand in forgiveness.

Because of the pandemic, many of the Penance services available during the Lenten season were cancelled, followed by a time when the opportunity for private confession was not available to us. Yet, the desire to be reconciled to the God who made us out of love, for love is embedded deep within our hearts. That's why Christ gave his Church the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

If it's been a while since you have come to this wonderful Sacrament of healing, or if there is something in your life that stands in the way of your relationship with God, he is waiting for you.. When we make a good examination of conscience and an honest and heartfelt confession, and resolve to do better, we are forgiven and set free.

God always patiently waits for us to say, "I wish I had done some things differently, mostly because I've missed our friendship and the great relationship we once had." When we hear the priest say that awesome prayer of absolution:

*God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Then, we might just also hear God say "Why don't we just forget about all that stuff in the past, and be friends again, what do you say?"

God's Peace,
Deacon Paul

PRAYER LIST



John Wirtz
 Dick Shanley
 Loraine Malcom
 Kevin Pierce
 Tammy Gunther
 Loretta Dunn
 Carol Cassetty
 Floyd Radtke
 Sharron & Ron
 Shockey
 Jerry Powell
 Nikki Nightingale
 Marie Stones
 Husband
 Mary Ann Speth
 Charlie & Mira
 Wilson
 Dan Shine
 Hazel Risch

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 Jennifer Land
 Ruby Avant
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 Nancy Everling
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 Erin Schofill
 Celia Feldhake
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 Karen Firkins
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 Bree Wilson
 Debbie O'Neal

Jeanne Schott
 Diane Swayze
 Eleanor Sowder
 Laverne Davis
 Chris A. Williams
 Phil Frye
 Jimmy Hall
 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:

bulletin@stmarkindy.org

STEWARDSHIP SPOT



Thank you for your generous support of St. Mark.

Questions?

Reach out to Joe Horan,
jhoran@stmarkindy.org


Weekly Collections Summary

	September 6
Envelopes/Loose Money	\$12,204
Online Giving	\$5,640
Total	\$17,844
Budgeted Amount	\$19,038
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(1,194)
Other Collections	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$218
Capitol Improvements	\$267
Tuition Assistance	\$435
Holy Days	\$31

INCLUSION MINISTRY

Save the Date!
September 15, 2020
7:00 pm
Healing Mass for
Those Affected by
Mental Illness
Monsignor William Stumpf, Main Celebrant

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
535 E Edgewood Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227



*Our Lady of Sorrows,
 Pray for Us!*

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!

The Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to join us on Sunday, October 4th for the FLU SHOT CLINIC sponsored by St. Francis Health from 7am -2pm in Schafer Hall.

More details to follow later. Questions? Please contact Angi Swiezy, aswiezy@stmarkindy.org or 317-787-8246 x104.



CATECHESIS

Registration is underway for First Sacramental Prep, Confirmation and Children's Catechesis. Specific program information and all registration forms are available on the



website under [Resources>Parish Forms](#). Please send your completed forms, fees and baptismal certificates (Confirmation and First Sacramental Prep) to:

St. Mark Church, Attn: Angi Swiezy
535 E. Edgewood Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46227

-Confirmation: In keeping with the changing trend, we are moving our Confirmation program back to 8th grade. This year will be our "catch up" year and also includes 9th and 10th grade students. To be eligible for Confirmation, students must have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion / Reconciliation. **It is not to late to register, please contact Angi Swiezy!**

PARISH LIFE

Material donations collected in the Narthex for the respective ministries such as St. Vincent DePaul, Birthline, Coin toss, etc. are **SUSPENDED** at this time given the current COVID-19 conditions and CDC guidelines. This is an effort to reduce contact to surfaces and materials. Additionally, all paper pamphlets, books, etc. have also been removed from the message stations until further notice. Please check with the parish office before leaving any material in the Narthex. This is an ever changing situation and will be updated accordingly as new guidance is given. Thank you for your adherence, patience and understanding!

Church Cleaning: As we continue to adhere to the CDC guidelines of cleaning between Masses, we are in need of additional individuals to assist with the cleaning committee. Please contact Angi Swiezy at aswiezy@stmarkindy.org or Carol Cassetty at redbud12@comcast.net if you are interested in helping.

To maximize our worship space and assist with cleaning, please observe:

3> or less in your party,
sit in the chairs

3< or more, sit in the pews
Please leave your kneeler down
after Mass.

-Children's Catechesis: I would like to invite the families to pick up their materials on **Sunday, September 13th from 10:30-11:30am in the Parish Center courtyard**. We will start our year online through January 2021 and assess conditions at that time to possibly return to in person catechesis in February.

-First Sacramental Prep: Session Two begins on **Sunday, September 27th with a Parent orientation meeting at 2 p.m.** in the church. Registration forms, fees and verified baptismal status must be completed and turned in prior to beginning the session.

-RCIA for Children: This program is for children 7 years or older that have not received the Sacrament of Baptism. We will begin catechesis in October and will finish at the Easter Vigil where your child will receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are available on the website.

For questions about any of the Sacramental programs, please contact Angi Swiezy, Director of Faith Formation at aswiezy@stmarkindy.org or 317-787-8246 x104. I look forward to hearing from you!!

RCIA REGISTRATION

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

One of the critical duties of our Christian faith is to, take part in the Church's mission of evangelization. You may know someone in your life, your family or neighborhood who the Holy Spirit is calling to a deeper faith in Christ. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded, this journey takes place in distinct stages beginning in early fall and building toward Holy Week and the Easter Season. It encompasses the teachings of the faith, prayer and liturgical rites and celebrations.

Sessions are held every Wednesday evening. If there is someone you know who would like to learn more about our Faith, please speak with them and encourage them to contact the parish office at 317-787-8246 or have them contact Deacon Paul at deaconpaul@stmarkindy.org or Angi Swiezy at aswiezy@stmarkindy.org



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The St. Mark Catholic School 8th graders are selling Indy Pocket Passes again this year. They are \$10 each, and proceeds go to their 8th grade class trip. They are selling them through September 14th. If you're interesting in buying one you can email Mrs. Rachel Gehret at rgehret@stmarkindy.org. The pass expires in September 2021! Thank you for your support.



SISTER CIRCLE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Mark Sister Circle Riding for SVDP Food Pantry

Sister Circle is once again forming a team of cyclists and supporters to be a part of the Annual Hope Ride to raise money for the SVDP Food Pantry. As most events have been

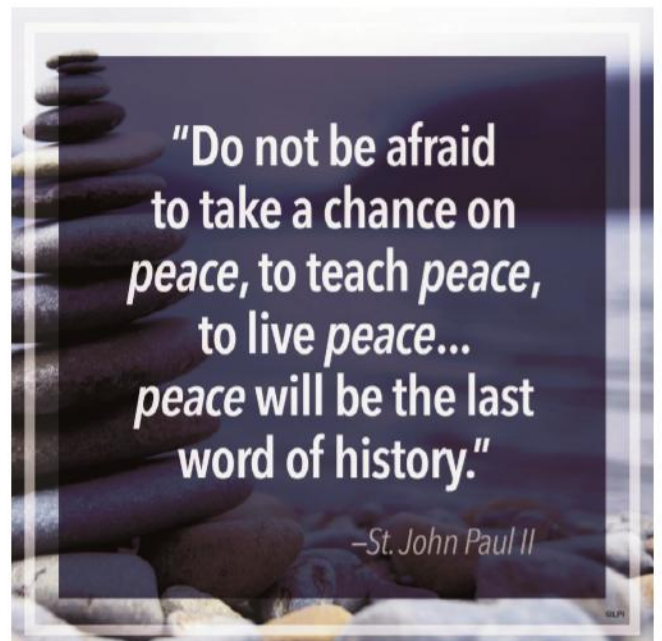


cancelled or gone virtual this year the Hope Ride is doing the later! It's going to be a "virtual" ride taking place from 9/12 - 9/26 with routes leaving from the Town Square in Hope, IN. You can ride any time during this period and will be sent a link to the course maps prior to 9/12.

There will be no onsite support and the routes will not be marked. You can also create your own route and participate from home!

There is going to be a team competition again this year. The Food Pantry's are in need of support and this ride has really assisted the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Indy. If you are planning on riding please be a part of Team St Mark Sister Circle and help us raise money for our Food Pantry. You can select our team when registering. The registration fee is just \$10 for the virtual ride. The winning team will receive \$1000 for having the most participants!

You can register at: www.hoperide.org
Please join us and bring a friend! Let's keep our winning streak alive!! Please contact Mary Masengale with any questions at mary.masengale@prodigy.net
Thank you so much for your support!





PARISH LIFE



MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

*Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy, and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to
health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN*

The new MMA Meal Ministry is ready to begin delivering nutritious food to some of our St. Mark Elders. Cleo Coyle is leading a team of folks who will come together two times a month to prepare food that we hope will make two or three meals for our Elders. Do you want to receive meals? Can you help, twice a month, deliver food to our Elders? Can you provide financial assistance to help cover the cost of food? Just contact Steve Helmich, stevehelmich50@gmail.com or 317-903-9657 (cell/text) to discuss this new ministry at St. Mark.

MMA has a long list of individuals who would benefit from receiving an occasional handwritten card expressing hope, care, and concern. MMA provides names, cards/envelopes, and stamps. You invest a little time to brighten someone's day. Ann Seaver is leading this ministry. Contact Steve Helmich (see contact information above).

MMA is working together with Fr. Tim to present a talk on "The Seven Deadly Sins" in October. The program will be presented outside (bring your own chair!) and masks and social distancing will be strictly enforced. Stay tuned for the date and details!

A BURDEN of these years is the desire to give in to the sadness that comes with the shifting journey through life, to cling to it in ways that make living in the present a dour and depressing prospect.

A BLESSING of these years is the realization that there is still so much for us to do that we have no time, no right, to be sad.

Sr. Joan Chittester

SCOUTS

SCOUTS TRASH BAG SALES

The Boy Scouts continue to sell trash bags. The bags are available at the Parish Office during normal business hours. Three different size bags are available (white, yellow, blue).

All rolls are \$10 each. Made in the USA. Money is being used to purchase and equip a new Troop trailer.

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