

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 <a href="mailto:frtim@stmarkindy.org">frtim@stmarkindy.org</a>, 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 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, February 7, 2021

### 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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### MASS SCHEDULE



Please schedule your 2021 mass intentions.

Contact Alison Archer to reserve dates.

Sunday, February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM P Don Courteau

Intentions of Mark & Maureen 9:30 AM

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3:00 PM (Burmese) Parishioners of St. Mark

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Monday, February 8

Bakhita, Virgin

No Mass or Communion service

Tuesday, February 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wed, February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:15 AM Prichard Mitchell

Thursday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday, February 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:15 AM P Tom Campbell

Saturday, February 13 Anticipation Mass

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Sunday, February 14 Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mark

### 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 FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56 Gn 1:20–2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13 Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23 Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30 Thursday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37 Friday:

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10 Saturday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45 Next Sunday:



Hello Everyone,

This week I am excited to be able to share some "Good News" with you! We at St. Mark have a special connection to good news, since Mark was the first to use the Greek word "euangelion" which means "good news" to describe his written record of the life of Christ (this was translated from the old English word "gospel," which also means good news, and it developed into the modern word "Gospel").

First, it is obvious that this past year, 2020, was a very difficult one for our world. The pandemic forced us apart, threatened our health, and cost many people their lives. It is no surprise that this had an economic impact as well. With businesses shut down, jobs lost, and the market thrown into uncertainty, many parishes suffered great losses in collections from what was budgeted. However, we here at St. Mark have done remarkably well in the midst of the pandemic. From the start of the pandemic to the end of the fiscal year 2020 (which for us is July) we were less than 1% below budget in Sunday collections. From July of 2020 through December, the end of the calendar year, we are about 1.6% below budget. Compared to so many parishes, which are seeing losses of 10%, 15%, and sometimes even 20% from what they budgeted, St. Mark is maintaining our financial health almost miraculously well!

While the finances are very important in maintaining the operations of a parish, they are not as important as the parish's spiritual health and vibrancy. In this area too, we are doing incredibly well! Since the pandemic started, the parish has registered almost 50 new families. Our Baptisms, Confirmations, and First Communions have been hurdling forward at very

healthy rates (in the last year alone we have done approximately 60 Baptisms, 47 First Communions, and will have 50 Confirmations this spring). Our Mass attendance is holding steady even with the Church at 50% capacity, and we are seeing a great number of people watching the Mass virtually until they feel safe to return (around 50-60 views for daily Masses, and 800-1000 views for the Sunday Masses). Our school has also continued to grow and do remarkably well during the pandemic. Since the shutdown began last spring, we have registered 35 new families in the school, with a current enrollment of 450. Next school year, starting in August, our school is projected to have an enrollment of 470 students, and is fast approaching the 500 student cap limit for pre-K through 8th grade! Finally, our many parish ministries, from MMA, to Young Adult, to St. Vincent de Paul and Food Pantry, Sunday Religious Education, RCIA, and the other various ministries are staying vibrant and finding creative ways to function both in person and virtually.

As I said, this is all good news! In fact, it is incredibly good news. Why is the parish doing so well in every measurable metric? And why are we still so spiritually vibrant? The answer to that is you, the parishioners. When the crisis began, we were already in a good place. And you have maintained that! During these difficult times, you have continued to support the parish, sometimes even more so than before, and you have stayed engaged in the ministries. Word of this good news here at St. Mark continues to spread to the entire Southside, and from that, we are seeing the constant growth of new members and new students. Thank you to all of our parishioners, both old and new. And thank God for continuing to bless our parish in so many ways!



### PRAYER LIST



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Jeanne Schott
Diane Swayze
Eleanor Sowder
Chris A. Williams
Phil Frye
Jimmy Hall
Paul VanKavelaar
Bryan Collins
Marcia, Steve,
Faith & Love
Swayze

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

### STEWARDSHIP SPOT



Questions? Reach out to Joe Horan, jhoran@stmarkindy.org

### Weekly Collections Summary

	01/31/2021
Envelopes/Loose Money	\$16,323
Online Giving	\$4,251
Total	\$20,574
Budgeted Amount	\$19,038
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,536
Other Collections	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,134
Capitol Improvements	\$111
Tuition Assistance	\$583
Holy Days-Immaculate	\$36
Propagation of the Faith	\$351
Easter Flower Fund	\$135
Church in Latin America	\$319

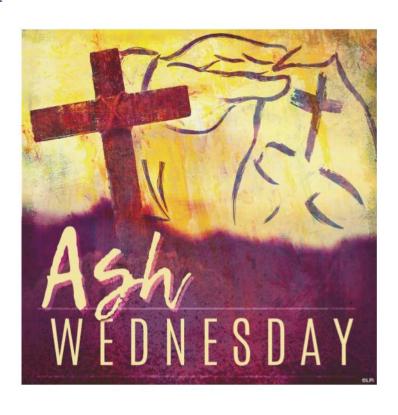
#### YEAR END STATEMENTS

From The Desk of the Business Manager:

I just wanted to thank everyone for their support of St Mark for the past year and let you know that Parishioner Giving Statements (for taxes) were mailed out this week. If you did not receive yours or if there is an issue with the information, please let me know. Call the Parish Center or email me at <a href="mailto:jhoran@stmarkindy.org">jhoran@stmarkindy.org</a>. We are Blessed to have such a giving and Vibrant Parish. Thanks again for all you do for the Good of the Parish!!

Joe





### ST. MARK SCHOOL



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

Questions? Reach out to Mr. Albertson, ralbertson@stmarkindy.org

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is February 17th Mass times will be 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM

The 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM will be live streamed on YouTube.

The COVID precautions given to parishes by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis include that Ashes will be sprinkled on the top of people's heads instead of the sign of the cross on the forehead.

Sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest and ministers to touch multiple people.

SPIRIT WEAR SALE

The last Spirit Wear sale of this school year is happening now!
There are several new designs!

The sale ends Monday, February 15 and if you choose the pay later option, please have payment to the school office by 9:00 am Friday, February 19. IMPORTANT, if you choose this option,



please make the check payable to Elite Printing or if you pay by cash, please enclosed the exact amount in an envelope with your name on it and turn it in to the school office. Spirit Wear will be delivered to school on Monday, March 15. If any questions, please contact Mrs. Leszcynski in the school office at (317) 786-4013.

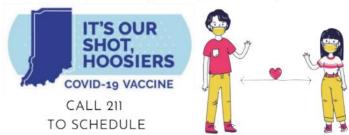
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### **COVID-19 VACCINE**

### St. Mark Ministry for Maturing Adults

### WANTS TO ENSURE ALL 65+ PARISHIONERS ARE ABLE TO GET THE COVID VACCINE.

If you need help with scheduling the appointment or a ride to your appointment, please reach out to Cleo Coyle (317-862-5654) or Sherry Brett (317-603-1313)



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Mark in need of hospitality ministry volunteers to serve at mass. During this time this ministry has proven to be one of the most important to keeping our community safe and healthy. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to the parish center.

If you are interested in helping the cleaning teams after masses, please reach out to <u>Angi Swiezy</u>. This team of dedicated volunteers have served St. Mark so well during this pandemic. Thank you!

On Fridays at 4:30 PM, our Facilities Manager Cody Metzger hosts a campus clean up. He is looking for volunteers to join him in picking up trash and leaves around the campus. Meet in the North parking lot at 4:30 PM to join the fun! This is a chance to earn a service hour for high school students!

As always with volunteering in the church, please make sure your safe and sacred training is up to date. More information is on the homepage of the St. Mark website, or contact Angi Swiezy.



### **BULLETIN AD RENEWAL**

Ed Clark representing Diocesan (our Bulletin Publisher) is currently renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, in any information regarding the different ad sizes and cost, please call the parish office. Or you may contact Ed directly at 614-738-1472 or eclark@diocesan.com.

We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Only a 1/3rd down payment is required to reserve an ad location. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

"THE LORD HAS LOVED ME SO MUCH. WE MUST EVERYONE." -ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEBRUARY 8



### ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

South Deanery Youth Ministry presents: Jr. High Youth Rally 2021

Saturday, February 20 from 2-8 p.m. at Roncalli High School

Theme: In His Image

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to spend a faith-filled afternoon at Roncalli High School. NET Ministries will join us with talks, skits, games, dinner and more. There will be opportunities for service, worship, and discussion - all with the theme of exploring who we are as sons and daughters of God.

For registration information, please contact Julie Albertson jalbertson@stmarkindy.org.

Click here to register: permission.click/glYGv/us#/ information



### **PARISH LIFE**



Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill, are in pain, are lonely, or depressed. We know that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort them and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **AMEN**

If you are a St. Mark parishioner, 65 years of age and older, you are encouraged to get your vaccination shots for Covid-19. If you need assistance with registering for the vaccination and/or you need assistance with transportation to the vaccination site, contact: Steve Helmich at 317-903-9657 (cell/text) or stevehelmich50@gmail.com.

MMA continues to provide the following services and outreach to our parishioners 60 years of age and older:

- •Provisions from the Heart Ministry...meals and more every other Wednesday
- Snail Mail Ministry...handwritten cards of encouragement
- •Spiritual Autobiography Journey Ministry...materials and support to begin writing your spiritual journal
- •Handyman Ministry...assistance with light home repairs and yard work
- •Transportation Ministry...rides to doctor's visits and other important appointments Contact Steve Helmich (see above) if you:
- •are a St. Mark Maturing Adult who would benefit from one or more of these programs,
- know a St. Mark Maturing Adult who would benefit from one or more of these programs, or
  would like to volunteer to support one of these ministries.

The doubts of youth lie far behind me, and the anxieties that plagued me for so long are gone.

The regrets of yesterday and fears for tomorrow have vanished, replaced by the simple pleasure of today.

Thank God for the day at hand, for things as they are, for this season of life...for in this age I have found peace and heart-deep comfort in You. AMEN

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