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St. Mark

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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—Contact Angi Swiezy, Director of Faith Formation to begin Parish Preparation Program, and registration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—in the courtesy room
Wednesday 5:00-5:30 PM
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.

Parish Center Hours
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-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 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 8:15 AM
Wednesday 5:30 PM
No Daily Mass on Friday
Holy Day Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM
Live streamed Sunday at 9:30 AM

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317.786.4013 Principal Rusty Albertson, Ext. 201
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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please schedule your 2022 mass intentions.

Contact Alison Archer to reserve dates.

Sunday, February 20	**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00 AM	✞ Phillip Frye
9:30 AM	✞ Roger Auger
11:45 AM	✞ Tom Sauer
Monday, February 21	**Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
8:15 AM	✞ Mable Thorne
Tuesday, February 22	**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**
8:15 AM	✞ Virginia Hanson
Wednesday, February 23	**St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**
5:30 PM	✞ Jennifer Jones
Thursday, February 24	**Weekday**
8:15 AM	✞ Lorraine Cantlon
Friday, February 25	**Weekday**
No Mass or	Communion Service
Saturday, February 26	**Anticipation Mass**
4:30 PM	✞ Parishioners of St. Mark
Sunday, February 27	**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00 AM	✞ Greg Cole
9:30 AM	✞ Marybeth Bowling
11:45 AM	✞ Eula Cassetty

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 20, 2022

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

"But the spiritual was not first;
rather the natural and then the spiritual."
-1 Corinthians 15:46

This passage from the second reading for this Sunday reminds us of an important principle of our Church: *grace builds on nature*. At first, this might seem like an obscure philosophical phrase that is only for scholars and theologians to understand, but really it is a simple concept with very important implications. To understand what it means, we must first note the difference between the nature and grace (sometimes referred to the "natural" and the "supernatural").

The natural refers to our human nature as created by God in its normal state here on earth. We are born of the flesh, we grow and develop physically and mentally, we need nourishment and we need social interaction, etc. We learn the natural sciences in school (like philosophy, math, science, history, language, and social studies). When something goes wrong with our natural selves, we seek care from doctors or psychotherapists to bring us back to the fullness of physical or mental health.

The supernatural, or spiritual, refers to God's grace which gives us aid in completing our supernatural calling, which is salvation. While we are born in the flesh as rational animals, we are also created in God's imagine with an immortal soul, and this goes beyond the merely natural (the prefix "super" means above, or beyond). We can learn the supernatural science, which we call theology. When something goes wrong with our spiritual self, we seek care from the Divine physician, Christ, who gives us this care through the Sacraments and the Church.

Now that we understand the distinction between the spiritual and the natural, we can make more sense of Paul's words to the Corinthians in today's reading, and the old adage that "grace builds on nature." When we neglect our natural selves (i.e., our physical health, mental health, social interactions, and intellectual growth) our spiritual health also suffers. At the same time, we can be as naturally fulfilled as humanly possible, but if we neglect our spiritual calling, we miss the most important part of life.

Very often, when people find themselves unhappy, unfulfilled, or spiritually stunted, the solution is not merely a supernatural one. The answer isn't always just to pray more and seek the Sacraments more. Sometimes the problem is at the natural level, with issues of health (mental or physical), social (families or friends) or career. Of course, many of these things are outside of our control, and God's supernatural grace is always there for us to see us through any difficulty which may arise in life. But we should also never be ashamed to seek help in the natural realm when we need it. Counseling or lifestyle changes that improve our health and happiness create a foundation on which God's grace can continue to build.

There is another old proverb in the Church which speaks to this important principle: "The glory of God is mankind fully alive." That means God wants us to be fulfilled, joyful, and to flourish in this life, to reach our full natural potential, and to reach the fullness of spiritual glory.

God Bless, Fr. Tim

SAFE PARISH –SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

On July 1, 2021, Safe Parish replaced Safe and Sacred as the child protection program for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The Safe Parish program was chosen to provide easier access to child protection training for clergy, employees, and volunteers. It allows us to broaden the focus of the training to increase awareness of all forms of child abuse. Safe Parish includes an assessment that must be taken and passed to ensure that training content is learned and can be applied. We believe these are important new features for this program.

Who Should Complete This Training?

Safe Parish Training is a requirement for all volunteers regardless of their ministry area. If you are 18 years of age or older and you volunteer in any ministries here at St. Mark, you must comply with all the requirements. All employees and all volunteers dealing with children must complete all three sections BEFORE starting any position.

How Do I Access Training?

Visit www.archindysafeparish.org to register for an account. The online training takes about 45 minutes to complete along with a BACKGROUND CHECK and a CODE of CONDUCT statement. Once the initial training is complete, quarterly bulletins will be sent to your email much like the older VIRTUS training. Questions regarding training can be submitted through the SUPPORT option in the menu on the training site.

How Often Will I Need to Complete this Training?

Training will expire every five years. At this time, most everyone's Safe and Sacred is set to expire in 2022 so the expectation is to go ahead and complete Safe Parish training this year prior to volunteering in any ministries.

For more information, visit our website at www.stmarkindy.org For questions, please contact Angi Swiezy, aswiezy@stmarkindy.org or 317-787-8246 x104.

PRAYER LIST

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Gary Roessler
Al Ratz
Infant Savanah Musgrove
Mary Marshall
Helen Volk
Joanne Burkert
Marcia Hendrickson
Wilma Cross
Margaret Ruth
Sherry Blomberg
Phil Hurley
Dale Hartman
Barb Knapke
Donica Claycomb
Brenda Wheeler
Thang Thang
David Mouser
Teresa Schmidt
Diane Howard
Obedia Norris
Debra Land
Greg Kempf
Chris Gough
Lisa & Frank Engelking
Rosemary Delph
Bob Ward
Wilma Shea
Dorris Dado
Kevin Pierce
Jerry Powell
Nikki Nightingale
Charlie & Mira Wilson
Dan Shine
Aaron Robinson
Ruby Avant
Mary Ann Moran
Nancy Everling
Peggy Compton
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Dottie Ross
Michael Cento
Karen Firkins
James Meyer
Tessa Cassetty
Debbie O'Neal
Eleanor Sowder
Chris A. Williams
Jimmy Hall
Paul VanKavelaar
Bryan Collins

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

STEWARDSHIP SPOT

Link to St. Mark online giving: www.osvhub.com/st-mark-s-church-5/funds

Weekly Collections Summary	
	2/13/22
Envelopes/Cash	$13,834.95
Online Giving	$10,422.50
Total	**$24,257.45**
Budgeted Amount	$19,990.00
Surplus (Deficit)	**$4,267.45**

ST. VINCET DE PAUL

The end of January marked our first St. Vincent DePaul 'Fifth Sunday' collection this year. The generosity you extend (and entrust) to our work is simply beyond words. We are very thankful for parish families who checked the box to include SVdP in their online giving plan since they do not receive envelope packets.

At a recent gathering of all the Indianapolis southside SVdP parish groups, our president Mary Masengale learned that like us, all of our cohort parishes are receiving a record number of helpline requests. When a family calls or emails the citywide HELPLINE…their request is forwarded to the geographic parish in which the family resides. As we get more requests, we could really use additional members to help with home visits and follow-up. It is fulfilling and humbling work.

ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

Join South Deanery Youth Ministry for the annual Jr High Youth Rally! Come for fun, worship, and time spent with new friends all while understanding that Christ is our anchor in times of suffering! The cost is $35 which includes dinner and a t- shirt. Register by contacting Bethany Kuhn.

Indy Life Conference for High School and College Students

The Indy Life Conference is an amazing opportunity for pro-life students in Indiana to come together for a day of activism development and fellowship with other pro-life high school and college students, and to hear from inspiring speakers in the pro-life community! The event will take place at Guerin Catholic High School on March 5, 2022 from 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Email bkuhn@stmarkindy.org for more information and registration.

FAITH FORMATION

Every St. Mark member, middle school aged and up, is invited to join us for our Lenten series:

THE SEARCH is a video series hosted by Chris Stefanick that will guide participants through some of the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life. The series will help us examine life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith.

Each week following the video, we will break up into small groups for discussion!

Each Thursday of Lent: MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, APRIL 3, & 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM

If you are interested in watching the trailer for The Search, visit the website, our social media pages, or FORMED.org

If you are interested in attending the sessions, please fill out the digital form on our website, the paper form located in the Narthex, or let Bethany know, so that we can ensure enough materials.

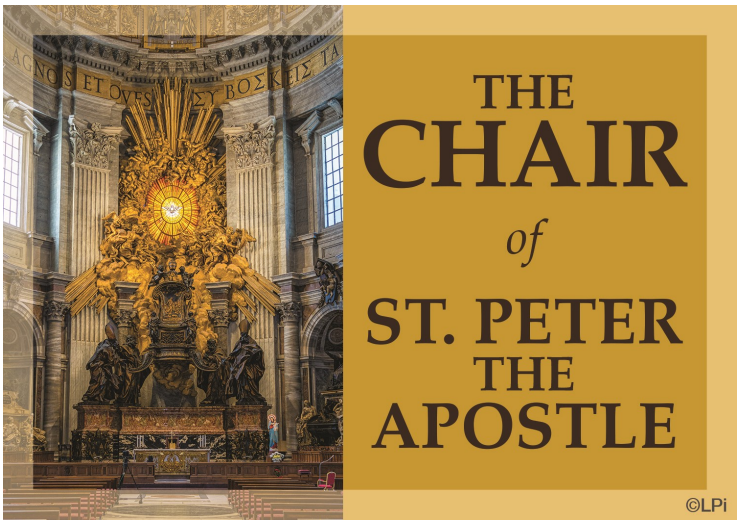
Small groups will be split up according to age range.

If you have any questions, please contact: bkuhn@stmarkindy.org

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Birthline Ministry VOLUNTEERS
We need volunteers on Mondays!
We are in need of volunteers to help make layettes, meet with clients, and sort donations. In order to distribute the many donations we receive to the growing numbers of mothers in need, on-site volunteers are ESSENTIAL to this special ministry. Contact Keri Carroll to find out more.

Have you wanted to volunteer but Mondays and Wednesdays don't work for you? Come join us on Tuesday mornings 9-12 !
Contact Keri Carroll kcarroll@archindy.org to learn more!



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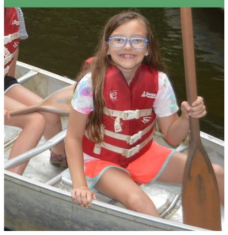
2022 Spring School Year Program Staff

Begins in March
Start date negotiable
Program staff facilitate visiting groups in outdoor education, leadership/team building, guest rental groups and Catholic retreats.

COVID-19 SAFETY PRACTICES ARE IN PLACE



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CYO NEWS

Greetings,
CYO Spring Sports sign ups are underway!!!
Registration is open now and closes March 3. You can register on the CYO website or ask your child's teacher for help. cyoarchindy.org/
This Spring we have the following CYO Sports teams available:

- Boys and Girls Co-ed Soccer grades 5-8. The season starts 4/11 and ends 5/23. Cost is $75
- Girls Spring Kickball grades 3-8. The season starts 4/11 and ends 5/23. Cost is $75
- CYO Track and Field sign ups are open on the CYO website from now through Feb 28. St Mark students will register through Nativity using Nativity's school code 169NCS-IN. The season runs from April 12 through May 18. The cost is $65.

We are still waiting on sign up details for Baseball.

If you have questions please email
Frank Litz flitz@roncalli.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 20, 2022, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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ST. MARK MYANMAR MASS

St. Mark Myanmar Mass
will be celebrated with
Fr. Eustace Thang
on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday each month

Mass at 3:00 PM
Confession is heard at 2:00 PM,
on the 3rd Sunday only

PARISH LIFE

There are an unlimited number of ways to feed your soul. Many believe the best place to start is with daily prayer. For many it is the cornerstone of the spiritual life.

If you were not able to attend the recent "Praying from the Heart" event, you are able to watch it on YouTube at St. Mark Catholic Church Praying from the Heart. Fr. Jim Farrell, Fr. Tim, and Deacon Paul present powerful messages about Lectio Divina, Ignatian Prayer, contemplative prayer, and much more.
If you would like the "prayer packet" that includes a copy of the book on prayer, "I Heard God Laugh", writings from Fr. Tim and Deacon Paul, and more information about prayer, contact Steve Helmich at 317-903-9657 (cell/text) or stevehelmich50@gmail.com. Copies of Fr. Farrell's popular CDs that guide one through a powerful prayer experience are available for $10. Contact Steve Helmich (see above) for titles and more information.

MMA needs St. Mark parishioners who would like to "give a day to God" in support of this ministry that serves those of us age sixty and older. MMA currently needs volunteers to :

- •make weekly "wellness check" telephone contacts as a member of the Telephone Contact Team
- •provide transportation to doctor's appointments for our Elders who no longer drive
- •write cards and letters to our Elders as part of the Snail Mail Ministry
- •facilitate Bible studies and other small group faith formation experiences
- •visit homebound parishioners as a member of the Home Visitation Team
- •join the Prayer Warrior Team and commit to pray regularly for identified individuals and causes

MMA believes there should be an advancing appreciation for this later time in life…these "maturing years"…as having immense spiritual purpose: that this later time in life is specially designed by God to bring people closer to both God and their true selves.

A BURDEN of these years is that I might stay more buried in my losses than aware of my gains.

A BLESSING of these years is the transformation of the self to be, at long last, the self I have been becoming all my life…an oasis of serenity in a world gone sour on age, the very acme of life.

Sr. Joan Chittister

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