

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 the Parish Center to begin the process of preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—in the courtesy room Wednesday 5:00-5:30 PM Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday 1:00-1:45 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament— Wednesday, 6:00 PM

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Deacon Nick Martin deaconnick@stmarkindy.org, Ext. 113

Mass Schedule Saturday (Anticipation) 4:30 PM **Sunday** 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:00 PM

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8:15 AM Wednesday 5:30 PM

Holy Day Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM Live streamed Sunday at 9:30 AM

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

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 <u>Alison Archer.</u>

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MASS SCHEDULE



Please schedule 2024 mass intentions.

Contact <u>Alison Archer</u> to reserve dates.

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. J)

11:45 AM & Margaret Strack (Fr. J)

Monday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM & Hla Thway (Fr. J)

Tuesday, December 5 Weekday

Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:00 to 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

8:15 AM & Corbin Michael Ohime & Joseph

Turner (Fr. T)

7:00 PM Julian Nosares (Fr. T) (Vigil Mass IC)

Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 9 Anticipation Mass

5:30 to 6:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. T)

9:30 AM Paul Becher (Fr. J)

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 DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023



Hello Everyone!

As we continue our way through Advent, I want to draw your attention to the opportunities we have this year as a parish on the Sundays of Advent. This First Sunday, December 3rd, we welcome back Deacon Tom Horn to St. Mark for what is sure to be a wonderful reflection on welcoming Christ with Mary and Joseph at 5:00 PM in Schafer Hall. For the Second weekend of Advent, on Saturday, December 9th, we will end the 4:30 PM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration, and have Benediction at the end of the Holy Hour at 6:20 PM. Then, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 17th, our annual and incredible Holy Season Concert will take place at 7:00 PM with our whole music ministry and choirs in the church. I hope to see you at some or all of these great events! See Advent flyer in the bulletin for the mass times on December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I also want to make you aware that our Advent Penance service this year is this coming Wednesday, December 6th, starting at 7:00 PM at St. Jude. This is a great opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Along with this large penance service, we continue to have Confessions available here at St. Mark on Wednesdays from 5:00 PM-5:25 PM, and Saturdays from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.

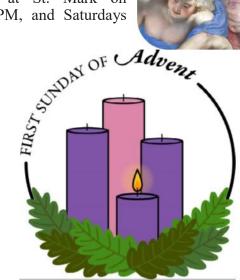
Finally, I will leave you with this brief prayer to begin this sacred season of preparation. I hope you all have a wonderful Advent season:

Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do-every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share-remind me to prepare space in my heart for You.

Amen.

God Bless, Fr. Tim





PRAYER LIST

Pray for Do O2004 LPI

Joanne Burkert Fred Engleking Louis Abraham Angie Schofner & family Jay Isenberg Neola Beisel Donna Hart Mary Williams Dick Shanley The Donahue Family Cathy & Doyne Hahn Sue Hix Andy Warren Linda Daeger Brooke Turner David Mouser Jean Schott Rita Robertson Perry Rottler

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Jerry Powell
Nikki Nightingale
Aaron Robinson
Mary Ann Moran
Nancy Everling
Peggy Compton
Erin Schofill
Dottie Ross
Tessa Cassetty
Debbie O'Neal
Chris A. Williams
Paul VanKavelaar
Bryan Collins

We are updating this prayer list! Please reach out to Alison Archer, aarcher@stmarkindy.org to update, add, or remove names! We hope to restart the stmarkprayerchain@stmarkindy.org emails in December!

Wilma Shea

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St. Mark Development Office News

Development Office News:

If you are creating or updating your Will, please prayerfully consider St. Mark the Evangelist Church and School as a beneficiary! This is a great way for you to leave a positive legacy to your home parish of St. Mark and help ensure our facilities and ministries are well kept and taken care of for many years to come!

If you already have included St. Mark as a beneficiary in your Will, please notify the parish office and bring a copy of your Will for our records to ensure your intentions are fulfilled.

There are many ways to bequeath to St. Mark, such as willing property, money in savings and retirement funds, stocks, and other things of value to St. Mark.

If you have any questions, please contact Rusty Albertson, Director of Development, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. His email is: ralbertson@stmarkindy.org and his phone extension is 106.

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PARISH LIFE



Our sincerest THANK YOU to those who sponsored, attended and worked in the various areas of the Outrageous Bingo Grand Raffle. Because of YOU, this was a success both financially and in community building. A special Thank You to these additional sponsors;

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PARISH LIFE

ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Mark is again sponsoring the Advent Giving
Tree. Money generated from this project will help our
parish St. Vincent de Paul Society with their work and will
raise funds to help our own parishioners and other neighbors
who find themselves in need of financial aid for their
families. This is your opportunity to help others whom you
may never meet or know, but you can be Christ to them
through your donation. Remember that we can never be
more generous than God has been to us. Each year
our parishioners have shown their love and care for those in
need by their amazing response to this Advent project. We
hope for a similar response again this year. May God bless
you and your loved ones for your kindness.

The Advent Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex from November 24th through December 17th. Please take an envelope off the tree, place your donation in the envelope and return it in the collection basket any time through the end of December.





Sunday, December 3rd Advent Evening of Reflection Welcoming our Savior's Birth with Mary & Joseph

You are invited to join Deacon Tom Horn and fellow parishioners in **Schafer Hall** @ **5:00 PM on Sunday, December 3rd** for an evening of discussion and reflection led by Deacon Tom Horn. *Please bring note taking materials*.

Wednesday, December 6th

Advent Reconciliation Service

Hosted at St. Jude Catholic Church, 7:00 PM

Friday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times:

Thursday, December 7th 7:00 PM (Vigil Mass) Friday, December 8th 6:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Saturday, December 9th

Holy Hour with Benediction following the 4:30 PM Mass

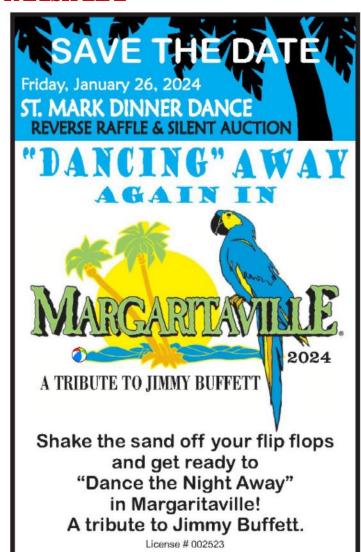
Sunday, December 17th

St. Mark Music Ministry presents, All is Well Holy Season Concert, 7:00 PM

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Mass Schedule

December 24th 4:30 PM & Midnight December 25th 10:00 AM & Noon (Myanmar Mass)



PARISH LIFE:

Save the Date: February 2, 2024



Yep, it's Groundhog Day, but we will be celebrating something much bigger---our wonderful volunteers! If you share time, talent, or treasure with the parish in any capacity, we want you there.

Mark it on your 2024 calendar now!

ST. MARK MUSIC MINISTRY

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE AGE YOUTH:

All High School and College age Youth and any young adults, please come and sing for the St. Mark Holy Season Concert on December 17th. We would love to have all of you be part of the concert and possibly the Christmas Season Masses. Rehearsals are in the church Thursday, Dec 7th at 7:45, Monday, Dec 11th at 7:00pm and Thursday, Dec 14th at 7:00pm. Please send an email with any questions to Drew Eagan, aeagan@stmarkindy.org,

COMMUNITY

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting an archdiocesan-wide research initiative to help shape our communications strategies. Hirons, an Indianapolis-based communications firm, will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. If you receive a call or letter from Hirons, we encourage you to participate to help the Archdiocese better shape its communications to Catholics all over Central and Southern Indiana! For questions or participation information, please contact research@archindy.org



The St. Mark Filipino Community invites all parishioners to the celebration of Simbang Gabi, Saturday, December 16th at the 4:30 PM Mass, a reception to follow with delicious Filipino food to follow in Schafer Hall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- Our St. Mark SVdP Conference recently joined parishes throughout the Archdiocese as we submitted our annual report, covering activities from October 2022 thru September 2023. Your generous 5th Sunday envelope gifts are the foundation without which we could not function. It is about 75 percent of our operating income. We receive additional gifts from thoughtful parish members, and we follow a very old SVdP custom of taking up a 'secret collection' at each of our monthly meetings. Here's a peek at the financial side.
- Balance on October 1, 2022: \$7,340
- Income from donations thru the year: \$28,658
- Spent for rent/utilities, food etc.: \$29,168
- Balance on September 30, 2023: \$6,830

About 32% of our payments are to help with rent, while 67% helps with utility bills, food, bus passes and more. In coming weeks we'll look at home-visit details, pantry and distribution center activities, the new Love Your Neighbor Center, and how our St. Mark SVdP group fits into the archdiocesan mission.

Please consider joining us for service, friendship and a spiritual experience in the coming year.

ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

NCYC UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us with prayers, financial donations, and breakfast donations! We were really appreciative of the support we received from the parish,



which is why we were proud to wear a t-shirt with St Mark the Evangelist written big across the back on our first day of NCYC. As you can tell from some of the pictures, we wore a lot of silly hats too! There were a lot of great speakers that we got to listen to, one of our group favorites being Bishop Joseph Espaillat II who really instilled in us the main theme of NCYC this year, which was being Fully Alive. We came back to the parish feeling tired, but Fully Alive and hope that we can continue showing how much we love our Catholic Faith to everyone we encounter!



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MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

"Do not think about what will happen tomorrow, for the same eternal Father who takes care of you today will look out for you tomorrow and always. Either he will keep you from evil or he



will give you invincible courage to endure it. Remain in peace; rid your imagination of whatever troubles you." St. Francis de Sales

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE 2023 CHRISTMAS

LUNCHEON! And Join Us On Friday, December 15th... 11:30 a.m.! Tickets for the 2023 St. Mark Christmas Luncheon will be on sale after each of the masses on December 2nd and 3rd. The event this year will be held in our new Parish Hall! Tickets are \$15 and include a delicious lunch, door prizes, and wonderful music provided by the Southside Jazzers and the St. Mark School Choir. Canned food and non-perishable items will be accepted for the food pantry at Hunger Inc. and personal care products will also be accepted. Contact Cindy Helmich at cindy helmich@yahoo.com for information.

HELP!!!...MMA's Greeting Card Ministry is recruiting parishioners who would like to be a part of a ministry that writes and sends cards and notes to individuals whose day would be brightened! Writers and donors of cards are needed. There will be totes at the north end of the narthex to donate Christmas cards and to return completedcards/notes for this ministry. If you are interested in writing cards contact Barb Taylor at beekatie@sbcglobal.net or text 317-786-8727 for more information. Deadline to receive written cards for the Christmas mailing is Sunday, December 17th so they can be distributed

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Consider becoming a FOMMA (a Friend of MMA). You can bring real joy to the lives of our St. Mark Elders. You choose the kind of programs and activities you wish to be involved with...and when you want to volunteer. Contact Gemma Wallace at gwallace0355@sbcglobal.net.

Handyman Ministry..light home repairs, carpentry, and painting are provided by St. Mark volunteers..contact Dan O'Brien at dobrien6650@gmail.com.

Loving Father, here I am. I trust that you have an incredible plan for me. Transform me. Transform my life. Everything is on the table. Take what you want to take and give what you want to give. Transform me into the person you created me to be, so I can live the life you envision for me. Amen Sunday, December 3, 2023

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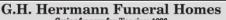
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