

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you
whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after
me, whose sandal strap I
am not worthy to untie."
- Jn 1:26-27

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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 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

535 East Edgewood Ave
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
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Parish Center Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

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Deacon Paul Fisherkeller
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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](#)

St. Mark Catholic School, Pre-K-8th Grade 317.786.4013
Principal Jen Kocher, Ext. 201 jkocher@stmarkindy.org
To learn about enrollment opportunities please reach out to Mrs. Kocher

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 2024 mass intentions. Contact [Alison Archer](mailto:Alison.Archer) to reserve dates.

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 AM ☩ Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. J)
- 9:30 AM ☩ Jim Morrison (Fr. J)
- 11:45 AM ☩ Meredith & Mallory Opel (Fr. J)
- 1:00 PM ☩ Myanmar Mass (Fr. J)

Monday, December 18 Weekday

- 8:15 AM ☩ Ralph & Anita Risch (Fr. J)

Tuesday, December 19 Weekday

- 8:15 AM Neal Bauer (Fr. J)

Wednesday, December 20 Weekday

- 5:30 PM ☩ Elsa Galido (Fr. J)
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:15 AM ☩ Frank & Violet Derry (Fr. T)

Friday, December 22 Weekday

- 8:15 AM ☩ Mickey Speth (Fr. T)

Saturday, December 23 Anticipation Mass

- 4:30 PM ☩ Ralph Miller (Fr. T)

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

- 7:00 AM ☩ Kyle Oberting (Fr. J)
- 9:30 AM ☩ Emery Eakle (Fr. T)
- 11:45 AM ☩ Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. J) (MYANMAR MASS 4th Sunday Advent)

Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM	☩ Jim Lentz (Fr. T)
Christmas Eve: Midnight	☩ Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. T)
Christmas Day: 10 AM	☩ Esperanza Moody (Fr. T)
Christmas Day: Noon	☩ Myanmar Mass (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 17, 2023

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



We begin the final week of Advent, a 4-week time of preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, with a kind of second “advent.” What is that, you ask? Well, it is a period of 7 days beginning on the 17th of December when it’s been one of the traditions of the Church to pray the “O” antiphons. Our Catholic faith has been singing these since at least the 4th century! They are antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle. This is prayed in the evening during “Liturgy of the Hours,” which is the official prayer of the Church. All priests, deacons, and Religious are required to pray all or certain portions of the Hours depending upon their vocation. Many lay people also pray the Hours, and I invite you to explore this rewarding prayer option, and, yes, there are “How To” books.

December 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge.

December 18: O Leader (Lord) of the House of Israel, Giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with Your mighty power.

December 19: O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all His people: come save us without delay.

December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness.

December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of Eternal Light, Sun of Justice: splendor of eternal light, sun of Justice: Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church, come and save the man, whom You formed from the dust.

December 23: O Emmanuel our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God

I’m told that if you reverse the order of the Latin words and use the first letter of each word, you get ERO CRAS, a Latin term meaning “Tomorrow, I will come!” The antiphons sum up excellently the eager longing we should all have for the arrival of our Redeemer, Jesus!

Merry Christmas! Deacon Nick Martin

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home, When the
shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.
—Reverend Howard Thurman,
The Work of Christmas



May You have a blessed Christmas, and may the coming of Christ fill you with his love, joy and peace.

Your brother in Christ,
Deacon Paul

PRAYER LIST



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

Perry Rottler
Ineta Roessler
Marie Finch-Hibner
Sandy Balint
Larry Woods
Halee Spaulding
Sherry Brett
Vincent Durrett
Earl Huffman
Bruce Ingalls
Greg & Carey Ling
Ann Dillane
Barb Oleson
Al Ratz
Marcia Hendrickson
Phil Hurley
Teresa Schmidt
Lisa & Frank Engelking
Bob Ward

Wilma Shea
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!

STEWARDSHIP SPOT



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November Monthly Giving	
Online Giving	\$40,140.60
Envelopes/Cash	\$38,692.00
Total Monthly Collections:	\$78,832.60
Budgeted Amount:	\$104,810.00
Surplus/Defecit	-\$25,977.40

The St. Mark Finance Committee and Business Office Staff plan to report the previous months collection reports the third weekend of the month. Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards St. Mark the Evangelist Parish.

MASS TIMES

4th Sunday of Advent (December 24)

Mass Times

7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 Myanmar Mass

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve, Dec. 24)

Mass Times

December 24th 4:30 PM & Midnight

December 25th 10 AM & Noon Myanmar Mass



STEWARDSHIP SPOT

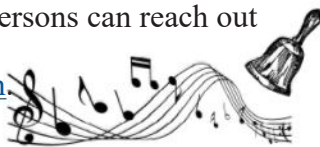


The end of the year is approaching fast! If you are looking for a charitable giving tax deduction or make payment on a pledge, you have until Sunday, December 31st to make a charitable donation to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church! Thank you for your continued generosity

ST. MARK MUSIC MINISTRY

The St. Mark handbell choir has openings for 1 or 2 new ringers to begin in January. New ringers must be available to ring at weekend masses once a month from September through May. It is highly desired that new ringers have the ability to read music or have previous music experience. Interested persons can reach out directly to Lindsey Horty

at Lindseybells26@yahoo.com



The St. Mark Music Ministry Presents

Holy Season Concert
"All is Well"

On Sunday December 17th at 7:00pm
Brass Choir Prelude Music at 6:30

The concert will celebrate the music of Advent and Christmas Seasons.

The choirs include our Children's Choir, Adult Choir, Ensemble, Bell Choir, Brass Choir, and Childrens Choir.

Please come join us for this St. Mark Parish Tradition.

PARISH LIFE

ADVENT GIVING TREE

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.

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

FAITH FORMATION

More information on the history and origin of the Rosary



The rosary, as known by Saint Dominic, consisted of 15 mysteries. The first 5 are the Joyful mysteries, which focus on the birth of Jesus and His early life. The second 5 mysteries are the Sorrowful mysteries, meditating on the suffering and death of Jesus. The last 5 are the Glorious mysteries announcing the resurrection of Jesus and our salvation. This accounted for the 150 Hail Mary's which coincide with the 150 psalms prayed in the Divine Office by the religious of the time.

The Luminous Mysteries were Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2002 in his apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae. These mysteries referred to as the Mysteries of Light, demonstrate the light of God manifested through Jesus.

Watch your bulletin each week for more encouragement to pray the Rosary. Get the whole story in the book, *The Secrets of the Rosary*, by St. Louis de Montfort.

IN MY GOD IS
the joy of my soul
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparation for parents needing to Baptize their first child, an in-person session will be held on the third Saturday of each month at 9:00am – 10:00am starting in January.



To register for this preparation, please contact Deacon Nick Martin, deaconnick@stmarkindy.org.

If you need Baptism for second and other child/ren, contact Chris Risch, crisch@stmarkindy.org

Sunday, December 17, 2023

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Monday, January 8, 2024

Letters of Intent for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year.

Friday, January 12, 2024

This Letter of Intent and \$100 family registration fee (if you have a Pre-K student there is a separate \$200 registration fee that goes towards Pre-K tuition) is due back to the school office by Friday, January 12, 2024 by 3:30pm

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2023-2024 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2024-2025 school year to be considered for any available spots.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Please contact Mrs. Kocher, jkocher@stmarkindy.org or Mrs. Leszcynski, bleszcynski@stmarkindy.org 317.786.4013 to inquiry about enrollment, or set up a tour.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Earlier this fall, a parish family gifted us with a beautiful lift recliner chair. We have delivered a good deal of furniture in recent weeks, but somehow the recliner remained in our local storage area. Until last Saturday, when it was re-homed with a nearby family where the dad will make very good use of it!

We continue to be a bit surprised when things like this work out so well, but as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday this weekend, we **REJOICE!** and in all circumstances we give **THANKS!**

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The St. Mark Parish Center will close for the Christmas holiday at Noon on Friday, December 22nd. We will reopen on Thursday, January 4, 2024! Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas Season!

ST. MARK DINNER DANCE
REVERSE RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

"DANCING" AWAY AGAIN IN



MARK KARITAVILLE 2024

A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY BUFFETT

Friday, January 26, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
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The Third Generation Band

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TICKETS ON SALE AFTER
ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF
December 30th - January 21st

TABLES OF EIGHT (8)

Doors open at 6:00 for drinks & silent auction
DINNER SERVED AT 7:00 P.M.



For more info contact:
Pete Masengale at
pete.masengale@gmail.com

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honoree, Sister Shirley Gerth!



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Wishing Well Fund Christmas Delivery

The Wishing Well Fund, Inc. is in need of volunteers this year for our Christmas Food basket delivery on Saturday, December 23rd. We will be meeting at Primo's, but ask that everyone remain in their car. and that food baskets be left at the front door and not taken into the homes this year to keep everyone safe!

[You can sign up via Sign Up Genius \(Click Here!\)-](#)

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Any questions, please contact Dave Jackson at 317.696.4241.

You can also follow us on Facebook: Wishing Well Fund or online @ www.wishingwellfund.com.

MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

"There is no secret to the good life. It isn't a mystery. What is the essential ingredient? Goodness itself. If you wish to live the good life, fill your life with goodness. Fill your life with love, kindness, gratitude, compassion, and generosity." Matthew Kelly



The path of purposeful aging involves a growth mind-set in which we wake up every day with the attitude that we can continue GROWING and GIVING in spite of the adversities of aging.

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! Card writers AND donation of cards are needed. There will be totes at the north end of the narthex to donate Christmas cards and to return completed cards 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 return written cards for the Christmas mailing is Sunday, December 17th so they can be distributed.

FIVE CORE COMPONENTS OF MMA:

1. Spiritual development
2. Continued learning
3. Opportunities to serve
4. Opportunities to be served
5. Social gatherings and events

Need help with transportation to doctor's or other important appointments? Contact Steve Helmich at 317-903-9657 (cell/text).

MMA's HOPE: That the vision of this ministry will include an advancing appreciation for this later time in life as having immense spiritual purpose: that this time in life is specially designed by God to bring people even closer to both God and their true selves.

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SUNDAY

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December 31st

Monday, December 18th

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