

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 535 East Edgewood Ave Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 317.787.8246 stmarkindy.org

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

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

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

Mass Schedule Saturday (Anticipation) 4:30 PM Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 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 <u>jkocher@stmarkindy.org</u> 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.

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#### MASS SCHEDULE



Please schedule 2024 mass intentions.

Contact Alison Archer to reserve dates.

Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

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

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

the Mother of God

Sunday, Dec 31 @ 4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. T)

Monday, January 1 @ 10:00 AM & Marybeth Bowling (Fr. J)

Tuesday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the

Church

8:15 AM Mickey Speth (Fr. J)

Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

Thursday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15 AM & Julian Nosares (Fr. T)

Friday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

Believers Inspired" small church (Fr. T)

Saturday, January 6 Anticipation Mass

4:30 PM ♣ Parishioners of St. Mark (Fr. T)

Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

#### 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 31, 2023**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Sunday:

**New Mass** 

Times! 1/7/24

or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Monday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 Tuesday: Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 Saturday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Next Sunday:

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Sunday, December 31, 2023



Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas! It was certainly a whirlwind weekend with the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve being on the same A more full church with the best music we can day. Now, on this final weekend of the year, we offer, adequate volunteers to ensure all aspects of celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of the Mass are taken care of, and fellowship to follow Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As a reminder, though it is every pastor's dream for his parish on Sundays. is not obligatory this year, we will have two Seeing you all each weekend at the Masses is my masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of favorite part of being at St. Mark, and this new God. Sunday (December 31st) at 4:30pm, and schedule will allow us to take our weekends to the Monday (January 1st) at 10:00am. We also have next level of vibrancy and solemnity. I hope this a Mass in Zomi on Monday at noon with a New helps each of us make Mass the central part of the Year's Day party to follow!

This weekend is not only the last weekend of 2023, it is also the last weekend of our old Mass schedule. God Bless, and Happy New Year! Starting next weekend, January 6th and 7th, we will -Fr. Tim go from five masses to four. As a reminder, our schedule will be as follows:

Saturday – 4:30pm Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm (in **Burmese or Zomi)** 

I am so excited to see the fruits that this change will bear for our parish! Change is never easy, but in this case, we are going to see some wonderful things. First and foremost, we will see more of each other! Being less spread out over five masses means we will be together as a parish more fully with each Mass. That also means we can have fellowship more often after the Masses. Coffee and Donuts will take place after both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses, and a pitch in meal will take place after the 12:30pm Mass every week. We would like to begin having occasional fellowship after the 4:30pm Mass too (perhaps pre-dinner snacks and socializing with

pretzels, chips, and soda). We will be able to focus our liturgical ministers in less masses to have fully staffed liturgies. And of course, with all of our Sunday Masses, we will be able to fulfill the prescriptions of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), which states:

> The Christian faithful who gather together as one to await the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Col 3:16). Great importance should be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass. Every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays... (GIRM #39, 40)

weekend, and in fact, the anchor for the entire week.



#### PRAYER LIST

Pray for Occord LPi

Dick Wallace Joanne Burkert 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

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

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, <a href="mailto:aarcher@stmarkindy.org">aarcher@stmarkindy.org</a> to update, add, or remove names! We hope to restart the <a href="mailto:stmarkprayerchain@stmarkindy.org">stmarkprayerchain@stmarkindy.org</a> emails in December!

Wilma Shea

#### STEWARDSHIP SPOT

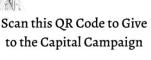


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The end of the year is here! If you are looking for a charitable giving tax deduction or make payment on a pledge, you have until Sunday, December 31st to make a charitable donation to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church! Thank you for your continued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

#### **MASS TIMES**



Reminder! The new Sunday Mass schedule begins on Sunday, January 7th!

and who walk in his ways

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend includes the final 'Fifth Sunday' SVdP envelope of the calendar year. Thank You for each donation you've offered this year.

We are a pretty small group; about 15 regular members, who receive helpline calls and make home visits...and about 30 additional associate members who work faithfully at the 30th St. Food Pantry. These two ministries are only a glimpse of the sometimes life changing SVdP opportunities looking for a volunteer.

The SVdP website can be a bit overwhelming, so here's a way to customize your search for a 'best fit' service opportunity. Text Becky Weber at 317.508.6077 or email <a href="mailto:bweber@lightbound.com">bweber@lightbound.com</a>. We'll chat...maybe take a field-trip to the pantry, distribution/Mission 27 Stores, bicycle repair shop, or the new 'love your neighbor' homeless ministry, for a one-on-one visit. There are hundreds of possibilities waiting for just the right person. Honest!

#### 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

Thank You to all who contributed to making the Holy Season Concert and reception such a beautiful night! The musicians were wonderful, and the reception was delicious, with so many homemade treats! Thank you and Bravo!

# OLEMNIT' OF MARY.

#### MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

St. Mark's Greeting Card Ministry has written and delivered over 600 Christmas cards to seven nursing homes on the southside of Indy and to the seminarians at St. Meinrad! Thanks so much to those who wrote or donated cards! We are in need of Christmas card donations for next year.

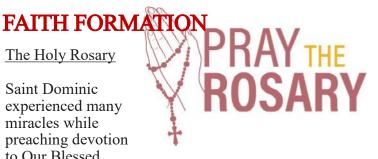
Also Valentines and Easter cards. Please keep this in mind when doing after Christmas shopping. Thanks again for helping to brighten the lives of others!

# 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!

The Holy Rosary

Saint Dominic experienced many miracles while preaching devotion to Our Blessed



Mother by the prayers of the Most Holy Rosary. There were healings of a physical, mental, spiritual, and demonic nature. Shouldn't we also share in the blessings to be received through the intercession of Mary our Mother?

Let us begin a new tradition here at St. Mark as we begin the New Year! Each weekend, starting Saturday January 6th, we will pray the rosary after the 4:30 PM Mass. Beginning Sunday January 7th The Rosary will be prayed before the 8:30 AM Mass. You are invited to join us in Schafer Hall Meeting Rooms A & B. On the first weekend of each month, we will use the St. Mark Rosary and welcome many hands to hold the beads. There are a total of 59 beads. Please consider spending 15 to 20 minutes in prayer with your St Mark Family.

-Spiritual Life committee

# Gifts of TIME and LOVE are surely the basic ingredients of a truly MERRY CHRISTMAS

PEG BRACKEN

#### **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



**CTABLES 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

MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

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#### ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Important Enrollment Dates for 2024-2025 School Year

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, <u>jkocher@stmarkindy.org</u> or Mrs. Leszcynski, bleszcynski@stmarkindy.org, 317.786.4013 to inquiry about enrollment, or set up a tour.



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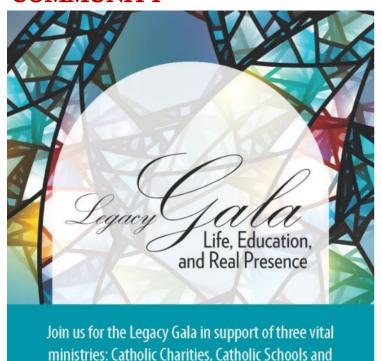
• INSTITUTE





On our SCHOOL NIGHT with the Pacers, we'll have a special presentation at halftime! Ticket prices start at just \$12. This year, our SCHOOL NIGHT is Wednesday, February 28, 2024 as the Pacers take on the New Orleans Pelicans at 7:00 PM. If you or your friends can't make it to our School Night, we have three (3) alternate games available to choose from.

#### **COMMUNITY**



Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary





Also help us celebrate this year's honoree, Sister Shirley Gerth





#### MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

In his later years, English poet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, wrote, Though much is taken, much abides. His words are true. Come the autumn of your life, inevitably much has



been taken. Much cannot be recaptured. Yet just as surely, much abides. In fact, there is a deep sense in which, of that which is really important in your life, MORE abides. Or more CAN abide, if you let it. James E. Miller

FOMMA (Friends of MMA) is comprised of parishioners who are willing to periodically share their time and talent to help put a MMA program or activity in place. No regular meetings...you choose how and when you want to get involved. Contact Gemma Wallace at <a href="mailto:gwallace0355@sbcglobal.net">gwallace0355@sbcglobal.net</a> for information.

One hundred and fifty St. Mark parishioners came together on Friday, December 15th, in our new Parish Center, for the annual Christmas Luncheon. The Southside Jazzers, with members Steve Campbell, Mary Klene, and Jim Tolin, provided terrific music. Parishioner Ray Cumberlander stepped up to sing a beautiful rendition of White Christmas. The St. Mark School Choir performed and there were many door prizes. Thanks to ALL who worked so hard to make this special event possible!

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. If you are interested in writing cards contact Barb Taylor at <a href="mailto:beekatie@sbcglobal.net">beekatie@sbcglobal.net</a> or text 317-786-8727 for more information.

#### 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).

To know how to grow old is the master work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.—Henri Frederic Amiel

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