



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 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

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

1st Fridays, 8:45 AM, following daily Mass

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

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Deacon Nick Martin

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (Anticipation) 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Myanmar Mass)

Daily Mass Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8:15 AM

Wednesday 5:30 PM

Holy Day 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Live streamed Sunday at 8:30 AM

St. Mark Catholic School Pre-K-8th Grade

317.786.4013 Principal Jen Kocher, Ext. 201

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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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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. Eric Johnson

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE SCHEDULE 2026-27 MASS INTENTIONS. CONTACT [ALISON ARCHER](mailto:Alison.Archer) TO RESERVE DATES.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am † Anna Breen
 10:30 am † Parishioners of St. Mark
 12:30 pm † Myanmar Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD WEEKDAY

8:15 am † Patrica Siebel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

8:15 am † Nap Ramilo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

5:30 pm † Karen Kohr
 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:15 am † Thomas & Josephine Schoettl

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH ST. SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; ST. CAJETAN, PRIEST

8:15 am † Marjorie O'Brien

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm † Catherine LaMonaca

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am † Parishioners of St. Mark
 10:30 am † Rev. Msgr. Richard Lawler
 12:30 pm † Myanmar Mass

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

INFORMATION ABOUT REPORTING ABUSE

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A LETTER FROM FATHER ERIC

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I hope this finds all of you well. This weekend our Gospel contains the story of the feeding of the five thousand. In this miraculous feeding we see Jesus as one who responds to the physical hunger of the people, which speaks in turn of his

concern for their spiritual hunger as well. It is a story of abundance. Twelve wicker baskets worth are left over. God is good and generous to us. He pours out his love and grace upon all who seek him.

Of course, the Feeding of the Five Thousand also calls to mind the Eucharist. "Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds." The next time these words will be used is at the Last Supper, when Jesus will once again take bread, raise his eyes to heaven, say the blessing, break the bread and give it to his disciples. Perhaps our invitation is to step back and consider the depth of God's gift to us in the Eucharist. God gives his very self, broken and poured out for the life of the world. Through this encounter we are conformed to him, we are formed into the Church, we taste the salvation that is to come. God is indeed good and generous.

This week our students return to our school after a summer away. It seems to have come quickly, but I am also excited to see them return. There is a certain vitality with our young people present as several hundred folks again return and bring life with them.

At our opening school Mass this week we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. It was a powerful encounter, and overwhelmed with awe and wonder, Peter exclaims: "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

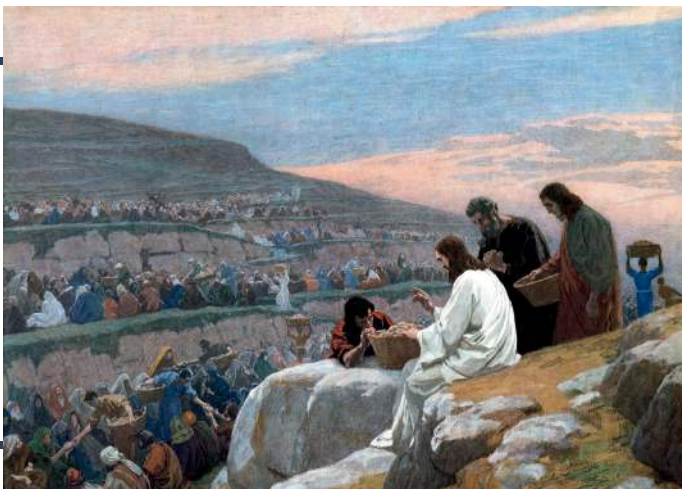
Today, Mt. Tabor is an isolated eminence with commanding views of the valley far below. On its summit is a Franciscan monastery, beautiful gardens and the ruins of a much older Benedictine community. At its far end is the modern church of the Transfiguration, which itself sits on the foundations of several older and more ancient churches that once occupied that site. In the apse is a beautiful mosaic of Jesus in the Transfiguration itself and at the back are two separate chapels, one dedicated to Moses, the other to Elijah.

I have to admit that as I sat in that place of prayer the funny thought occurred to me that what Peter proposed to do in erecting three tents, the Church actually did in building those three chapels. Peter, of course, was overwhelmed with the vision he was experiencing, and desired for it to continue. It was indeed good to be there, and Peter wanted to stay, to cling to the experience, to remain in the consolation of the moment, but in the end, he had to leave that place and return with Jesus back down the mountain. The Church built its chapels to remember, to remember what had happened in that place and to honor so holy an experience that it became a part of the Christian story handed down through the generations.

I think both teach us something important. On the one hand, as powerful and good as mystical encounters or deep consolations can be, we cannot live there. We have to return from the mountain where we live and move in the world. The Christian life is not lived in mystical encounters, but in the day to day encounters that evoke a life of faith, hope and charity. On the other hand, we do need to remember. We need to recall the graces and consolations we have received to sustain us in our day to day lives and inspire us with faith. The Christian life is lived nowhere but in the real world, but I think we gain the fortitude to live in that world by remembering with gratitude the holy mystery we celebrate. May today's Eucharist root us more deeply in that mystery and sustain us in our daily Christian lives.

Know of my prayers for all of you. Please pray for me and pray for our school. May God bless and keep you.

Peace,
Fr. Eric Johnson



**THE HAND OF THE LORD
FEEDS US.
HE ANSWERS ALL OUR
NEEDS.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

PARISH LIFE

Michael Mazza	Perry & Teresa	Brayden Collins
Earl & Carol	Rottler	Helen Volk
Huffman	Mary Ann Schembra	Pam Flickinger
Carol Cassetty	Annie Ruth	Erin Schrock
Rosie Saylor	Betty Price	Louis Abraham
Jerry & Michael	Joanne Burkert	Neola Beisel
Powell	Lorraine Braasch	Cathy Hahn
Natalie W.	Sherry Brett	Dave & Bruce
Don Shannon	Jeannie Fattic	Ingalls
Alena Remmawi	Mary Lou Zehnle	Greg & Carey Ling
Selah Newton	Kristin Hurley	Teresa Schmidt
Obedia Norris	Thomas Robbie	Lisa & Frank
Robert Spanogle	Rachel Bennett	Engelking
Rita Horthy	Jeff Ling	Bob Ward
Rachel Brown	Erin Fleck	Wilma Shea
Mark Cole	Margaret Kennedy	Aaron Robinson
Rosemary Gravelie	Kathy Whitaker	Nancy Everling
Mont Jolley	Susan Mitchell	Peggy Compton
Michael Hobein	Isaac Jenkins	Erin Schofill
Bill Merkel	Debbie O'Neal	Dotty Ross
	Mary Fuller	

We are updating this prayer list! Please reach out to Alison Archer, aarcher@stmarkindy.org to update, add, or remove names!



SOUTHSIDE FRATERNITAS HOUSE
FOR ALL MEN OF SOUTH DEANERY PARISHES

August 14th, 2026 | 6:30-8:15AM | St. Mark

“SHOES OF PEACE”



Joshua Bush

Joshua is a devoted father and St. Mark parishioner. He is a quality manager but it is his devotion and knowledge of scripture that sets him apart. In a world of chaos, he'll powerfully reveal how the Shoes of Peace anchor and protect us amid spiritual warfare. Don't miss it!

Pray, Learn, and Discuss how to be a better father... and enjoy a delicious FREE breakfast!

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<https://rebrand.ly/southsideaugust>



2026 Southside House Dates

- June 12th: The Belt of Truth
- July 10th: The Breastplate of Righteousness
- August 14th: The Shoes of Peace
- September 11th: The Shield of Faith
- October 9th: The Helmet of Salvation
- November 13th: The Sword of the Spirit

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5:30-9:30 PM

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More information and tickets will
be available soon. Watch for
announcements in the bulletin
and emails.

Must be 21 to attend.



FAITH FORMATION



MANDATORY CONFIRMATION MEETING
AUGUST 9- 6:30pm
SCHAFFER HALL

ANY STUDENTS PLANNING ON BEING
 CONFIRMED SHOULD PLAN ON
 ATTENDING WITH A
 PARENT/GUARDIAN

If you have any questions, please direct
 them toward Sydney Slovacek:
sslovacek@stmarkindy.org

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 SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST
 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

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FAITH FORMATION



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Children's Catechesis
 Forming our Youngest
 Disciples.

**Registration is now open for students in PreK-8th for the
 2026-2027 school year!**

Scan here to register or
 see the tables in the
 narthex for a copy of the
 form



Questions? Email Sydney: sslovacek@stmarkindy.org

SPIRITUAL LIFE

On Eucharistic Adoration

"But, unless we have Jesus, we cannot give Him. That is why we need the Eucharist. Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power."

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday at 6:00PM, following the 5:30PM Mass. Closing prayer and Benediction begin at 6:45PM.

We also offer Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday at 8:45AM, following the 8:15AM Mass. Closing prayer and Benediction begin at 9:30AM.

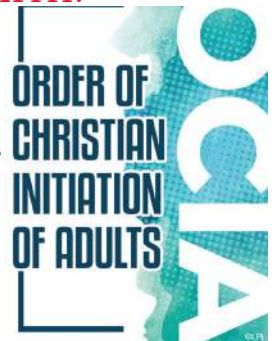
FIRST FRIDAY IS AUGUST 7.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Are you considering becoming Catholic, completing your Sacraments, or simply seeking to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming process for adults who wish to learn more about Catholic beliefs, traditions, prayer and the teachings of Jesus Christ. OCIA is open to anyone who is exploring the Catholic faith, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion or returning to the Church after time away.



For more information or to register, please contact Chris Risch in the parish office, 317-787-8246, ext 107 or crisch@stmarkindy.org.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 2nd
9:30am - 12:30pm

Meet your teacher, complete back to school paperwork, sign up for sports, get your sports physical, update your vaccinations, look for gently used uniforms at the uniform swap, get a back to school family photo, and more!
See you soon!!



YO YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF PARTY

Sunday
August
16

FREE

Games!
Pizza!
Prizes!

Field in the Back
Parking Lot
from 6:00-7:30pm

*All students in
grades 6-12
welcome!*

IN CASE OF RAIN:
MEET IN PARISH LIFE
CENTER

For more information:

Sydney Slovacek
sslovacek@stmarkindy.org

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ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry

August 16- 6:30pm Fall Kickoff
(games, free food, prizes)
August 30- Java & Jesus
(Starbucks)
September 20- The Upper Crust
(Pizza Party- Lawler Hall)
October 18- Java & Jesus
(Starbucks)
November 8- Friendsgiving (Lawler
Hall)
November 22- Ignite Conference
(more info coming soon!)
December 13- Christmas Party!
(Lawler Hall)

Middle School Youth Ministry

August 16- 6:30pm Fall
Kickoff (games, free
food, prizes)
September 14- Pizza &
Parables
October 19- All Saints
Day Party
November 9-
Friendsgiving
December 7- Christmas
Party

Saint Mark Youth Ministry

Fall Semester
Calendar!

Unless otherwise noted, high school
youth ministry will be after the
10:30am Mass until 1pm.

Middle school youth ministry (unless
other wise noted) will be from 6:00-
7:30pm in Lawler Hall

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Questions? Email Sydney: sslovacek@stmarkindy.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

It's hard to believe that the new school year will begin in a few days. Except at the Mission 27 store where volunteers have spent a good bit of the summer sorting and sizing clothing and shoes for school-age children. Parishioner Lynn Dillman is on the crew that oversees this operation. She tells us they still need clothing and shoes, especially for the lower elementary students. (There are BLUE donation boxes at Sts. Jude, Roch and Barnabas here on the near southside.)



Also worth a heads-up is that our BLANKET SUNDAY will be earlier than usual this year. It will coincide with the feast day of St. Vincent DePaul, on the weekend of September 26/27. The greatest need this year is TWIN size sheets and blankets, followed by full size. Bath towels/washcloths are important as well...and pillows. If you see a good deal, or have Kohls Cash about to expire, think of the families who will benefit from your generosity.

August is a Fifth Sunday month, so please keep an eye out for the SVdP envelope. The final one for 2026 occurs in November.

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

On my recent tour of The Crossings at Banta Pointe, every staff member I met told me how very much the residents appreciate receiving a greeting card from us!

Our Greeting Card Ministry currently delivers cards on Valentines, Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They also receive a greeting on their birthday! The Activity Director now has Get Well greetings prepared by our card ministry!

We could not do this without your generous donations and prayers! We are so grateful to you, dear parishioners! (And others!)

There are currently wedding and anniversary cards for your use in the pink container above our card ministry totes in the Narthex. Please help yourself! Interested in joining our card ministry? Call Barb at 317.786.8727.

PARISH LIFE

If you enjoy Euchre, Bridge, Crowns or another card game, please join us for an afternoon of fellowship. We will meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday from 1:30-3:30 pm. Our next card party will be Thursday, August 13th. We will meet in Schafer Hall. Enter through door #15.



Please bring a snack or treat to share. If you have questions, please contact Claire Slick at 321-591-6023 or Cindy Eakle at 317-408-3185.

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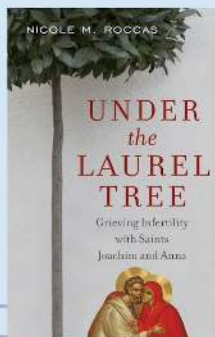
COMMUNITY

St. Barnabas Infertility Ministry

BOOK STUDY

Under the Laurel Tree:

Grieving Infertility with Saints Joachim and Anna



WHAT: St. Barnabas Infertility Ministry presents a Book Study. We'll be reading "Under the Laurel Tree: Grieving Infertility with Saints Joachim and Anna", discussing, and praying together

FOR WHO: For men & women experiencing primary infertility, secondary infertility, or recurrent loss

WHEN: Every other Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30PM, starting August 12

WHERE: The Grace Center in the school

CONTACT:

Madison Steffel at
stackermad13@gmail.com to sign-up
or with additional questions

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