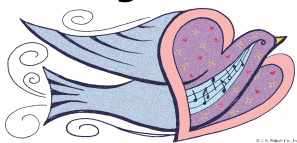


February 12, 2017



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Mass Schedule

Sundays—7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am (church)

Monday—Thursday—6:30 & 8:15 am (church)

Friday—6:30 am (church)

8:15 am (school)

Saturdays—8:15 am & 5:00 pm (church)

Holy days—Eve—7:00 pm

Day—6:30 & 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday afternoon—3:30 to 4:30 pm

Sacraments

Call 743-8620 or 743-8600 to make
an appointment with one of the Priests.

Prayer Hotline

Dolores Bollwerk @ 631-5108

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday after 8:15 am Mass to 9:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline is Monday at noon

BULLETIN—dianelittle@archstl.org

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CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amen I say to you,
until heaven and
earth pass away,
not the smallest
letter or the
smallest part of
a letter will pass
from the law.

Matthew 5:18

FEBRUARY 12, 2017



Saint Valentine

St. Valentine taught us about the importance of love and the Sacrament of Marriage. He believed in these things so deeply that he was martyred for them. Although we live in easier times, where marriage and love are not forbidden to us, we must remember that things weren't always this way. We must remind ourselves that all we have is precious. And St. Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what we have been given.

Celebrating St. Valentine's Day is a tribute to St. Valentine, later titled Patron Saint of Lovers. His devotion to God and his commitment to supporting love and marriage set a wonderful example for us.



Save the Date! Mark your Calendars

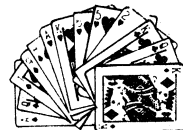
Vacation Bible School will take place during the mornings of Monday-Friday, **June 26th-30th** at St. Mark's Church. VBS is for children who have completed at least one year of pre-school through completion of 4th grade. Registration forms will be available after Easter Sunday. Watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for further VBS announcements.

Palms Request

Please return your palms to church in the next two weeks so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



Happy Valentine's Day!



Texas Hold'Em Tournament

St. Mark Athletic Association is sponsoring a Texas Hold'Em Tournament on **Saturday, March 4th** at the Parish Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the tournament starts at 7:00 pm. Donation is \$50 and includes food, beverages, and one seat in tournament. Call Joe Pudlowski at 314-814-9046 for reservations or questions.

\$\$\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$\$\$

Fish Fry Volunteers

St. Mark's is looking for people to volunteer for various duties for our Lenten Fish Fries this year. There will be sign up sheets in the vestibule of church or you can fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office and someone will contact you. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

Name _____

Phone _____

Dates & Times (4:30-7:00) Available to Work

March 1 _____

March 10 _____

March 24 _____

April 7 _____

April 14 _____

BLUE MASS

St. Mark School invites all police officers, fire fighters, and first responders to attend a special Blue Mass on **Friday, February 17, 2017**. The Mass will be held at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please help us honor and recognize those who place the lives and safety of others before their own. Please RSVP to (314) 743-8641 so that we can have a special place prepared for you.



Mass Intentions

February 12—19

Sunday

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Paul Hoang Nguyen & family,
Joseph Hung Nguyen—
Special Intention
Michael Ryterski

Monday

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:15 Ron Matteuzzi

Tuesday

6:30 Warren & Bernice Dierks
8:15 Virginia Weber

Wednesday

6:30 Fr. Timothy Bannes
8:15 John Opich

Thursday

6:30 Job George & family
8:15 Fr. John Sullivan

Friday

6:30 Helen Wibbenmeyer
8:15 Bill Kelly

Saturday

8:15 Sharon Gough
5:00 Virginia Bodnar

Sunday

7:00 Deceased Members of the
Johnston & Puricelli Families
9:00 People of the Parish
11:00 Dale Rees



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner who died last week, Mike Morie. Also, for Mary Petersen, mother of Chris Scally. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

St. Mark Ladies Guild

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday,**
February 15 at 7:00 pm
in Hambrough Hall.

Day of Recollection will be held on **Saturday,**
March 4 beginning at 8:15 am.
For more information contact
Donna Kemper at 487-3151.

Ministry Schedule

February 18 & 19

5:00 **Lectors:** Kaleigh Goersch
Ministers: B. Terry, M. & P. Bierman, B. & M. Schmidt,
E. Schneider
Hospitality: C. & R. Hamilton, A. Hammerschmidt,
C. Micciche

7:00 **Lectors:** Donna Stanger
Ministers: S. Chambers, C. Fleming, J. Johnson,
C. Kothe, C. Oberbeck
Hospitality: D. & J. Carey, V. Slama

9:00 **Lectors:** Karen Kraus & Sally Landro
Ministers: M. Wobbe, S. Bast, J. Eveker, J. Fuchs
Hospitality: L. Meier, R. Puricelli, F. Stephens, C. Bayte

11:00 **Lectors:** Bernadette Williams
Ministers: J. Rooney, T. Scally, G. & M. Snodderley
Hospitality: D. Brauer, L. Gutting, M. Holdman,
B. Schneider



From the Desk of Msgr. Forst

Yesterday, Sunday, February 5, went very well. I celebrated Mass at 9:00 am at St. Mark Church. My good driver was Paul Hayden and his son Bryan. Once I got "home" I was able to settle into a quiet afternoon. Oh! Yes! I was able to avoid a football game that many were watching. How could I be so lucky? In the afternoon-evening I was able to have a little something to eat. It was a joyful and productive "Day of the Lord."

MOUSE RACES

Get your "cat-like" instinct going and "pounce" or reserve a spot at the first ever held at *St. Mark Parish Center* Mouse Races.

\$25/ ticket includes beer/soda and a pot luck variety of food.
Place bets on the 7 mouse races, wager on the mouse roulette wheel or on the other games of chance.

Saturday, February 18

Doors open @ 6:30 pm, races start @ 7:00 pm

We will have a selection of silent auction baskets to bid on.
For tickets or questions please contact
Tim Klump at 314-941-2463.

So "purrrr" on over for an evening of excitement!

**Proceeds benefit the Triple Threat
Fast Pitch Softball Team.**



February 13—19

Monday

6:30 A. Linkogel

Tuesday

6:30 A. & D. Little

Wednesday

6:30 M. Schindler

Thursday

6:30 L. & A. Buganski

Friday

6:30 K. Polette

Saturday

8:15 J. Bono

5:00 J. Davis, E. Micciche-Griffin

Sunday

7:00 J. Vollet, B. Haubrich

9:00 R. Rosenkoetter

11:00 M. Lotspeich, V. Semar

Upcoming Week

February 13—19

Monday 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6:30 pm—PSR class—school

Tuesday 9 am to 9 pm—Adoration—church
6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall
8:30 am—Crafters—St. Martha
5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6 pm—Girl Scout mtg.—Hanlon
7 pm—Boot Camp—Hamb. Hall
7:30 pm—Men's Club mtg.—St. Martha

Wednesday 8:30 am—Quilters
9 am—Bible Study—St. Paul
11 am—Line Dancing—Hamb. Hall
5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
7 pm—Boot Camp—cafeteria
7 pm—Christ's Journeymen—St. Paul
7 pm—Ladies Guild mtg.—Hamb. Hall

Thursday 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
5:30 pm—Cub Scout den mtg.—Hamb. Hall
6 pm—Girl Scout Daisy mtg.—Hanlon
7 pm—Boys Club—Hamb. Hall

Friday 4 pm—RCIC—St. Paul
5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6 pm—Boot Camp—cafeteria

Saturday 8:30 am—Basketball—Parish Center
8:30 am—Young Women's Study Group—
Patrons
5 pm—Private Party—Hamb. Hall

Sunday 9 am—Scout Sunday Mass—church
11 am—Basketball—Parish Center
6 pm—SHINE event—St. Martha
6:30 pm—Mouse Races—Parish Center



Bingo is played every Tuesday at Bandwagon Hall,
on Reavis Barracks and Lemay Ferry Road.

Doors open at 3:30 pm and games begin at 6:30 pm.

Team 6 will work Tuesday, February 14

Debbie Goulden
Dottie Lauman
Colleen Flickinger
Chris Meyer
Matt Stuckel

Misty Fuchs
Alice Lotspeich
Katie Lange
Gina Zelenka
Keith Panchot

Dennis Bequette

If you cannot work when scheduled or have
questions, please call Loretta @ 922-6838,
or Megan Bono @ 261-3570.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

February 13—19

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor
3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

The Archdiocese continues to empty the monastery building and they are preparing to have a sale on the church goods stored in the basement on February 17. As they move from floor to floor or room to room removing stuff, they want to be sure they don't dispose of anything that belongs to St. Mark's. Accordingly, they have asked that anything our parish and its organizations want to keep be marked as such. Thus, if your organization has stored anything in the basement please tape a sheet of paper to it indicating **Special Announcement** that you want to keep it. Thank you.



A faith community here at St. Mark for those aged 18-39 (graduated from high school). Our door is open to anyone—of any faith and any stage in their faith journey.

OUR NEXT GATHERING FEBRUARY 22nd

More info: <http://www.stmarkstl.com/yag>

Mother/Daughter & Father/Son Programs

These programs at Mercy Hospital provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss fertility and to promote communication between parent and child. The programs emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gift of sexuality, as well as age-appropriate information on the functions of the reproductive system. These programs are presented by registered nurses (for girls), a father (for boys), a physician and are joined by teens on a panel for questions and answers.

Dates offered:

Sunday, February 26—10 to 12 year-old mother/
daughter program

Sunday, April 2—13 to 17 year old mother/daughter
program

Sunday, March 19—11 & 12 year old father/son program

Sunday, October 15—13 to 17 year old father/son
program

Time: 1:00-3:30 pm

Cost is \$50 per family

**Online reservations are required—no reservations
taken over the phone.** Visit mercy.net/fertilitycare to
register. For more information contact Donna at
314-991-0327 or donna.dwyer@mercy.net.

Please Pray For All The Sick

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering:

Derek Abeln	Karen Henson	Rob Myers	Mike Seevers
Mary Akers	Lisa Hincklin	Steve Michalski	Jackie Semar
Stephanie Ayers	Grace Hoeflinger	Josh Miller	Marian Serra
Connie Berkbigler	Ann Holdman	Ruth Mintner	Rose Sheedy
Ellie Bisher	Ted Holzem	Rosemary Miriani	Joann Slankard
Karen Blatchford	Bob Horas	Pat Nappier	Brittany Sloss
Marie Brambilla	Lea Huckabee	Liam Niemira	Carolyn Smith
Dorothy Carron	Mary Ingram	John Nolan	Cathy Staten
Carol Capkovic	David Jenneman	Judy O'Hare	Tim Stephens
Linda Cardenas	Mary Jensen	Kathleen O'Shea	Kelly Stewart
Tom Cherry	Barbara Kerber	Jack Overturf	Patricia Stock
Carol Coughlin	Dolores Kertz	Jacquelin Parson	John Stockman
Ryder Curcuro	Fran Kohlmann	Tom Patania	Kelli Stout
Nicholas Dalba	Matthew Kraus	Jody Pfeiffer	Kate Tappella
Scott Drennan	Anne Kroener	Mary Phillips	Mary Ellen Tayon
John Earley	Richard Krus	Michael Pieri	Amy Terhaar
Brenda Edleson	Bob Lally	Bryant Pines	Karen Thaman
Chris Farrell	Emma Lauer	Francis Polasky	Karen Thompson
Barbara Finan	Margie Leonneke	Ava Reichert	Arthur Turgeon
Mary Fischer	James Lewis	Joshua Rubel	Laverne Valenti
Christian Flores	Louise Linsin	Rosetta Saputo	Joey Walter
Ann May Freise	Darlene Mahar	Joann & Bill	Lou Ann Walters
Lou Fuchs	Terri Malen	Schaub	Nathan Weber
Bob & Rose Gion	Marie Markowski	Meghan Schmitt	J. Werstein
Marie Gorczyca	Grace Martise	Marian Schroeder	Marie Williams
Melissa Happe	Bud Mashowski	Rita Schnorbus	Randy Wood
Eileen Happold	Jane Matoushek	Juanita & Frank	Karen Wright
Brett Haubrich	Rose Mayer	Scotino	
Bernice Hegger	Rita McAdams		

Where your treasure is,
there your heart is also.

MATTHEW 6:21

February 5, 2017

Envelopes	\$14,286.00
Online Giving	2,653.00
School Support	1,460.00
Loose	736.37
Total	\$19,135.37
—Avg. Weekly Expenses	15,000.00
Final Total	\$ 4,135.37

Thank you for your continuous generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Audrey Zelenka and Matt Goodson. They represented St. Mark at the February 4 Bellarmine Speech Meet and received a red ribbon in the duet category. Great job and keep up the good work!

Freshman Matthew Sullivan and Senior Kyle Miller were honored as January Student of the Month in their grades for their good deeds around school and outside of school at St. Mary's High School. Congratulations Matt and Kyle!



--ONE WEEK AWAY--



High Schoolers please join us for dinner and

The Unexpected Encounter:

How One Woman Can Change Your Life

--February 18th --

IllumiNITEs will focus on growing in faith through one another and developing leadership skills.

Find more info online:

<http://www.stmarkstl.com/ignite>

Email IGNITE to let us know you'll be attending:

igniteysaintmark@gmail.com

50+ CLUB NEWS

Monday, March 6—Board meeting at 1:30 pm in the Patrons room.

Monday, March 13—Membership meeting at 7:00 pm in Hambrough Hall. We will celebrate January, February and March birthdays. Barbara Kay will be playing *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* as our entertainment.

Sunday, March 19—*Bingo, Bingo, Bingo* from 1:00-3:30 pm in Hambrough Hall. Cards are \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5. We will have 50/50. Hotdogs, snacks and beer provided by the Club. All parishioners are invited. For questions, call Mike at 276-5767.

Future trips include Jefferson Barracks Telephone Museum (lunch included) and Fairmount Park Horse Races. More information coming at a later date.

What is the Meaning of the Triduum?

What is the significance of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the life of the Catholic? These and other related topics to the Triduum will be discussed on

Monday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Runge Hall at Saint Martin of Tours Parish
610 W. Ripa Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63125

Presenters: Sr. Cathy Doherty, SSND, and Msgr. Wm. McCumber.

Call (314) 544-5664 for reservations.

2016 Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2016 contribution statement to St. Mark's, please drop this form in the Sunday collection basket, call 743-8603 or mail to the parish office to the attention of Alice Wilcox at 8300 Morganford Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123. In order to reduce postage costs, we are only mailing out a statement if requested. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____



CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

10th Annual St. Louis Conference

Saturday, February 18, 2017

New Venue—Touhill Performing Arts Center
University of MO-St. Louis, One University Boulevard,
St. Louis, MO 63121

Free Parking & Metro Stop Access

7:00 am—Doors Open

8:30 am—Conference Begins

4:00 pm—Concluding Vigil Mass

Visit CatholicMenForChrist.org for information &
registration or call Office of Laity & Family Life
at 314-792-7185.

Cost through 2/17/2017 is \$40, will be \$50 at the door,
\$15 for high school & college men (up to age 25),
free for priests, seminarians & deacons.

St. Andrew's Trivia Night

Saturday, February 25th, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 pm, trivia starts at 7:00 pm

Tables of 8 / \$20 per person

Includes beer, soda, nachos & cheese & jambalaya

For reservations or more info call:

Karen Woods: 314-631-0691 Wednesdays or Fridays

1st Annual 80's Trivia Night and Silent Auction/Basket Raffle

Saturday, February 25, 2017

ICS Gymnasium, 321 S Metter St.
Columbia, Illinois 62236

Doors open at 6:00 pm; trivia starts at 7:00 pm.

\$20/person in advance; \$150/per team of 8 if you
register before February 4th.

Price includes Love 4 Lauren Souvenir Cup with Pink
Lemonade (while supplies last). Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd
and 3rd place. There will be mulligans for sale, 50/50
raffle, heads or tails, lollipop tree, barrel of booze,
restaurant raffle, basket raffle and a silent auction.
Costume Optional. Prize for Best Decorated Table. Please
BYOB and any other snacks or food you would like.

A few ways to register: Online at

<http://laurenttrivianight.webs.com/>, e-mail:

k_hoffman16@yahoo.com or call 314-539-1962 (Monday
– Friday, 8:00 am- 4:30 pm) Register by February 4th to
receive a free mulligan for your team! Last minute person/
teams can sign up at the door, \$25 per person, space
providing. Partial teams will be combined. For more
information about Lauren Foran or the event, please visit
<http://laurenttrivianight.webs.com/> Contact Karen Hoffman
for questions or to make a donation for the Restaurant
Raffle, Basket Raffle or Silent Auction.

All proceeds will go to Lauren Foran who is currently
battling Breast Cancer.

News Around Town



Ursuline Academy invites 7th grade girls
to spend a day with us. We would love to
have you meet our students and staff —
and lunch is on us! Join us and see what is new at UA!
Please call 314-984-2882 or register online to schedule
your visit <http://www.ursulinesl.org/visit>. 5th, 6th and 7th
graders are welcome to join us for "Be a Bear for a Day!"
Thursday, April 20, 2017. Reserve your spot today!
www.ursulinesl.org/beabearforaday

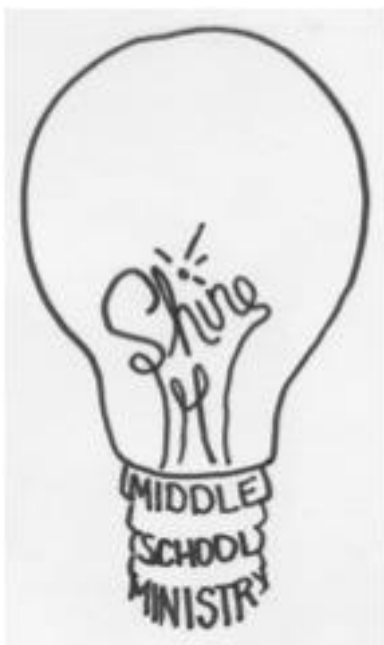
Boy Scouts—Do you like hiking, camping, swimming, and
having fun with friends? Would you like to kayak, climb
and sail? If you are a boy between 11 and 18 we're
looking for you. February is National Boy Scout month and
we're recruiting new members. Boy Scout Troop 179 at
IHM has a nearly 60 year history of helping to create
responsible citizens of the future. We are especially
looking for 5th graders ready for new adventures. If you
are interested or would like to hear more, contact John
Ebert at 314-258-0613 or theebert6@juno.com.

Spend a Day at Nerinx Hall!—Nerinx Hall is currently
taking appointments for seventh grade girls to spend a
day on campus. Our shadow program allows girls attend
classes, take a tour of campus, enjoy lunch from our Cafe,
and see why Nerinx Hall was named a 2015 National Blue
Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.
Shadowing is on select days and by reservation only.
Spots are filling up very quickly. Reservations are made
online. Visit www.nerinxhall.org/visitcampus to make your
reservation. Please contact Nerinx Hall Admissions at
(314) 968-1505 ext. 200 or admissions@nerinxhs.org with
any questions.

FIAT Women's Group—Our next meeting will be
February 16, and our speaker will be Father Mirco
Sosio, Spiritual Director at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. As
always, we will meet in St. Joseph's Chapel at the
Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr 63119). We will begin the
rosary at 8:00 a.m. and Fr. Sosio will speak at 8:15
a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Hope you can come and bring a
friend. See www.kenrick.edu/fiat for more information.

Widow/Widower's Group—St. Simon the Apostle Church
offers Widow / Widower's monthly support group
meetings. These meetings are held in the Lower Church Hall
in the 'Mary Room'. Our next scheduled meeting will be
taking place on **Sunday, February 19th** from 1:30 pm- to 3:00
pm. Any questions, please contact Linda Jackson @ 314-544-
5623 or RJJANDLSJ@aol.com.

Stories from John's Gospel—A Lenten Morning of
Prayer by Fr. Chuck Barthel at Mercy Center, Frontenac,
Monday, March 13. Registration: 8:30 am, program:
9:00 am-noon. Fr. Chuck Barthel will reflect on stories
from John's Gospel that help us prepare for our Triduum
and Easter celebration. Non-refundable registration: \$25
due February 24. Total cost: \$35. Call Sandy Meyer at
314-966-4686 for more information.



"Food For Thought" Middle Schoolers' NIGHT

Sat, Feb. 18th
After 5p.m. Mass till 8:30p.m.

The Unexpected Encounter: How One Woman Can Change Your Life

- An evening for 6th - 8th graders who want to grow in faith.
- Our evening will consist of dinner, get to know you games and energizing games, and an interactive faith component.
- This month's theme will focus on the apparitions of Mary.
- Teens who went on *Generation Life* to DC are invited and encouraged to come and share their memories about the trip.

More info and online sign up go to: www.stmarkstl.com/shine
or contact: SHINE Coordinator Anna Martinez at: annaam2@hotmail.com

SHINE: "Food For Thought" Night February 18th

SIGN UP FORM CUT + RETURN to School / PSR or Church by Feb 16th

Middle Schooler's Name: _____

Grade?: 6th 7th 8th School's Name: _____

Does your child have any food allergies? _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent email: _____

Moms and Dads, Are you willing to help with SHINE Dinner Prep/Clean?- YES NO