St. Mark Catholic Church

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December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule
Sundays—7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am
Monday—Friday—6:30 & 8:00 am
Saturdays—8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Holy 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
Rose Duane @ 631-0202

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass to 9:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements
Deadline is Monday at noon
BULLETIN—dianelittle@archstl.org
WEB—www.stmarkstl.com

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From the Pastor's Desk

The great baseball player Babe Ruth, in the final letter of his life, wrote, *"I strayed from the Church, but don't think I forgot my religious training. I just overlooked it. I prayed often and hard, but like many irrepressible young fellows, the swift tempo of living shoved religion into the background. So what good was all the hard work and ceaseless interest of Br. Matthias and the other Brothers, people would argue? You can't make kids religious, they say, because it just won't take. Send kids to Sunday School and they too often end up hating it and the Church."*

"Don't you believe it. As far as I'm concerned, and I think as far as most kids go, once religion sinks in, it stays there—deep down. The lads get religious training, and get it where it counts—in the roots. They may fail it, but it never fails them."

That faith planted deep down, in the roots, helped Babe Ruth as he faced difficulties from throat cancer. As he faced a serious operation a friend visited and said to Ruth, "They're going to operate in the morning, Babe. Don't you think you ought to put your house in order?"

Ruth wrote, *"I didn't dodge the long, challenging look in his eyes. I knew what he meant. For the first time I realized that death might strike me out. I nodded, and he got up, called in a priest, and I made a full confession. Father promised to return in the morning with Holy Communion."*

Ruth continued, *"As I lay in bed that evening I thought to myself what a comforting feeling to be free from fear and worries. I now could simply turn them over to God."*

These words were part of an article in Guideposts magazine's October, 1948 issue. They were part of a message written by Babe Ruth with the help of his friends. Guideposts magazine received it by mail at their office on August 16, 1948—the day Ruth died.

"What should we do?", St. John the Baptist is asked three times in today's Gospel. In answer to these questions John encourages generosity, fairness, and a change of life. Repentance and mercy were a constant theme in John's preaching.

What should we do? In this Advent Season we can heed the words of St. John the Baptist and the example of Babe Ruth—we can get our house in order. I advise Confession, along with an increase in prayer and generosity. Simply turn our sins, fears, and worries over to God. And God, with the gift of His Son, will take care of us so that, as St. Paul writes, **"The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."**

May God bless all of you.
Father Hambrough

2019 SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

If you are a St. Peter/Paul Soup Kitchen cook, baker or server and will ***NOT*** be able to continue in 2019, please let Barb Haaser know asap at 845-8986. New schedules will be mailed the beginning of January. Thank you.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Mark Catholic Church

Sunday, December 16th

Immediately following the 11:00 am Mass

Experience Healing GRACE
Anointing OIL
Forgiveness
& Peace

"May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

Masses

Monday, December 24—8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 25—midnight, 8:00 & 10:00 am
Wednesday, December 26—8:00 am

Confessions

Thursday, December 20—6:00-7:00 pm
Friday, December 21—4:00-5:00 pm

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 26.

ALTAR ANGELS

Please pick up your new 2019 schedule in the sacristy with your name on it.
May God bless you for your efforts.

Mass Intentions

December 16—23

Sunday	
7:00	Greg Varchetti
9:00	Bob Dooley
11:00	Philip, Mary & Donna Fischer
Monday	
6:30	Rose Mana
8:00	Harold Mall
Tuesday	
6:30	Jim Hieger
8:00	Richard Krus
Wednesday	
6:30	Alphonse Lordo
8:00	Bernice Hegger
Thursday	
6:30	Larry Bereswill
8:00	Juanita Scotino
Friday	
6:30	LaVerne Schlosser
8:00	Robert Wortmann
Saturday	
8:00	Captain Kevin Roche
5:00	Peggy VonDer Haar
Sunday	
7:00	Ginny Weber
9:00	People of the Parish
11:00	Dale Rees

From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of June Eveker, mother of Jim Eveker. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Attention: Lectors, Eucharistic & Hospitality Ministers

Lector Workbooks and printed Ministry Schedules for those without email are now available in the Sacristy.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

With Christmas approaching I want to be sure all groups/organizations are aware of the early bulletin submission deadlines. **All notices are due to the parish office on the following dates:**

December 30 bulletin—December 17

January 6 bulletin—December 24

Thank you for understanding!

Liturgical Roles

December 22 & 23

5:00	**Lectors:**	M. Rosenkoetter
	Ministers:	E. Schneider, T. Worrell, J. Preisack, K. Goersch
	Hospitality:	H. Bulliner, J. & L. Guillot, D. Benz
7:00	**Lectors:**	D. Stanger
	Ministers:	S. Chambers, C. Fleming, J. Johnson, D. Stanger, L. Wells
	Hospitality:	D. Tullman, R. Leiber, M. Masidonski, L. Weber
9:00	**Lectors**:	S. & T. Bast
	Ministers:	K. Vaughn, W. Gemmer, K. Griebenow, D. Kopff
	Hospitality:	E. Farrell, S. Clements, M. Fischer, R. McCloskey
11:00	**Lectors:**	K. Gillman
	Ministers:	S. Bialczak, D. Brauer, M. Diethelm, C. Coerver
	Hospitality:	M. Mehan, J. Heaman, T. Schneider, M. Holdman

The Principal's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Please keep our 7th and 8th grade students in your prayers this week. They will be taking exams on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week. While they have worked and studied hard, I pray that they are relaxed and do well. We will wrap up our week with Mass and Christmas parties on Thursday. After that our halls will be quiet until our return on January 3rd.

We are continuing to plan and organize for our day of service on January 11, 2019 in honor of Brett Haubrich. If you would like to contribute donated items, please look for the box wrapped in purple wrapping paper. It is located just outside the school office. Some of the items we will be collecting are: packs of gum, Legos, granola bars, travel-sized personal care items, Chapstick, thermal socks, and no sew fleece blanket kits. If you are interested in donating any of these items or wish to make a financial contribution towards our day, please send it to the school office.

Finally, I wish you all a blessed Christmas. May this Christmas season bring you nothing but fond memories, happiness, and laughter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
St. Mark, pray for us.
Julie Bingham

December 17—23

Monday
6:30 D. Little

Tuesday
6:30 G. Shoger

Wednesday
6:30 A. Bernardino

Thursday
6:30 A. Maloney

Friday
6:30 **Server needed**

Saturday
8:00 L. Grebing
5:00 D. Davis, M. Lee

Sunday
7:00 M. Dozier, **Server needed**
9:00 M. & H. Lotspeich
11:00 J. Smedra, J. Bono

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 17—23

Monday
10 am—Pinochle—Parish Office
6:30 pm—PSR class—school
6:45 pm—Book Study Group—Parish Office
7:30 pm—Athletic Association mtg.—Parish Office
8 pm—Basketball—Parish Center

Tuesday
9 am to 9 pm—Adoration—church
6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall
9 am—Crafters/Prayer Shawl—Parish Office
5:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6:30 pm—Catholics Returning Home—Parish Office

Wednesday
9 am—Bible Study—Parish Office
5:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6 pm—Cub Scout pizza pickup—cafeteria
6:30 pm—Choir—church
7 pm—Christ's Journeymen—Parish Office
7 pm—RCIA mtg.—Parish Office

Thursday
5:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
7 pm—Boys Club—cafeteria

Sunday
4 pm—Private Party—cafeteria & Parish Center

Ladies' Guild

Next meeting on **January 17** (*please note this is a Thursday*) at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. This will be a food-tasting event and promises to be a fun and enlightening evening. **We will also be having a Bake Sale on January 26 & 27.**

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, December 18

Dottie Laumann
Colleen Flickinger
Misty Fuchs
Terri Eschbacher
Gina Zelenka
Angel Manley
Kevin Bradshaw
Dennis Bequette
Annie Beckerle
Kathy Harangozo
Laurie Meier
Jane Johnson

Terri Narzinski

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

December 17—23

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

PSR Families

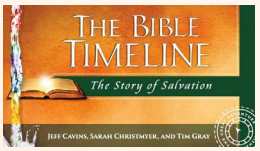
Tomorrow, Monday, December 17th, first period report cards will be distributed to PSR parents (*only*) during Parent/Teacher Conferences that will take place in the school cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Students are invited to come to the cafeteria and make a Christmas ornament while their parents are in conference. For more information, contact Christina Sanders (PSR Coordinator) at 314.743.8604 or christinasanders@archstl.org.

PSR News

Parish School of Religion (PSR) is accepting registrations from new 1st-7th grade **students** to begin classes on January 7th. PSR is a program that teaches religion to those children who go public school. PSR meets on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information and to register, please contact Christina Sanders (PSR coordinator) at christinasanders@archstl.org or 314.743.8604.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) is looking for **adults** to share their faith by teaching and/or substitute teaching children who attend 1st-8th grade public school. If you are interested and/or want more information, please contact Christina Sanders (PSR coordinator) at christinasanders@archstl.org or 314.743.8604.

ON-LINE



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation is a Catholic Bible study that can help *anyone* to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. *The Bible Timeline* has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understand the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you too.

This Bible study includes a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video may be viewed on-line. Anyone wanting to participate on-line will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart as well as a *The Bible Timeline* Study Kit; the total cost for both is $30.00.

For more information and/or to register for this Bible study contact Christina Sanders at 314.743.8604 or christinasanders@archstl.org.

Please keep in your prayers those who are suffering during this Advent Season:

Peggy Matye
Marie McCloskey

Medical Equipment

If anyone is interested in any of the following pieces of medical equipment free of charge, you can contact Ken Reichert at 314-803-2078.

*Hospital Bed
*Wheelchair
*Walker
*Bedside Commode

Offering

December 8 & 9, 2018

Envelopes	$ 10,870.00
Online Giving	1,588.00
Imm. Concep.—envelopes	1,373.00
School Support	1,135.00
Loose	460.81
Imm. Concep.—loose	143.00
Total	$ 15,569.81
—Avg. Weekly Expenses	15,000.00
Final Total	$ 569.81

Thanks for your generosity!

50+ CLUB

Monday, December 17—Christmas party at Genesis Banquet Center. There will be an open bar, food & dessert. Cost is $16. **Anyone still interested in attending the party, please contact Mike Fischer at 276-5767.** Cor Jesu's choir will be our entertainment. Time is from 5:00-8:00 pm.

We will close for the months of January and February.

Decorating Church for the Christmas Season

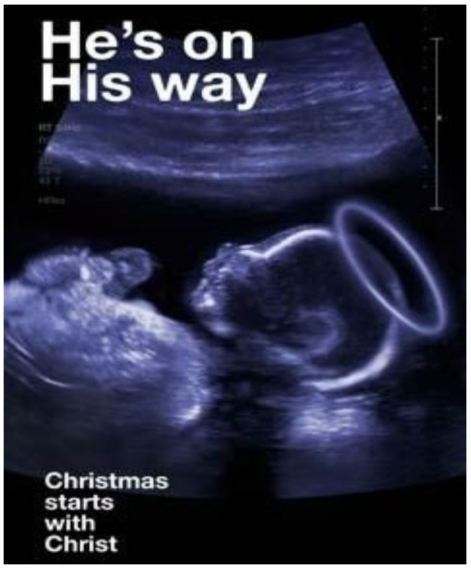
Join other parishioners of all ages and help ready the church and vestibule for this holy season. Fellow parishioners are gathering in the church to decorate on Friday, December 21st immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. **All are welcome to help.**
Your time is greatly appreciated.
If you have questions, please contact Christina Sanders, Pastoral Associate, at 314.743.8604 or christinasanders@archstl.org.

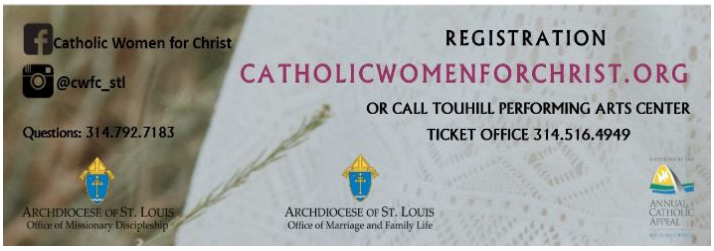
All of the women of St. John Paul II are invited to join us for thenext women's ACTS retreat Jan 3-6, 2019 at LaSalle Retreat Center.

WE WILL RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY ON EPIPHANY AND HOPE TO FIND JOY IN THE JOURNEY AS THE WISE MEN DID.

For more information, please contact: Lynn Kersting, Director 314.609.3251 or lynnkersting@gmail.com; Tina Tlapek, Co-Director, 314.753.8097 or tlapekmmt@gmail.com; Denise Gantner, Co-Director, 314.591.2203 or westerdenise@yahoo.com; or Kathy Orf, Spiritual Companion, 314.740.7256, or knocallig@sbcglobal.net.

Registration forms are available in the back of church.





News Around Town

Christmas Presence Concert—Back by popular demand, internationally-acclaimed, Grammy-winning countertenor Terry Barber will present an intimate holiday concert on **Sunday, December 16.** From classics to classical, carols and inspirational popular favorites, Barber will perform selections from his Grammy-nominated album, Christmas Presence. Terry is known for his extraordinarily rare range, both vocally and stylistically, and has performed on the world's most impressive stages including Carnegie Hall. The concert will be held at 1:30 pm at the historical Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse, located in South St. Louis at 6400 Minnesota Ave.

Tickets are $25 for general admission and $15 for students (ages 3-18), and are for purchase at christmaspresence.brownpapertickets.com.

Advent Quiet Days at Mercy Center—Create your own time of personal Advent Sabbath. Rest for awhile from the pace of holiday preparations and celebrations. Enjoy meals, a prayer walk on the beautiful grounds, or reflection time by the fireplace in the Heritage Lounge. No presentations. No schedules outside of meal times. **Monday, December 17-Wednesday, December 19. Day only:** $30, includes lunch. **Each overnight:** $65, includes three meals. Register by noon on December 12 by contacting Rita O'Dea at 314-909-4663 or rodea@mercycenterstl.org.

Fiat Women's Group—All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Drive, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on **December 20th**. The speaker will be **Father Mark Kramer, S.J., Director of Spiritual Formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.** The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., and Father Kramer will speak from 8:15 a.m. until 9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

Attention: Separated, Divorced, Widowed or Remarried of All Ages—You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the Annual Christmas party and meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on **Thursday, December 20,** at 7:00 pm, at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63128. This meeting is held the third Thursday instead of the normal fourth Thursday because of the conflict with Christmas week. Also, before the meeting, a Mass will be held for SCDC members and guests at 6:00 pm at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish church. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people. For more information please call Pat Lynch at (314) 537-5930 or Bill DeCoursey at (314) 894-0733.

Navigating White Water: Resilience Series—January 13, February 10, March 3, & April 7 from 1:30 - 3:45 p.m. This series of 4 interactive workshops will explore how spirituality and research based Psychology can be used to enhance resilience at home and at work. You may attend any or all of the sessions. Facilitated by Dr. Tom Wagner, PhD. For more information, please visit http://www.mercycenterstl.org.

Giving a Gift Card for the Holidays?

Save time & money by using St. Mark's TWB Program!

Department Stores/Retailers

Amazon.com -$10, $25, $100
American Eagle -$25
American Girl -$25 & $100
Banana Republic -$25
Barnes & Noble -$5, $10, $25
Bass Pro Shop -$25
Bath & Body Works -$10 & $25
Bed Bath & Beyond -$25
Best Buy -$25 & $100
Brooks Brothers -$25
Buckle -$25
Build-A-Bear -$25
Burlington Coat Factory-$25
Cabela's -$25
Children's Place -$25
Claire's Boutique -$10
Crate & Barrel -$25 & $100
CVS -$25
Dick's Sporting Goods -$25
Dillard's -$25
Dressbarn -$25
Express -$25
Famous Footwear-$25
Finish Line -$25
Footlocker -$25
Game Stop -$25
GAP/Old Navy -$25
Great Clips -$25
Gymboree -$25
Hallmark -$25
HomeGoods-$25
Home Depot -$10, $25, $100
iTunes -$15 & $25
JCPenney -$25 & $100
Joann Fabric -$25
Kohl's -$25 & $100
Lowe's -$25 & $100
Macy's -$25
Marcus Theatres -$25
Marshalls -$25
Michaels -$25
Pier One -$25
Ross Dress for Less -$25
Shoe Carnival -$25
Target -$10, $25, $100
TJ Maxx -$25
Walgreens -$25 & $100
Walmart -$10, $25, $100

Restaurants

Applebee's -$25
Arby's -$10
Bob Evans -$10
Buffalo Wild Wings -$10
Burger King -$10
Cheesecake Factory -$25
Chili's -$25
Chipotle Mexican Grill -$10 & $25
Chris Pancake -$10
Chuck E. Cheese's -$10
Cold Stone Creamery -$10
Cracker Barrel -$10 & $25
Dairy Queen -$10
Dave & Buster's -$25
Denny's -$10
Domino's -$10 & $25
Hardee's-$10
Honey Baked Ham -$25
IHOP -$10 & $25
Imo's Pizza -$20
Jack in the Box -$10
Krispy Kreme-$10
Landry's Seafood -$25
Little Caesar's -$20
Longhorn -$10 & $25
Noodles & Co. -$10
O'Charley's -$25
Olive Garden -$10 & $25
Outback Steakhouse -$10, $25, $50
Papa John's Pizza -$10
Papa Murphy's Pizza -$10
Pasta House -$10
Pizza Hut -$10
Qdoba -$25
Red Lobster -$10 & $25
Red Robin -$25
Ruby Tuesday -$25
St. Louis Bread Co. -$5, $10, $25
Starbucks -$5, $10, $25
Steak 'n Shake -$10
Subway -$10
Taco Bell -$5, $10, $25
Texas Roadhouse -$25
TGIFriday's -$25
Wendy's -$10

Orders can be placed after all weekend Masses, at the parish office between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm and by sending it through school.

Last day to order for Christmas delivery is Monday, December 17th, by 10:00 am.

For questions, contact Alice Wilcox @ 743-8603 or Diane Little @ 743-8602.