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The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that is the smallest of all the seeds. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

MARK 4:31-32





Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:00 am Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm Holy Day: please consult the bulletin

Confessions

Tuesday: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Sacraments

Including anointing of seriously ill or dying: call 314.743.8620 or 314.743.8609 to make an appointment with one of the Priests.

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

Prayer Hotline

Call Jean Malone - 314.544.3572

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Interested in becoming Catholic?

Please speak with Fr. Hecktor. 314.743.8609 | 314.743.8620

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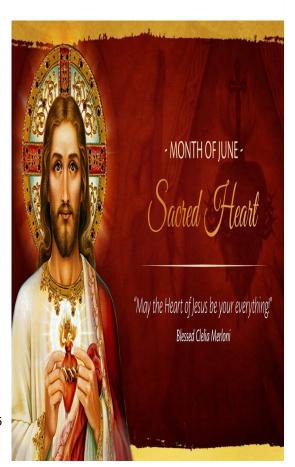
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FROM FR. BRIAN HECKTOR...

Dear St. Mark Parishioners.

This weekend, we warmly welcome Fr. Alan Bower from Cross Catholic Outreach. He'll be at all Masses to talk about the work he does to help the poorest of the poor.

Effective July 1st, Archbishop Rozanski is lifting the dispensation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. This means that the Faithful are again obligated to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of obligation. However, the Office of Communications emphasizes that "parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times."

The church continues to be cleaned and disinfected throughout the week. The cafeteria will remain throughout the summer for additional seating. And there always seems to be space at the front of church! And again, if you have symptoms or feel ill, please remain home and watch Mass livestreamed at www.stmarkstl.com.

Given the low frequency of transmission from surface contamination, we felt it safe to put the *Breaking Bread* books out. Use them if you feel comfortable doing so; leave them if you rather not use them. Over the next few weeks, the ropes on the pews will be coming down. Families and friends, and others comfortable doing so, will then be able to sit closer together. But we still have the capacity to allow for a bit of distance, if you prefer. Also coming soon, holy water fonts will be filled, and the ushers will begin taking up the collection as it was done before.

The week of June 21st I will be on retreat. There will be no Monday - Saturday 8am Mass that week. Fr. Vitali will still offer Monday - Friday 6:30am Mass as usual. Adoration will take place as usual on Tuesday, June 22, but we will not have 8-9pm Confessions.

I'm so glad to be at St. Mark with you. God bless you. Fr. Hecktor



We offer our congratulations to and prayers for

David Jenneman

(St. Lawrence)
who received the
Sacrament of
Confirmation on
Pentecost Sunday,
June 23, 2021
at the Cathedral Basilica.

May the Holy Spirit inspire him always to a life dedicated to Jesus Christ, his Church, and all people everywhere.



ST. PETER & PAUL SOUP KITCHEN FOR THE HOMELESS IS BACK!

Prior to March 2020, St. Mark parishioner/volunteers generously gave their time, talents, and money as we took on the roles as cooks, bakers, and servers to provide fellowship and monthly meals for the homeless at the Peter & Paul "Soup Kitchen."

Due to COVID, participation in this ministry has changed over the last year from not allowing volunteers in the hall to limited "serve only" and now to "full participation" with revised procedures which include safety protocols including masks, distancing, and hygiene.

At this time and until further notice, we are no longer able to provide the delicious home-cooked mostaccioli and desserts furnished by the St. Mark parishioners. All food items are to be purchased as pre-packaged from stores or restaurants or cooked at the Peter & Paul kitchen under the supervision of a certified facility cook.

The St. Mark Peter & Paul "Soup Kitchen" ministry serves 50+ homeless persons and their families per month.

We Need Your Help!

The average cost for outside purchased food, desserts, and drinks is \$3.50 per person per meal. We are asking for your monetary donations to help defray some of the costs so that St. Mark can continue with this important ministry as we see the face of Jesus in those persons we serve: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." (Mt25:35).

Monetary donations of any amount will be appreciated. Cash or checks payable to St. Mark Catholic Church with notation "P&P Soup Kitchen," can be put in an envelope marked "P&P Soup Kitchen" and placed in the weekly collection baskets at Church or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Volunteers Needed Too!

We are also asking that you consider volunteering your time at the P & P Dining Hall for two hours, one Sunday per month. It is located at St. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, 816 Allen Street, 63104, located in the Soulard Neighborhood.

To volunteer, please contact Barb Haaser at 314.845.8986, Pat Biggerstaff at 314.631.1118, or Sharon Sparwasser 314.304.1206.

Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do in service to God's children.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 12

Irwin & Rose Hacker (11th Sunday of Ordinary Time) 5:00

Sunday, June 13 (11th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

7:00 Vickie Keener 9:00 Michael Barrett

11:00 In thanksgiving for helpful neighbors

Monday, June 14 (Flag Day) 6:30 Robert Reilly Linda Meier 8:00 Tuesday, June 15

Frances Scheller 6:30 Charles Diehl 8:00 Wednesday, June 16 6:30 Richard Tappella 8:00 Alexander Jacobs

Thursday, June 17 6:30 Maria Battaglia 8:00 Kenneth Auck

Friday, June 18

Brettle & Farrell Family 6:30 8:00 Charleston, F.D. - 9

Saturday, June 19 (St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary)

John & Kim Sanders 8:00

5:00 Jack Reynolds (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time) **Sunday, June 20** (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time; Father's Day)

Lorenzo Gianfrancesco 7:00 People of the Parish 9:00

For the Sanders & Meyer Fathers 11:00

READINGS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 13

First Reading: I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92). Second Reading: Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel: It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34).

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READINGS FOR JUNE 14 - 20

2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42 Monday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48 Tuesday: Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6,

16-18

2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6: 7-15 Thursday: Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34 Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; Sunday:

2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Cross Catholic OUTREACH

Please welcome Fr. Alan Bower who will speak at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 19

5:00 pm Lector: J. White Minister: E. Schneider

Hospitality: H. Bulliner, J. & L. Guillot

Sunday, June 20

7:00 Lector: M. Griffin

Minister: D. Stanger

Hospitality: D. Webb, T. Wright, C. Gay

9:00 Lector: J. Laurenti Minister: C. Cashel

Hospitality: D. Little, M. Louks,

E. Farrell, C. Hayden

11:00 B. Williams Lector: F. Steinmeyer Minister:

Hospitality: J. & M. Bono, J. & M. Diethelm

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE 14 - 20

Servers are needed for all Masses this week, except for:

♦ Sunday, 20: 9am - J. Bast + 1 additional server needed. 11am - H. Lotspeich + 1 additional server needed.





We welcome to our faith Giuliana Cafferata, the daughter of Angela & Matthew Cafferata; and, Samuel Miller, the son of Lauren & Andrew who were baptized last week. May God bless and guide Giuliana & Samuel and their families as they journey with Christ to the Kingdom.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

...those who have died especially from COVID-19 and violent acts, may they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

...the sick, especially Paul Cantoni, Mr. and Mrs. Anibal Mejia (Elisa Waugh's brother and sister-in-law) and those suffering from COVID-19, mental illness, and addiction.

THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK'S

Tuesday, June 15

9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Church.

9:00 am: Crafters | Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parish Office.

6:30 pm: Volleyball Practice, Parish Center.

Thursday, June 17

6:00 pm: "5 pm Mass Choir" Practice, Church.

Friday, June 18

3:30 pm doors open, 6:30 pm games begin: BINGO,

Bandwagon Hall.

Saturday, June 19

1:00 pm: Wedding, Church.

6:00 pm doors open, 7:00 pm tournament begins:

Texas Hold 'em, Parish Center.

Archdiocese of Saint Louis Statements re: COVID-19

https://www.archstl.org/coronavirus

Church Building Hours for Individual Prayer

Monday, Wednesday - Friday | 5:30 am - after 8 am Mass Tuesday | 5:30 am - 9 pm Saturday | 6:00 am - 12 Noon

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation applies for those who feel unsafe attending Mass in person. In that case, watch a Mass online or on TV.

St. Mark "Live Streaming" all scheduled Masses: To view a live Mass: on your cell phone, laptop or desktop computer visit www.stmarkstl.com. Click on the brown "Live Stream" tab at the top of the page or on the brown link on the right of the page under the picture. You can also watch previously recorded Masses under the "Live Stream" tab. If you have any questions or comments please email Dean Little at webmaster@stmarkstl.com.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday - Friday | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Tuesday | 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Sunday Bulletin Distribution:

After Sunday Masses.

At www.stmarkstl.com/bulletins.

Email by signing up at www.jspaluch.com/subscribe.

BINGO every Friday at Bandwagon Hall

Doors open at 3:30 pm. Sales begin at 4:30 pm. Bingo begins at 6:30 pm

Team 4 scheduled to volunteer on June 18

M. Miller	S. Hulsey	M. Shoger
D. Laumann	M. Fischer	A. Beckerle
K. Goersch	K. & L. Koester	K. Bradshaw
M. Louks	K. Panchot	J. Johnson

If you have questions can't work or want to volunteer, call: 314.229.7200.

TITHING, YOUR GIFT TO GOD Sunday, June 6, 2021 Offering

Envelopes:	\$11,013.00
Loose	\$ 381.50
School Support:	\$ 1,032.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,127.00
Total:	\$16,553.50
Cardinal Glennon	\$ 1,343.00

Thank you for your generosity.



CALENDAR NIGHT Thursday, June 24 | 5 - 6 pm @ Parish Office

for all St. Mark organizations/groups leaders

This evening is designed to avoid any conflicts for meetings/gatherings for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 that take place anywhere on the church and school property including the Parish Center, Parish Office, School, and Cafeteria.

- Only one representative from each organization/group may attend.
- Representatives and Staff Members <u>must wear</u> <u>masks</u> and <u>maintain 6-foot social distancing</u>. (Please do not come if you are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.)

If an organization/group is not represented on June 24, the organization/group please send dates to secretary@stmarkstl.com or 4200 Ripa Avenue | St. Louis, MO 63125. These dates will be marked on the calendar after the Calendar Night in the order they were received.

BINGO Workers Needed!

BINGO Workers / Volunteers are needed. At one time we had 8 teams of workers and we are now down to 5. Please call Laura (314.229.7200) if you can volunteer a few hours a month. Gather a few friends and work together.

BINGO helps to keep school tuition as low as

possible. We will be using proceeds from BINGO to begin our summer HVAC project in the primary wing of the school building which benefits both the School and PSR students. This project would not be possible without BINGO. Most of our BINGO volunteers do not have children in our School or PSR so we challenge these two communities of parents to volunteer at BINGO.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MARK SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

who on May 26 completed their studies and graduated.



Emma Anderson
Brooke Belosi
Jack Cobb
Heidi Cordell
Kyle Culleton
Mya Dozier
Aubre Follen
Olivia Gagen

Jacob Gibson
Leland Hambrick
Noah Hawse
Lucas Hulsey
Jeriese Keys
Mahliha Lee
Danielle Little
Nicholas Litvinov

Olivia Murphey
Harrison Newcombe
Paul Pham
Amari Quinlan
Beck Ragain
Annabelle Rowe
Grace Shoger
Eleanor Sitzes

Please pray for them as they move on to their respective high schools.



FEAST OF FAITH: Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4).

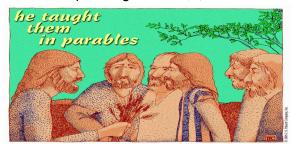
Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for "body") over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacramentary or Roman Missal, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD'S TIME

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like suppertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called kairos, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God. Copyright @ J. S. Paluch Co.





Let us pray for those past and present members of the U.S. Military who have fought for our flag and freedom ...

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

—from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



during vacation to restore this statue of Mary behind the rectory. Many thanks for the beautiful work.





TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 19
St. Mark Parish Center
Doors open at 6:00 pm.
Tournament starts at 7:00 pm.

Sponsored by the St. Mark Athletic Association Masks are to be worn by those who are not fully vaccinated. Social distancing to be kept where possible.

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For reservations or questions, call Joe Pudlowski at 314.814.9046.

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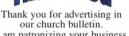
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