

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,
“Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:30, 31

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

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Please speak with Fr. Hecktor.
314.743.8609 | 314.743.8620

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submissions must be received by Noon on the
Monday prior to publication. Submit to Parish Office
or secretary@stmarkstl.com.



**ST. MARK
PRAY FOR US.**

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be "compassion." In Jeremiah, God rails against those who have scattered the sheep, and vows to "gather the remnant" personally. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. In Ephesians, Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace. In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some "me time," but even then the crowds persisted. Jesus saw their spiritual hunger and neediness and was "moved with pity." All three situations involve looking beyond one's own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting "all they had done and taught." A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to "be by ourselves" as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of "sheltering in place" these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

WELL LAID PLANS

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed was trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I'm guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them "Okay, people are settled now, so let's leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet." None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can't take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

All Parishioners and Extended Members of
St. Mark Catholic Church
are Happily Invited to Attend the

Pastor Installation Mass for

Fr. Brian Hecktor

Sunday, July 25, 2021

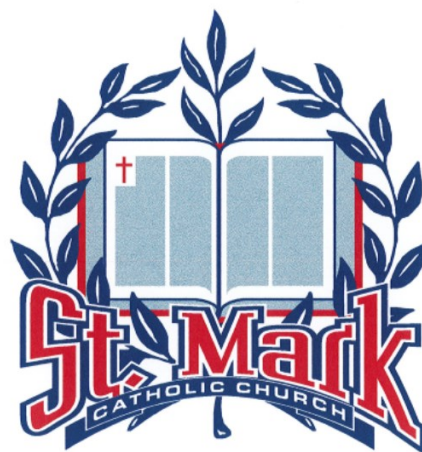
9:00 am - St. Mark Church

Donut Social to follow - St. Mark Parish Center

Msgr. Dennis Stehly

Vicar for the South County Deanery

Presider and Officiant of the Installation



St. Mark Parish and School extends a **Warm Welcome** to all who have come to worship with us. We are honored by your presence. If you are not a parishioner and would like to join the parish, please contact the parish office at 314.743.8600.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 17

5:00 Jack Reynolds (16th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Sunday, July 18 (16th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Bernice Siebert

11:00 Kenny & Scott Meyer

Monday, July 19

6:30 Michael Barrett

8:00 Joe Mallette

Tuesday, July 20 (St. Apollinaris)

6:30 Linda Meier

8:00 William Walter

Wednesday, July 21 (St. Lawrence of Brindisi)

6:30 Jim Douglas

8:00 F.F. Ryan Hummert

Thursday, July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)

6:30 The Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 John Diethelm

Friday, July 23 (St. Bridget)

6:30 Bridgeton FD H/L

8:00 Peg VonDerHaar

Saturday, July 24 (St. Sharbel Makhluf)

8:00 Juanita Reichert

5:00 Julia Sanders & Family

(17th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Sunday, July 25 (17th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

7:00 Glennon Mertens

9:00 Bob Dooley

11:00 In Memory of Anna Scotino & Sarah Tocco

READINGS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 18

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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READINGS FOR JULY 19 - 25

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 3:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 3:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Have you thought about putting *The Bible* on your summer reading list?

"The Bible is a great love story between God and Humanity"
—Pope Francis

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 24

5:00 pm Lector: K. Goersch

Minister: P. Garland

Hospitality: A. & M. Cafferata, C. Hamilton

Sunday, July 25

7:00 Lector: D. Stanger

Minister: C. Fleming

Hospitality: D. Tullman, R. Leiber, M. Masidonski

9:00 Lector: K. Kraus

Minister: M. Wobbe

Hospitality: D. Little, M. Louks,

E. Farrell, C. Hayden

11:00 Lector: D. Smedra

Minister: M. Diethelm

Hospitality: J. Hanak, J. Heaman,
M. Holdman, T. Schneider

Attention Altar Servers and Parents

Please sign up for July 2021 & August 2021
by going to our invitation page on SignUp.com.

- For July go to <https://signup.com/login/entry/77006700653270040>.
- For August go to <https://signup.com/login/entry/66316280010>.

PRAYER SHAWLS are made by ladies of St. Mark with the intention of offering prayer and comfort to the recipient. If you or a loved one could use the help, and would like to receive a blessed shawl, please call Marion Hebrank at 314.487.2207.



If you should have yarn you could donate, please call Marion at 314.487.2207.

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, those suffering from COVID-19, *mental illness*, and addiction.



THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK'S

Tuesday, July 20

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, July 22

6:30 pm: "9 am Mass Choir" Practice, Church.

Friday, July 23

3:30 pm doors open, 6:30 pm games begin: BINGO, Bandwagon Hall.

SAVE THE DATE: Fall BBQ = Saturday, **September 25, 2021.**

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: *Effective July 1*, 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."

Live Streaming all St. Mark 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.

Lost & Found: Lost items may be found in the room to the left of the sanctuary (altar area). Enter the door and immediately look to your right.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Friday | 7:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Sunday Bulletin Distribution: After Sunday Masses. At www.stmarkstl.com/bulletins. Email by signing up at www.jspaluch.com/subscribe.



**BINGO every Friday
@ Bandwagon Hall**

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

Scheduled to volunteer on July 23

M. Miller	S. Hulse	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, cannot work, or want to volunteer, call Laura @ 314.229.7200.

TITHING, YOUR GIFT TO GOD

Sunday, July 11, 2021 Offering

Due to early publication of this bulletin the collection figures for 11th will be printed in the July 25 bulletin.



By going to

<https://osvhub.com/stmarkstl/funds>





RCIA Sessions Beginning this Fall!!

Are you thinking of joining the Church?
Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the
Catholic Faith?

Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received the
Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation?

**For more information on our RCIA program,
please contact Fr. Brian Hecktor at 314.743.8609 | frhecktor@stmarkstl.com.**

All are welcome!!



FEAST OF FAITH: The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: ... *per omnia saecula saeculorum*. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

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THE DAYS ARE COMING

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But "the days are coming," he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark's Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

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Share your lifetime of experience - Get the experience of a lifetime! *Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)* is recruiting *this Fall!* IVC is an exciting program that invites faith-motivated persons to serve with the poor and marginalized. IVC Service Corps Members are age 50 and better, retired or semi-retired. For more information go to www.ivcusa.org, find St. Louis under the *locations* tab. If service, prayer, and reflection interest you, contact Sr. Amy Diesen, OSF at 314.758.7147 or IVCSTL@jesuits.org.

School's on vacation, but going to
Mass & learning about God
is not on vacation!



I myself will gather the remnant of my flock ... Jeremiah 23 : 4



THE APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

July 22 is the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. In 2016 Pope Francis changed the celebration of the life of this follower of Jesus from a *memorial*, a time when the Church remembers the life of a person, to a *feast*, a time when the Church recognizes a person's valuable contribution to the life of faith. Feast days honor saints of particular significance, such as the apostles and the evangelists. Changing Mary Magdalene's memorial to a feast reminds us that she was an important follower and supporter of Jesus. She is also called the Apostle to the Apostles, a title that reminds us that Mary, the first to discover the empty tomb and see the risen Jesus, ran from the place of death to bring the good news to the apostles that Jesus was alive (John 20:1-18).

Many other women followed Jesus and helped spread his message.

Match the names of these women with their descriptions.

Fill in the blanks with the names of women you know
and match the last two descriptions with them.

Mary (Luke 1:26-27, 30-31)

She was Mary's cousin and greeted Mary as "the mother of my Lord" even before Jesus was born.

Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-40)

Jesus asked her for a drink of water. She believed he was the promised Messiah and went to tell her whole town about him.

Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

These two women helped support Jesus' ministry.

Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42)

She is the mother of Jesus, the Mother of God.

These two sisters, good friends of Jesus, lived with their brother, Lazarus.

Joanna & Susanna (Luke 8:1-3)

A woman I know who follows Jesus

A woman I know who teaches me about Jesus



LAST TAKEOUT TUESDAY
OF THE SUMMER!

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



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Ronnie's Plaza

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St. Mark School

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St. Mark School Families: Starting on July 1 your **Together We're Better** gift card purchases are being applied toward the 2021-2022 school year. If any parishioners are buying on behalf of a school family, please be sure to give the family name at the time of the purchase. *Thank you!*

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find a Mass, and
connect with your
Catholic Community
with OneParish!