



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021

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 (Sunday Vigil)
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 Father.

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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**St. Mark,
pray for us.**

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Dear St. Mark,

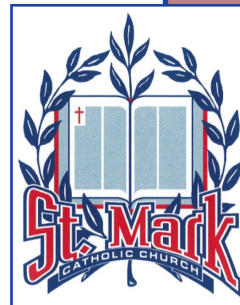
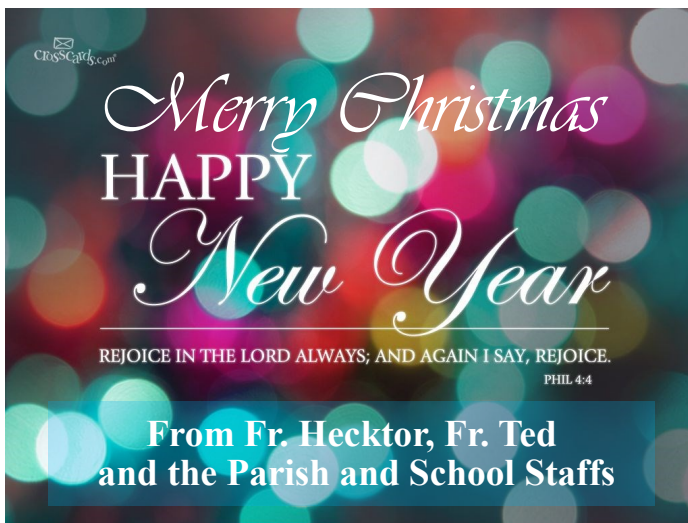
Merry Christmas to you! It's a joy to celebrate my third Christmas with you. The church always looks so beautiful, especially this time of year. The Christmas hymns are amazing. And the church is full of you, the Faithful. Enjoy and celebrate the Christmas Season, which continues until the Baptism of our Lord on January 9! Keep celebrating Emmanuel, God with us!

This week, we are in the Octave of Christmas—eight days of praying and celebrating Mass with great solemnity, concluding next Saturday as we celebrate Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Usually, this feast of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, however this year it is not. We will still have Mass on Friday, Dec 31 at 5pm, and again on Saturday at 8am. Come and celebrate Mary, asking for her intercession as our loving Mother.

Today we remember the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They, a perfectly nurturing and caring mother, a perfectly protecting and providing father, and a perfectly loving and obedient son, are the model for all families because of their service and sacrifice for each other. May we continue to decide to give and sacrifice and love within our families, regardless of how difficult it may be at times.

Merry Christmas and have a good week!

Fr. Hecktor



*St. Mark Parish
extends a
Warm Welcome
to all who have come to
worship with us.
We are honored by your presence.
If you would like to join the parish,
please contact the office.
God Bless you.*

*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Holy Day**

Schedule ...



MASSSES

**This Friday,
December 31
5:00 pm**

**This Saturday,
January 1
8:00 am**

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Parish office will be closed December 31.

Article submission for January 2 bulletin has passed.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a loved one, special intention, etc. please call the Parish Office (314.743.8600). Mass offerings are \$10 each. Failure to pay the \$10 offering will not prohibit Mass from being offered.

Sunday, December 26 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

7:00 Glennon Mertens
9:00 People of the Parish
11:00 John & Berdell Leuthen, Rose Herzog,
& Paul Leuthen

Monday, December 27 (St. John, the Apostle)

6:30 John Mana
8:00 Katherine Metherd

Tuesday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents)

6:30 Peggy Waldon
8:00 Melvin Hecktor

Wednesday, December 29 (5th Day within Octave of Nativity of the Lord | Christmas; St. Thomas Becket)

6:30 Trish Blood
8:00 Chi Light - Special Intention

Thursday, December 30 (6th Day within Octave of Nativity of the Lord)

6:30 Jack Reynolds
8:00 Schranz Fennesy Family

Friday, December 31 (7th Day within Octave of Nativity of the Lord; 1st Friday)

6:30 Russ Hitzemann
8:00 Frank & Dorothy Fegiel - RIP
5:00 Adolph Wyrwich (Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)

Saturday, January 1 (The Octave of Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)

8:00 Martin E. Hecktor
5:00 Tom Reynolds (Epiphany of the Lord)

Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Rose & Francis Boyer
11:00 John Diethelm

READINGS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

1st Reading: Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach* 3:2-6, 12-14. **Psalms 84 or 128:** Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. **2nd Reading:** We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians* 3:12-21 [12-17]. **Gospel:** Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Make it your 2022 New Year's resolution to read Scripture daily as it is an important spiritual practice.

Check out these on-line resources: www.usccb.org/readings, www.wau.org, and www.jesuitprayer.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31 (Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)

5:00 Minister: K. Goersch
Lector: E. Schneider
Hospitality: Needed

Saturday, January 1 (Epiphany of the Lord)

5:00 Minister: M. or P. Bierman
Lector: P. Garland
Hospitality: H. Bulliner, J. & L. Guillot

Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)

7:00 Minister: C. Oberbeck
Lector: M. Griffin
Hospitality: D. Tullman, R. Leiber,
M. Masidonski
9:00 Minister: K. Griebenow
Lector: S. Bast
Hospitality: H., J., & T. Bast
11:00 Minister: D. Plumley
Lector: T. Ade
Hospitality: C. & J. Snethen,
B. Fischer, J. Hanak

Altar Servers needed for all December Masses

To sign-up go to: <https://signup.com/go/pfGvAfR>

Altar Servers needed for all January Masses

To sign-up go to: <https://signup.com/go/zekDsgL>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...those who have died: **Frank Fegiel**, and from COVID-19 and violent acts. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace. ...the sick: **Don Webb, Debbie Goulden, Joyce Rohrbach, Richard Vogt**, and those suffering from COVID-19, *mental illness*, and addiction.

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.

GOD'S HELP IS ONLY
A PRAYER AWAY.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK

Monday, December 27

NO PSR. PSR will resume on January 3.

5:00 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

Tuesday, December 28

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

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

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

7:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Office.

Wednesday, December 29

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

Thursday, December 30

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

6:30 pm: "5 pm" Choir Practice, Church.

6:30 pm: "9 am" Choir Christmas Party, Cafeteria.

Friday, December 31

Parish Office Closed.

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

Saturday, January 1

6:00 pm: Potluck & Family Game Night, Cafeteria.

Sunday, January 2

3:00 pm: Girls Scouts, Cafeteria.

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.

Live Streaming all St. Mark scheduled Masses: To view a live Mass on your cell phone, laptop or desktop computer visit <https://www.stmarkstl.com/live-stream>. 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. **Please do not leave pamphlets, prayer cards, books, etc.** Please discard or drop at Goodwill or St Vincent de Paul thrift store. Thank you for your assistance!

Parish Office Hours:

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

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

Please wear masks when visiting the office, as it is such a small space.

Sunday Bulletin Distribution:

After Sunday Masses. At www.stmarkstl.com/bulletins.

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



*Last minute
New Year's
shopping ?*

Come do your New Year's Eve shopping with us! You are welcome to come to the Parish Office from 8 am to 3 pm this Tuesday and Thursday.

Before coming, **please phone Alice Wilcox (314.743.8603) to make sure she has the gift cards you want.**

Tithing, your Gift to God.

The contribution figures were unavailable at the time this bulletin went to early print (due to the Christmas holy day). The figures will be published in later edition of the bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.



**Please consider
Online Giving**

Go to
<https://www.stmarkstl.com/online-giving>
to sign up.

Happy New Year Celebrate 2022!

B I N G O

**@ BINGO
Friday, 12/31
@ Bandwagon
Hall**

15	30	44	52	75
14	28	36	47	72
7	26	★	58	71
3	18	42	57	62
2	27	38	50	64

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

Volunteer Schedule for New Year's Eve

J. Bocquillon
P. Ebel
J. Cirami
T. Morrison
D. Morrison

M. Louks
A. Beckerle
D. Schmerbauch
M. Missimore

Consider volunteering at BINGO as a New Year's 2022 Resolution. For more info or to volunteer, call Laura @ 314.229.7200.



NOW Enrolling!



Contact us for an opportunity to discuss how we can foster your child's growth and welcome you to our school family.

Private Tours are available.

314-743-8643

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St. Mark



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR SOCIAL HOUR.
COME EARLY TO BID ON BASKETS
AND VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7PM

\$200.00/Table (Limit 8 per table)

\$25.00/Person

Name _____

____ Tables x \$200 or ____ People x \$25

Total Enclosed: _____

Send reservation form to school or call/email

Melissa Stocking (314) 374-5161

melstocking@live.com

SNACKS, BEER, WINE & SODA PROVIDED
50/50 * HEADS & TAILS, * BASKETS



The Ladies' Guild had a lovely evening for our Christmas Party. The food was very delicious. Everyone was in a festive mood and all joined-in enthusiastically with our Christmas Carol sign-along. We had quite a few winners in the 50-50 drawing. There was free tickets given to each guest to be drawn for attendance prizes and the table decorations.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19 in the cafeteria at 7pm. We will play "Rob Your Neighbor." A perfect time to bring a wrapped "white elephant" or "regifting" an item that someone else may love. Hope to see all of you there in January - *bring a friend or neighbor.*

We had a very generous response to our St. Vincent de Paul collection this year; enough to help our 16 families for Christmas. Thank you all for your participation.

Last but not least. We are still looking for a couple of ladies that would like to join our fun leadership group. It is not difficult work. Please call Joyce at 314.544.1447.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

On the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Saturday, January 15, 2022 • 10 AM



Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Celebrant

Please join us in person or virtually at cathedralstl.org/live

March for Life 2022 – Registration Open

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. **Thursday - Saturday, January 20 - 22, 2022.** *Until all life is protected, we will travel to D.C. to meet with our representatives and peacefully protest against the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion.* This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area and we do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. Seats are limited because of COVID-19. The cost is \$235. For more information, to register or to sponsor a rider go to www.missourilifecaravan.org. Contact us at: 314.434.4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.



Red Roses Bouquet of Life for the Unborn

St. Mark Church offers expectant parents, grandparents and friends an opportunity to add a **red rose** in the Bouquet of Life vase at Church for those expecting a baby. The vase and extra roses are located on the table beneath the Mother of Perpetual Help icon on the far side of the choir area. *Each rose has a ribbon tag with space to write the names of the expectant parents and the due date of the unborn child before placing it in the vase.*



**NFP: The Natural Choice For
Family Planning**

For couples planning their weddings, wanting a natural way to plan their families, or having difficulty conceiving, visit

<http://stlouisnfp.org> or to schedule an appointment: <http://bit.ly/NFPintro>

Introductory classes are held at 14 locations in the Archdiocese each month.

Family Potluck Dinner Game Night



Saturday, January 1
at 6 pm
Immediately after 5 pm Mass
in the cafeteria

All parishioners are invited to for a potluck dinner and game night. Meet new friends or renew old friendships.

Bring a dish to share and your favorite game to play. We will have coffee & tea to drink and soda is available to purchase. No alcohol please as this is a family event.

RSVP to Glenn Zeitler: zeit13@aol.com or 314.803.6475.

Happy New Year!



Altar Angels for January

3 & 7 - J. Bocquillon & S. Metherd
10 & 14 - M. Diethelm & T. Reilly
17 & 21 - M. Boehm & M. A. Kroener
24 & 28 - S. Eveker & C. Gay
31 (& February 4) - L. Bornemann & L. Balossi

Petition Writers for January

T. Kopff, A. Kopff, D. Plumley, J. Leuthen

Attention Petition Writers: If you are submitting your petitions by email to the Parish Office, please do so by 12 Noon on the Thursday before the Sunday for which you are responsible.

BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

Fr. Forman, Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and coordinator of the Peter & Paul Soup Kitchen is requesting our help to provide blankets for the homeless. According to Fr. Forman:

"I noticed the one thing that is needed by the homeless poor who live on the streets is **BLANKETS**. That is the main thing they are asking for right now. This is for those who, for whatever reason, will not go into a shelter. They sleep outside. As it gets colder, they rely on blankets and body heat to keep 'warm.' So, if you have any clean, used or new blankets around the house, please bring them...."

The blankets can be placed in the container marked **Sts. Peter & Paul BLANKETS**, located in the St. Mark Church vestibule, until December 31.

Thank you on behalf of Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Mark for your generosity and concern for the Homeless in our community.



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