

SIXTH

SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

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

PRAYER HOTLINE

Call Jean Malone - 314.544.3572

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Please speak with Fr. Hecktor.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

LUKE 6:20-21A

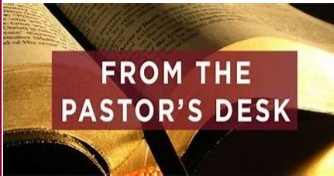


**St. Mark,
pray for us.**

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Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

As Archbishop Rozanski mentioned in his letter to all parishes two weeks ago, as part of the All Things New initiative, there will be a survey in which all parishioners are invited to participate. It is called the **Disciple Maker Index**. The DMI will be available for you to fill out from **March 2 - April 4**.

On March 2, you will be able to find it online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y3kp8y>. Also on March 2, we will have paper copies available in the cafeteria and the vestibules. You can fill it out and return it to me or the Parish Office. The DMI is available in multiple languages. Please be sure to participate in this survey to help with All Things New.

Lent is just over two weeks away, with Ash Wednesday being on March 2. Starting on March 7, we will have a 5:30 pm Mass Monday - Thursday, the last one being on Wednesday, April 13, just before Holy Thursday. We will also have Confession 6pm - 7pm each Wednesday of Lent, starting on March 9 and ending on April 13. We also have our normal confession times of Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and Tuesday 8 - 9pm. You might also begin thinking of other prayers or sacrifices you might observe this Lent.

God bless you and have a good week.

Fr. Hecktor



A Little History

St. Valentine's Day started as a Catholic holiday honoring two men named Valentine who were martyred in consecutive years during the Roman festival of Iupercalia - a pagan bloody, violent and perverse celebration awash with animal sacrifice and random coupling under the guise of "love." Years later, the Pope reordered this celebration to honor true love in marriage, placing it under the shared name of these two saints - Valentine.

Note: there are several accounts to whom St. Valentine was. This account is found at <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGmthfdrskmIVFJhcRnkGCjnf>

Treasure from Our Tradition

Valentine's Day approaches, and its immediate impact may be heard in the rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the 8th century. He required...public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative,...and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for...that...couples exchange consent.

That tradition is passed on to this day....In 66, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire...virtually collapsed by the year 1000. ...at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.

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Semi-Annual
Ladies' Guild
BAKE SALE
Saturday & Sunday
February 12 & 13
after all Masses
in the cafeteria

*Buy a sweet for
your sweetie!*

NEED A GIFT FOR YOUR VALENTINE? Buy TWB gift cards

Gift cards are on sale after the 9 & 11 am Masses on Sundays and at the Parish Office. Phone Alice for more information, 314.743.8603.



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.

Saturday, February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday)

8:00 John & Rose Mall

5:00 Elaine Helfert (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, February 13 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Bob & Diane Dooley

11:00 Kenny & Christina Sanders

Monday, February 14 (Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius; Valentine's Day)

6:30 John Diethelm

8:00 Steve Bodlovic

Tuesday, February 15

6:30 Roxanne Astroth

8:00 Joseph Metherd

Wednesday, February 16

6:30 Marge Reynolds

8:00 Rose & Francis Boyer

Thursday, February 17 (The Seven Holy Founders)

6:30 Linda Haberberger

8:00 Edith Guillot

Friday, February 18

6:30 Helen Simokaitis

8:00 Marie Sayban

Saturday, February 19 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 Tom & Cozzoni

5:00 Clayton Pfeifer (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, February 20 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Lucille Bast

11:00 Vince Baccala

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 19

5:00 Minister: K. Goersch

Lector: M. Rosenkoetter

Hospitality: M. Paur, R. Chinnici, R. Flynn

Sunday, February 20

7:00 Minister: J. Johnson

Lector: C. Oberbeck

Hospitality: T. Wright, C. Gay

9:00 Minister: G. or R. Purcelli

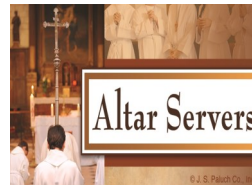
Lector: T. Bast

Hospitality: D. Little, M. Louks, E. Farrell

11:00 Minister: J. Fuchs

Lector: J. Williams

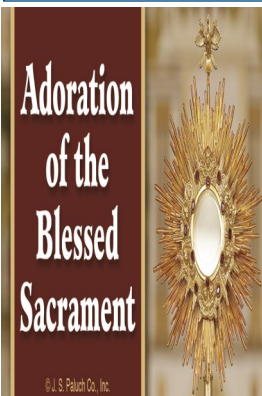
Hospitality: M. Mehan, D. Plumley, M. Holdman, B. Fischer



Altar Servers needed for all February Masses

Please sign up by going to:
<https://signup.com/go/EOxDfjr>

Thank you!!



Every Tuesday 9 am - 9 pm

If we spend an hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration, we'll have a touchstone for measuring our affections."

~~ Archbishop Robert J. Carlson
(Catholic St. Louis, October/November 2019 p. 4)

READINGS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

First Reading: The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalms: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep

(1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel: Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 14 - 20

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

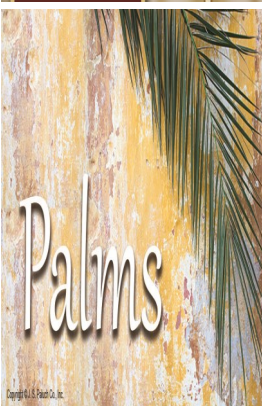
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

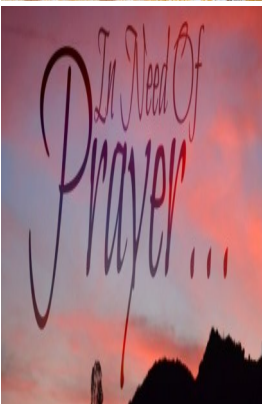


Collection of Old Palms

We are collecting parishioners' old palms before Ash Wednesday which is on March 2.

Please place your old palms in the large baskets in the Church lobby, cry room, and cafeteria by February 20.

Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

...those who have died especially **Marie Catherine Majewski, Katie Maass** (daughter of Bert and Sharon Sparwasser), **Vincent Manning**, and **Robert Evans**. 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

Monday, February 14

6:30 pm: PSR, School.

Tuesday, February 15

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

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

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

Wednesday, February 16

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

7:00 pm: Ladies' Guild, Cafeteria.

Thursday, February 17

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

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

Friday, February 18

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

5:30 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

Saturday, February 19

8:30 am: Basketball, Parish Center.

3:30 pm: Private Event, Parish Center.

Sunday, February 20

11:00 am: Children's Choir, Church.

12:15 pm: Basketball, Parish Center.

*Where your treasure is,
there your heart is also.*

MT: 6:21

Sunday, February 6, 2022 Offering

Envelopes: \$ 6,503.00

Loose: \$ 362.00

School Support: \$ 2,137.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,314.00

Total: \$ 13,316.00

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



Please consider
Online Giving

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

Church Building Hours for Individual Prayer

Monday, Wednesday - Friday | 5:30 am - after 8 am Mass.

Tuesday | 5:30 am - 9 pm.

Saturday | 6 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 questions or comments please email Dean Little at webmaster@stmarkstl.com.

Parish Office Hours

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

Friday | 7:30 am - 3 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.

BINGO

**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 February 18 Team 2

D. Laumann
S. Sparwasser
C. Flickenger
P. Ebel
R. Merseal

R. Krus
T. Morrison
D. Morrison
J. Cirami
D. Schmerbauch

A. Beckerle
G. Zeitler
K. Bradshaw
L. Hoeing
B. Hummert



Dear Parishioners,

This past week the students and teachers continued our Catholic Schools Week activities that were cut short the week before by three snow days. We couldn't pass the chance to celebrate our community and Catholic education.

I am also proud to say that our 8th graders received their high school letters. It is an exciting time for these young men and women as they begin planning the next phase of their academic careers. They will soon be walking the halls of Vianney, Bishop DuBourg, Notre Dame, Cor Jesu, Ursuline, Nerinx Hall, and Saint Louis University High. I am excited to see what the future holds for them!

St. Mark, Pray for Us.

Julie Bingham

Principal

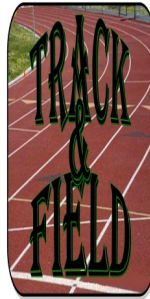
To volunteer or you have questions, call Loretta at 314.922.6838.

Hidey Ho, Neighbor!



Ladies Guild News!!

Next Meeting is this Wednesday,
February 16 in the cafeteria at 7 pm.
Bring your Rob-Your-Neighbor item.



Spring sports are just around the corner (registration updates coming soon!) & our Track program is looking for some help. No experience needed & you won't be required to run with the kids (but we won't stop you if you want to)! Parents, parishioners, high school & college students are all welcome. For more info, please contact Michelle Shoger @ 314.303.6309 or moshogers4@gmail.com.

There will be an **indoor winter soccer camp** for boys and girls of the parish (ages 5-12). The camp will be conducted **at Vetta in South County**, & start in mid-February. For more info, call Marty: 314.393.1164.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for in-person weekend experiences for the winter and spring of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply: go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314.649.7317. Weekend dates and locations are:

- March 18-20 - Villa Maria Catholic Life Center in Springfield, IL
- April 1-3 - Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, MO

M A D E N E W

BECOMING THE WOMAN GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO BE



CHIKA ANYANWU



JULIANNE STANZ



FR. PAUL HOESING



MARCH 12, 2022
8:45 AM - 4:00 PM \$30
SI COMMONS @ SLUH

QT Fundraising Card order Form

St. Mark is selling QT coupon cards to support Do It for Brett Day. Cards are \$20 (\$58 dollar value). Our goal is to sell 200 cards.

Orders are due by February 27, 2022

Order forms will be located in the vestibule and cafeteria

We appreciate your support!



Feeling Blessed

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Prayer of the Week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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.

Reflection Question

How can I allow God's grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

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Your reward will be great in heaven

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ALL THINGS NEW
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus as the first Evangelizer of the Good News.

Send forth the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of St. Louis and grant us the gift of true discernment so we may do your will in all things.

Help us be totally free to follow wherever you lead us, totally generous to be good stewards of your many gifts, and totally passionate to suffer all in order to be more closely united to you.

Commissioned by your Son and empowered by the Spirit to "Go and Make Disciples of all Nations," strengthen us by the power of your grace as we bring the Good News of Salvation into the lives of all those we touch, so that individual hearts and all of society may be converted to you and all things might be made new.

Inspired by the apostolic zeal of previous generations, as we begin the process of planning for the future, may our only desire be to do all things for the greater glory and honor of your name and for the good of your people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

A PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND AND HEART

Lord Jesus, Give Me Your Peace. Give me confidence in the depths of danger. Give me hope when I am surrounded by fear. Still my worries, calm the anxieties pressing in on me from the world I live in. Lord Jesus, give me Your peace. Reassure me that You are with me when I seem alone. Ease my doubting, as You did Thomas's. Lord Jesus, give me Your peace. Guide my searching for peace, so that I may not seek it where it is not to be found, but I may seek it in You. Lord Jesus, live in me and give me Your peace.



Ash Wednesday, March 2
Mass Schedule 6:30 & 8:00 am, & 7:00 pm

Additional Mass at 5:30 pm
every Monday - Thursday
 From March 7 to April 13

Additional Reconciliation | Confessions
every Wednesday of Lent 6:00 - 7:00 pm**
 **Immediately after 5:30 pm Mass
 From March 9 to April 13

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm on Fridays
 From March 4 to April 9



As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians reminds us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

Lenten Regulations:

Fast: Ages 18–59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

St. Mark

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 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

Mardi Gras
Family Potluck/Game Night

Join fellow parishioners as we celebrate Mardi Gras on **Saturday, February 26 after 5 pm Mass (around 6 pm) in the cafeteria.** Enjoy food, fellowship, and friends.

Bring a dish and a game to play. Soda available for 50¢ per can. No alcohol please. RSVP to Glenn at 314.803.6475.



Ash Wednesday, March 2
Fridays, March 11 & 25
Fridays, April 8 & 15 (Good Friday)
4:30 to 7:00 pm
Cafeteria
Dine-in & Carry-out

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