# 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 & National Holidays: consult the bulletin

#### **RECONCILIATION | CONFESSION**

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**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Please speak with Fr. Hecktor, 314.743.8609.

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Submissions must be received by Noon on Monday prior to Sunday publication date. We reserve the right to edit submissions. Submit items to secretary@stmarkstl.com (or the Parish Office).

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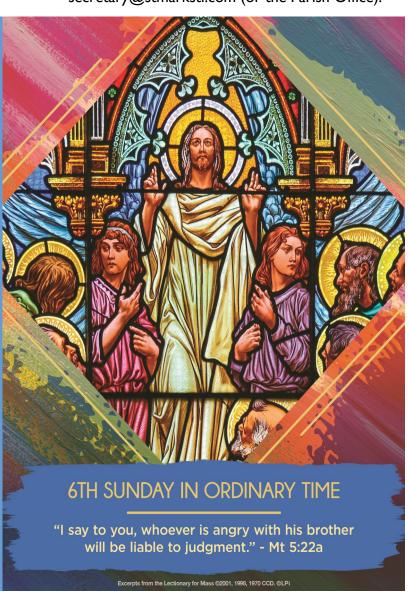
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## From the Pastor...

Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

On Monday, February 13, at 6:30 in church, we'll have a parent meeting for our PSR and School Students who are receiving 1st Holy Communion on

Saturday, April 22. Parents will receive all the dates and information they need for their child to receive this very important Sacrament of Initiation.

Next Sunday, February 19, anyone who is ill or in need may join us for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after the I I am Mass. If you've received this Sacrament of Healing before, you may receive it again if a condition has returned or worsened, or if something different is afflicting you.

In a note from All Things New, it was said that the All Things New planning committee, which includes priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, lay leaders and religious from across the Archdiocese, has reviewed the parish feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data of every parish in the Archdiocese of All this information is Louis. on allthingsnew.archstl.org. Using this information, the planning committee has refined the models to one per planning area in a 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Model for the Archdiocese. Each planning area is divided into pastorates, and each pastorate reflects the area for which one pastor would be responsible. The planning committee has analyzed each pastorate to ensure each one has the resources to sustain a new territory and model. On Friday, February 10, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Models were posted on allthingsnew.archstl.org for all to see. After reviewing, you may provide feedback on it before February 15 by sending it to me, Steve Compas (Parish Point of Contact), or Tom Connor, Sharon Sparwasser, Kayla Polette, or Matt Cafferata (Key Parish Leaders). This feedback will be included in a survey sent to the planning committee. All of this is geared toward the Archbishop making a well-informed, discerned decision for the Spiritual well-being of the Archdiocese, looking at the feedback of the people and the needs of the Archdiocese. Please continue to pray that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the benefit of all souls in our Archdiocese.

I was supposed to announce this at the end of Masses last weekend, but I forgot. Please see the sign-ups to help with Fish Fries in the cafeteria after Masses.

God bless you and have a good week. Fr. Hecktor



St. Mark Parish extends a *Warm Welcome* to all who have come to worship with us. If you would like more information about St. Mark Church and/or to register as a parishioner, please phone the Parish Office: 314.743.8600.



Dear Saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly, and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and in God in each other.

Saint Valentine, pray for us.

This Saint Valentine's Day (this Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>) celebrate the relationships in your life filed with authentic love and find ways of serving others to fully live out this authentic love in your daily life.



#### **NEXT SUNDAY** immediately after I I am Mass

Anyone who is ill or in need may join us for this Sacrament of Healing. If you've received this Sacrament before, you may receive it again if a condition has returned or worsened, or if something different is afflicting you.

**Blessed Prayer Shawls** will be available in the Cafeteria after the Anointing. The shawls are made by ladies of St. Mark Parish with the intention of offering prayer and comfort to the recipient. For more info, call Marion at 314.487.2207.

#### **TODAY!! LOST AND FOUND**

Could you have lost an item in Church?

Today, please look in the Lost and Found container found on the bench in the Church Vestibule. Tomorrow the items will be donated.

#### **COLLECTION OF OLD PALM**

By next Sunday, February 19, please place your old palms in the large baskets in the Church vestibule, cry room and cafeteria. Thank you.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February II

05:00<sup>PM</sup> Paul W. Goersch (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time) **Sunday, February 12** (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day)

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Peggy Waldon

11:00 Louis Fuchs

Monday, February 13

6:30 John & Rose Mall 8:00 David J. Metherd

Tuesday, February 14 (Ss. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius,

Bishop; Valentine's Day)

6:30 Ted Farrell 8:00 Terese Mall

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 Ray Welsch

8:00 Rosemary Buerke

Thursday, February 16

6:30 Jim Hieger

8:00 Mary Louise Herget

Friday, February 17 (The Seven Holy Founders of

the Servite Order)

6:30 Roxanne Astroth 8:00 Mary Sue Bruner

Saturday, February 18 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 Louise Hock

5:00<sup>PM</sup> People of the Parish (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday, February 19 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time;)

7:00 Bob & Diane Dooley

9:00 Dave Metherd

11:00 Mary L. Rosenkoetter

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

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

**1st Reading:** God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20). **Psalm 119:** Happy are those who observe God's commands. **2nd Reading:** God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10). **Gospel:** Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

#### READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 13 - 19, 2023

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,

9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;

Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18

5:00<sup>PM</sup> Minister: P. & M. Bierman, B. Terry

Lector: M. Rosenkoetter

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

Sunday, February 19

7:00 Minister: D. Stanger

Lector: M. Griffin

Hospitality: T. Wright, C. Gay 9:00 Minister: M. Boehm, C. Cashel, J. Eveker

Lector: K. Maloney

Hospitality: H., J., S., & T, Bast

11:00 Minister: D. Plumley, K. Gillman, C. Coerver

Lector: C. Maloney

Hospitality: G. Zeitler, D. Plumley,

M. Holdman, B. Fisher

#### Altar Servers

Please sign-up for February Masses at <a href="https://signup.com/go/KBBfac8">https://signup.com/go/KBBfac8</a> or point your smartphone camera on the QR Code.





#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

...those who have died, especially: **Bridget Marie Burgoon, Ted Kinney** (brother of Carol Bradley), and **Mary Ann Jakovich** (mother of Marie Masterson). May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

...the sick, especially: **Jeanne Leuthen** and those suffering from AIDS, COVID, cancer, mental illness, and drug and alcohol addition; may they find help and comfort.

...the *All Things New* pastoral plan; may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us in the best direction for our Church, and that we trustingly follow His guidance.

# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week



The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

#### THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK PARISH

Monday, February 13

10:00 am: Canasta - Parish Office.

6:30 pm: PSR - School.

6:30 pm: First Holy Communion Meeting - Church.

Tuesday, February 14

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

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

6:00 pm: Basketball - Parish Center. 6:30 pm: Men's Club - Parish Office.

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 am: Bible Study - Parish Office. 6:00 pm: Basketball - Parish Center. 6:30 pm: 9 am Choir - Church.

7:00 am: Christ's Journeymen - Parish Office.

Thursday, February 16

6:00 pm: Basketball - Parish Center.

6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (Pack 3076) - Cafeteria.

6:30 pm: 5 pm Choir - Church.

Friday, February 17

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

- Bandwagon Hall.

5:30 pm: Basketball - Parish Center.

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am: Basketball - Parish Center.

12 Noon: America Needs Fatima, Pubic Square Rosary - Union Road, in front of St. Mark.

6:00 pm: Potluck & Game Night - Cafeteria.

Sunday, February 19

11:00 am Mass: Children's Choir - Church.

After 11:00 am Masses: Anointing of the Sick - Church.

12:00 Noon: Basketball - Parish Center.

**NOTE:** Monday, February 20: No School or PSR classes in observance of Presidents' Day. Parish Office will be open.

#### **Church Building Hours for Individual Prayer**

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

#### Live Streaming of all scheduled Masses

To view a live Mass on your cell phone, laptop, or desktop computer visit <a href="https://www.stmarkstl.com/live-stream">https://www.stmarkstl.com/live-stream</a>. Also watch previously recorded Masses under the "Live Stream" tab. Have any questions or comments? Email webmaster@stmarkstl.com.

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday | 8 am - 4:30 pm. Friday | 7:30 am - 3 pm.



Doors open @ 3:30 pm. Sales begin @ 4:30 pm. BINGO begins @ 6:15 pm.

Volunteers for February 17: M. Miller, S. Sparwasser, M. Louks, P. Ebel. K. & L. Koester, S. Mason, J. Ausburger Jana, J. Cirami, D. Schmerbauch, G. Zeitler, J. Johnson, R. Masidonski, L. Hoeing, K. Bradshaw, Fr. Hecktor

For info &/or volunteer, call Laura @ 314.229.7200.

### Where your treasure is. there your heart) is also. MT: 6:21

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Envelopes: \$13,611.00 Loose: 456.80 School Support: \$ 1,100.00 Online Giving: \$ 4,198.00 Total: \$19,365.80 Black & Indian 545.00

### Thank you for your financial support.



Dear Parishioners,

On Monday our graders and their parents gathered for Confirmation meeting. It is not unusual for them to begin their Confirmation

preparation during this time of year. However, they have asked to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation together before they go their separate ways for their 8th grade year. I am proud of them for this beautiful request. Our 7th grade will be working extra hard to prepare for their Confirmation on May 15, 2023.

On Wednesday, the South County Kiwanis Club honored eighth grader Abigail Murphey. Abbie was honored as an "all around" Outstanding Student. She demonstrates high academic and moral standing and participates in school activities. Abbie is very deserving of this award. Congratulations Abbie, you always make us proud!

Thank you for your continued kind words, prayers, and messages of love, appreciation, and support. They mean a lot to me!

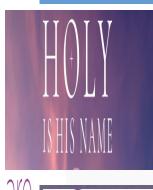
St. Mark, Pray for Us. Julie Bingham, Principal

# Save the Date



St. Mark's Final Production ~ "How I Became a Pirate"

April 14 & 15, 2023 Watch the bulletin for details



# Join Scott Hahn for a new 12-part Scripture Study!

Scott Hahn traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. To learn more about this exciting new study go to stpaulcenter.com/holystudy



Wednesdays 9-10:30am Parish Office

You are invited to reflect on the Sunday gospel and Old Testament readings. Questions invite adults to connect the scriptures and their lives. For more information call Christina at 314.743.8600.





### @ St. Mark

www.catholicwomenforchrist.com

Ash Wednesday, (Next Week) February 22 Mass Schedule 6:30 & 8:00 am, & 7:00 pm

Additional Mass at 5:30 pm every Monday - Thursday from February 27 to April 5

Additional Reconciliation | Confessions every Wednesday of Lent 6:00<sup>++</sup> - 7:00 pm

from March I to April 5

# Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm on Fridays from February 24 to March 31

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.

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...moment in your life where you chose to be kind, generous, selfless, patient, or express any other form goodness...that was a Holy Moment. And you experienced the real you. You are more than the worst thing that has ever happened to you. You are more than the worst thing you have ever done. You are more than your greatest accomplishments talents too.

The real you is revealed every time you collaborate with God to create a **Holy Moment**.

And the real you is amazing. ... You've caught glimpses of that person before. Now it's time to start living every day at the real you.

For this free online program go to: https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html

### OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY



ST. MARK PARISH CENTER 4220 Ripa Avenue, St. Louis, 63125 (314) 743-8600

**\$14** Full Meal/Combo • **\$8** 1/2 Meal

#### **FULL MEAL**

2 Fish or 8 Shrimp and 2 sides

#### **FULL COMBO**

1 Fish and 4 Shrimp and 2 sides

### 1/2 MEAL

1 Fish or 4 Shrimp or Cheese sandwich and 2 sides

#### - MENU -

All dine-in meals include coffee or tea and dessert!

MAIN: hand-breaded fried cod

and jack salmon, baked cod, shrimp

SIDES: famous coleslaw, spaghetti,

french fries, green beans,

macaroni & cheese

**DRINKS:** coffee, iced tea,

(bottled water, soda and beer sold separately)

- Also available -

Sweet corn hushpuppies - 3 for 50¢ Cheese sandwich - \$2



Ladies Guild members, please come ... celebrate Mardi Gras with us this Wednesday, the 15th at 7:00pm

in the cafeteria.

We will have live music to entertain you! Hope to see you all there!



#### Please join in a Public Square Rosary Crusade!

The Rosary will be said on Saturday, February 18 at 12 Noon on Union Road by St. Mark Church, the side lawn. This Crusade is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, and the Rosary will be said in public places across the country on this date. We will be praying for our country and our world. Please join us! To register or for more information please contact Jan Inman at 314.892.6933.



### **POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT NEXT Saturday, the 18th** after 5 pm Mass | Cafeteria

- All St. Mark families & friends are invited to this Mardi Gras gathering.
- Bring your favorite food dish (main, side, or dessert).
- Bring your favorite games to play.
  This is a family-friendly alcohol-free
- For more information call Glenn, 314.803.6475.

#### CURRENT NEEDS...



#### ... of Affton Christian Food Pantry

The following items are needed at this time for the Affton Christian Food Pantry. Please deposit your items in the black containers in the Cry Room or in the Vestibule at St. Mark's caring • sharing • giving Church. Thank you!

#### **Items Most Needed:**

Boxes of Cereal | Canned Fruit | Toilet Paper Beans (dry & can, no Green Beans please) Check/Cash to purchase Milk, Eggs, & Butter



# ALL THINGS NEW STEADFAST IN FAITH . FORWARD IN HOPE



#### ALL THINGS NEW UPDATE- SECOND DRAFT MODELS

From the very beginning of All Things New we have been asking the question "Which communities does it make most sense to have come together in light of demographic shifts, evangelization and social outreach efforts, resources, and priest availability?"

Last Fall, the Archdiocese of St. Louis circulated the first draft models of parish structures for your consideration. These were unfinished because we needed your insight and feedback. You have spoken loudly and clearly during this time, and we thank you.

You were prayerful, thoughtful, passionate, and candid. You challenged us to think more creatively, and we took notes. We heard you.

As a result, we have changed all the planning area draft models because of what you shared with us about your parishes and your lived experience of the Catholic faith.

You shared your feedback on what our parishes, ministries, and institutions need to look like to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

We gathered feedback about which communities it made sense to bring together under the care of one pastor. In addition to the feedback we received from 70,000 parishioners across the Archdiocese from the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey, this fall we hosted nearly 350 Listening Sessions at 178 parishes, surveyed 18,000 parish school parents, administrators, teachers, staff, donors, community partners, and volunteers, compiled sacramental, financial and demographic statistics for every parish and school, met with community, civic and business organizations, held focus groups, and had conversations at the deanery and parish levels, both in groups and one on one.

The All Things New planning committee, which includes priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, lay leaders and religious from across the Archdiocese, has now reviewed the parish feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data of every parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. All are currently posted on allthingsnew.archstl.org. Using that information, the planning committee has refined the first draft models to a second set of draft models, which offer one draft model per planning area. It is important to note that because of your feedback, of the 42 first draft models initially presented to priests, deacons, religious, parish life coordinators, key archdiocesan advisory bodies, and the lay faithful for consideration, none were adopted in the second draft models.

The second draft models reflect the input received across the Archdiocese from the priests, deacons, religious, key parish leaders, and the lay faithful. The models show the Archdiocese being reshaped from 178 individual parish pastorates into 88 pastorates in order to best serve the lay faithful. A pastorate is a community that is under the pastoral care of one pastor and pastoral team.

In some cases, an individual parish may remain as its own pastorate, but may have to adapt some of its ministries and Mass times due to priest availability. In other cases, it may be that two or more parishes remain financially independent of each other but will become a new pastorate sharing one pastor and pastoral team. Finally, in some cases it may be that parishes merge their resources together and become a new pastorate under one pastor and pastoral team. Only after we have discerned which communities ought to come together as a new pastorate can we begin the case-by case examination of which structure is most prudent for each existing parish. No matter the chosen structure, some worship sites may no longer be used in the future.

The planning committee has analyzed each pastorate to ensure each one has the resources to sustain a new territory and model.

The next step is to gather feedback on the second draft models. We have made all the models public on <u>allthingsnew.archstl.org</u> as well as an updated section with Frequently Asked Questions.

We are asking you to provide any feedback you may have on the second draft models to your pastor or Key Parish Leaders by Wednesday, February 15.

This will be the last set of draft models and the final portion of feedback gathered in order to enable Archbishop Rozanski to make a well-informed, discerned decision for the spiritual well-being of the Archdiocese, looking at the extensive feedback of the people and the needs of the Archdiocese. This decision will be announced on May 28, 2023 by Archbishop Rozanski.

For additional information, please scan the code to be directed to the All Things New website.