

# ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

**4220 Ripa Avenue | St. Louis, Missouri 63125**  
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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](mailto:secretary@stmarkstl.com) (or the Parish Office).

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023



## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"When someone strikes you on your right cheek,  
turn the other one as well." Mt 5:39**

## From the Pastor...



Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

This week, we begin the great season of Lent with **Ash Wednesday**. Thank God for this time of fasting, praying, and giving. These generous offerings and sacrifices allow us to be more like Christ. It is a faithful thing to acknowledge that our lives are not about us. It is about our participation in God's saving plan. Jesus made many offerings and sacrificed everything to gain salvation for us. Lent reminds us of that and helps us orient our way of life to imitate our Savior.

Ash Wednesday Masses are 6:30am, 8am with the school, and 7pm. It is a day of fasting, which means all ages 18-59 eat one full meal with two smaller meals and nothing in between. It is also a day of abstinence, which means all 14 years and older refrain from eating meat.

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 7pm. Each Monday-Thursday of Lent (starting on Feb 27), there will be an additional Mass at 5:30pm. There will be an additional Confession time from 6pm-7pm each Wednesday (starting on Mar 1). And don't forget to enjoy delicious fishes at our Fish Fries on Feb 22, Mar 10 and 24, and Apr 7.

I will not be here next Sunday, Feb 26, at 9am and 11am Masses. I have been invited to my home parish, St. Ignatius of Loyola in Concord Hill, Missouri, for a Mass there. You'll be in good hands with Fr. Vitali.

My prayers for you that you have a holy Lent. God bless you.

Fr. Hecktor



**TODAY | SUNDAY immediately after 11am 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. If you or a loved one are unable to pick-up a blessed prayer shawl after today's anointing, please call Marion at 314.487.2207 to arrange to receive one.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**This Wednesday, February 22**

**Mass Schedule:**  
**6:30am**  
**8:00am**  
**&**  
**7:00pm**

**PRAY, FAST, Give Alms**

**Turn to p. 4 for Faith Opportunities for Lent.**

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 more information about St. Mark Church and/or to register as a parishioner, please phone the Parish Office: 314.743.8600.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 18

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

### Monday, February 20 (Presidents' Day)

6:30 Puricelli & Bunali Family

8:00 Amanda Capovic

### Tuesday, February 21 (St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30 Bauer & Votruba Family

8:00 Albert Seper

### Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

6:30 Sr. Maria Battaglia, A.S.C.J. - her intentions

8:00 Marty Michalski

7:00<sup>PM</sup> Brian Murray

### Thursday, February 23 (St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr)

6:30 Peggy VonDerHaar

8:00 David J. Metherd

### Friday, February 24 (Abstinence)

6:30 Schranz Family

8:00 Dominic, Vincent, Maria, John Baptist

- Maria & Joseph

### Saturday, February 25

8:00 Mark Wildhaber

5:00<sup>PM</sup> Linda Hummert Bess (1st Sunday of Lent)

### Sunday, February 26 (1st Sunday of Lent)

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Margaret Barrett

11:00 Philip, Mary, & Donna Fischer

**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 19, 2023

**1st Reading:** Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalms 103:** Our God shows mercy and graciousness.

**2nd Reading:** You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel:** Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 20 - 26, 2023

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Ash Wednesday, February 22

7:00<sup>PM</sup> Minister: K. Goersch, S. Sparwasser,

J. Stukenberg

Lector: J. Leuthen

Hospitality Please step forward

### Saturday, February 25

5:00<sup>PM</sup> Minister: E. Schneider, K. Goersch, M. Cass

Lector: J. White

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

### Sunday, February 26

7:00 Minister: J. Johnson

Lector: D. Stanger

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

9:00 Minister: K. Griebenow, D. Kopff, M. Wobbe

Lector: T. Bast

Hospitality: M. Fisher, K. Griebenow, C. Hayden

11:00 Minister: S. Hentz, M. Diethelm, S. Mason

Lector: D. Smedra

Hospitality: C., J., A., & M. Snethen

## Altar Servers

Are needed for all remaining Masses in February.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

...the sick, especially: **Jeanne Leuthen, Marge Terhaar**, and those suffering from AIDS, COVID, cancer, mental illness, and drug and alcohol addiction; 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.

...the **President of the USA**; may he and all public officials be guided by the Holy Spirit.



We welcome to our faith **Colton James Buettner**, the son of Jerry and Maribel, who was recently baptized. May God bless and guide Colton and his family as they journey with Christ to the Kingdom.

## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK PARISH

**Monday, February 20**

**NO PSR.**

6:00 9m: Basketball - Parish Center.

**Tuesday, February 21**

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

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

6:00 pm: Basketball - Parish Center.

6:00 pm: Finance Committee - Parish Office.

7:00 pm: Parish Council - Parish Office.

**Ash Wednesday, February 22**

9:00 am: Bible Study - Parish Office.

**4:30 pm: Fish Fry - Parish Center.**

**Thursday, February 23**

6:00 pm: Basketball - Parish Center.

6:30 pm: 9am Choir - Church.

**Friday, February 24**

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

5:30 pm: Basketball - Parish Center.

**Saturday, February 25**

9:00 am: Basketball - Parish Center.

**Sunday, February 26**

12:00 Noon: Basketball - Parish Center.

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Ladies Guild on March 15 at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria.**

*Bring your favorite salad to share with members for the Annual Salad Supper. We will follow the supper with a Prayer Service in the Church and climax the evening with dessert.*

### 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 <https://www.stmarkstl.com/live-stream>. Also watch previously recorded Masses under the "Live Stream" tab. Have any questions or comments? Email [webmaster@stmarkstl.com](mailto:webmaster@stmarkstl.com).

### Parish Office Hours

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

**BINGO ON FRIDAYS @ BANDWAGON HALL**  
Lemay Ferry @ Reavis Barracks

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

**BINGO begins @ 6:15 pm.**

**Volunteers for February 24:** J. Williams, T. Narzinski, Z. Rivas, C. Noto, C. Goodson, D. Kopff, B. Schindler, J. Ciriaco, D. Schmerbauch, G. Zeitler, A. Beckerle, J. Johnson, A. Kopff, L. Hoeing, K. Bradshaw

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

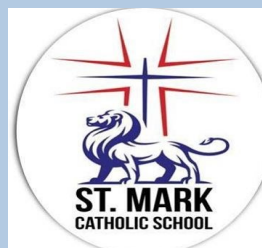
*Where your treasure is,  
there your heart is also.*

MT: 6:21

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

Envelopes:	\$ 7,989.75
Loose:	\$ 598.41
School Support:	\$ 586.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,223.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,397.16</b>

**Thank you for your financial support.**



Dear Parishioners,

The students enjoyed an extended weekend this week. The teachers and staff participated in a professional development opportunity on Friday and

we are all off for President's Day on Monday. We will then be preparing our hearts and minds for Lent.

During Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday. You are always welcome to join us. Stations of the Cross will be at 2:05 on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Stations of the Cross will be at 11am on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

St. Mark, Pray for Us.

Julie Bingham, Principal



On February 8, eighth grader **Abigail Murphey** (pictured) was honored as an "all around" Outstanding Student by the South County Kiwanis Club. 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!*

## FAITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

### @ St. Mark

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

**Additional Reconciliation | Confessions**  
**every Wednesday of Lent 6:00\*\* - 7:00 pm**

\*\*Immediately after 5:30 pm Mass  
from March 1 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.

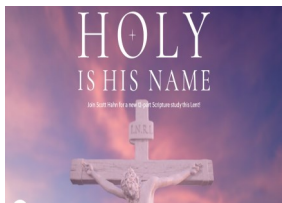
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you planning  
on doing  
for Lent?

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**SUNDAY**  
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### BIBLE STUDY | Wednesdays | 9-10:30am | @ Parish Office

Come 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.



#### SCRIPTURE STUDY!

Scott Hahn  
traces the meaning  
of holiness from its  
origins in Scripture  
to its appearance

in our own lives today. In 12 beautifully produced lessons, this study explores the Scriptural encounters with the Divine – the burning bush, the ark of the covenant, the burning coal, and more! To learn more about this exciting new study go to:  
[stpaulcenter.com/holystudy](http://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy)

You are more than your greatest accomplishments and 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:

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## CHOOSE LIFE

A Lenten Series on Pro-Life Issues

### SESSION 1: February 26

CHOOSE LIFE: WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

### SESSION 2: March 12

CHOOSE LIFE: ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

### SESSION 3: March 26

CHOOSE LIFE: CARE FOR OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

**All sessions: 4-7pm at Cardinal Rigali Center**  
20 Archbishop May Dr.  
Saint Louis, MO 63119

We will begin with Mass in the chapel followed by dinner and a presentation. Free childcare is available on-site.



To RSVP scan the QR code or call/email Marie Kenyon.



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For more information, contact Marie Kenyon:  
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314.792.7062

## ST. MARK'S Fish Fries



**FEB. 22**

Ash Wednesday

**March 10**

**March 24**

**April 7**

Good Friday

**4:30-7pm**

**NEW  
DATES!**

**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

**HELP  
WANTED**

- Your heavenly homemade desserts. This Tuesday & Wednesday drop off your sweets on the table in the Church vestibule. (For all other Fish Fry dinners drop your desserts off at School on Fridays.)
- Volunteers to SERVE with a smile, or CLEAN like nobody's business. Please sign up after Sunday Masses.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

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# Evangelization 101 WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

A free morning workshop covering the fundamentals of evangelization.

COMING TO YOUR  
PLANNING AREA SOON

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2/11 Cathedral Basilica       | 3/18 Sacred Heart (Troy)            |
| 2/11 St. Joseph (Cottleville) | 3/25 St. Gerard Majella             |
| 2/25 St. James (Potosi)       | 3/25 Immaculate Conception (Union)  |
| 3/4 St. Joseph (Imperial)     | 4/1 Ste. Genevieve (Ste. Genevieve) |
| 3/4 St. Cletus                | 4/1 St. Francis Xavier              |
| → 3/18 Margaret Mary Alacoque | 4/15 Holy Infant                    |
| 3/18 Holy Spirit              | 4/15 St. Raphael the Archangel      |
|                               | 4/22 Sacred Heart (Florissant)      |

Registration is required due to limited capacity

[archstl.org/evangelization](http://archstl.org/evangelization)

## CURRENT NEEDS...



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### ...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 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



### Retrouvaille Weekend - February 24-26 SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Healing Your Marriage-Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information or to register, call 314.453.0110 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)  
Fully Confidential and affordable.



# THANK you!

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary thanks you for your generosity this past Christmas. Our seminarians are grateful for the prayers and support of your parish.

There is still time to donate! Please visit [kenrick.edu/GodsPeople](http://kenrick.edu/GodsPeople).

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD Day of Hope & Healing FOR WOMEN, MEN & COUPLES Healing the Pain of Abortion

Saturday, March 18, 2023  
Prayerful retreat setting in  
St. Louis (location shared at registration)  
\$20 for retreat materials,  
light breakfast and lunch  
Register through March 8  
314.406.0815 or  
[hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org)  
[archstl.org/hope-healing](http://archstl.org/hope-healing)

A trained, compassionate team will lead participants  
along their healing journey through Holy Mass,  
fellowship, Scripture, and prayer.

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