# **ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# 4220 Ripa Avenue | St. Louis, Missouri 63125 Office: 314.743.8600 | Fax: 314.743.8618 | www.stmarkstl.com

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:00 am Monday - Thursday: 5:30 pm (*Lent, only*) Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil) Holy Days & National Holidays: consult the bulletin

### **RECONCILIATION | CONFESSION**

Tuesday: 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm Wednesday: 6:00 to 7:00 pm (*Lent, only*) 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.

#### CLERGY

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# **BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION**

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

### **PRAYER HOTLINE**

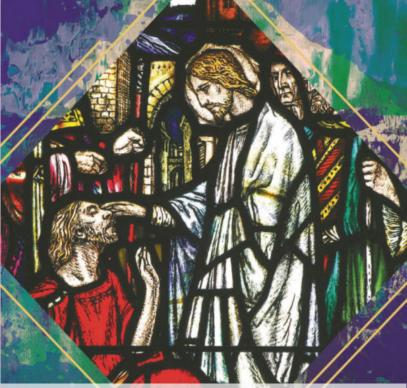
Call Jean Malone - 314.544.3572

## 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).



# LAETARE SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

# MARCH 19, 2023

REJOICE

# FOURTH | LAETARE SUNDAY OF LENT



This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday, coming from the first word of the entrance antiphon that tells us to Rejoice! in the middle of our Lenten penances and observances. Rejoice because the celebration of our Lord's resurrection is near!

Normally March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But as this falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent this year, his feast is transferred to tomorrow. So we will celebrate St. Joseph on Monday, March 20 this year.

There is a great article in the Review by a young priest of the Archdiocese, Fr. Charlie Archer, on the feelings some have about the All Things New Pastoral Planning Initiative. The plan calls for us to work together with different parishes and people to strengthen the Church and embolden us to evangelize. But as with any change, it is frightening and frustrating, which is understandable as we like to hold on to the good things we currently have. I hope you might take the time to read Fr. Archer's article: <u>https://www.archstl.org/dear-father-jesus-gives-usthe-grace-to-take-the-next-right-step-amid-frustrationand-change-8424</u>.

A new group called the Society of the Found Sheep is forming to pray for those who have left the Church. If you would be interested in going through training for this new support group and bringing this to our parish, please contact me so I can add your name for the training on May 13 from 9-10 am at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

The Day School Students will be on spring break this weekend through Tuesday. Pray for them and their teachers, that they may have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Come by church this Tuesday evening for a night of prayer with a few short reflections from 7-8 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place at the same time so you can spend some quiet moments with our Lord. I'll also be offering confessions from 7-9 pm that night as well.

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



This Saturday, the Church commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Virgin in Nazareth. During the visit Mary agreed to become the Mother of God and, so, the Holy Spirit descended upon her and she conceived Jesus in her womb. (Christmas in only nine months away.) EUCHARISTIC CENTERED LENT EVENING OF REFLECTION This Tuesday, March 21 | 7-9pm St. Mark Church

Several Brief Reflections | 7-8pm Confessions heard | 7-9pm Quiet prayer | 8-9pm Benediction will conclude evening

Be sure to wish "Happy Birthday!" to Father Hecktor & Deacon Rosenkoetter because both are celebrating another one.

Father Hecktor Wednesday, March 22

Deacon Rosenkoetter Thursday, March 23

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 18 5:00<sup>PM</sup> Mary L. Rosenkoetter (4th | Laetare Sunday of Lent) Sunday, March 19 (4th | Laetare Sunday of Lent) 7:00 People of the Parish 9:00 **Bob Dooley** 11:00 Joseph Schott Monday, March 20 (St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary) 6:30 David Metherd 8:00 **Bud Bocquillon** 5:30<sup>PM</sup> Joseph M. Sanders Tuesday, March 21 Harold & Terese Mall 6:30 John Leuthen 8.00 5:30<sup>PM</sup> Judy Heaman Wednesday, March 22 Betty Deters 6:30 8:00 Fr. Brian Hecktor - Special Intention 5:30<sup>PM</sup> Marion Yung Thursday, March 23 (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop; Islamic: Ramadan begins) 6:30 Peggy VonDerHaar 8:00 Richard Larson 5:30<sup>PM</sup> Mary Ann Jakovich Friday, March 24 (Abstinence for meat) 6:30 Mamie Lawless 8:00 Richard and Diane Waugh Saturday, March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord) 8:00 Kathy Wacker 5:00<sup>PM</sup> People of the Parish (5th Sunday of Lent) Sunday, March 26 (5th Sunday of Lent) 7:00 Fr. Brian Hecktor - Birthday Intention 9:00 David Metherd 11:00 Brian Murray If you wish to have a Mass offered for please call the Parish Office. Mass offerings are \$10 each. Failure to pay the \$10

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

offering will not prohibit Mass from being offered.

Bulletin Date	Submission Day, Date Article and announcement submissions are due by 12 Noon on below dates to secretary@stmarkstl.com or the Parish Office.
Palm Sunday, 4/2 Easter Sunday, 4/9	Next Monday, 3/27
2nd Sunday of Easter, 4/16	Holy Thursday, 4/06



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.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Lectors, Hospitality & Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Masses. Please contact Ed Schneider – 314.885.4418 or edmschneider@yahoo.com - if you are willing to help out.

#### Saturday, March 25

5:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Minister:	E. Schneider, K. Goersch, M. Cass
	Lector:	P. Garland
	Hospitality	r: J. & L. Guillot
Sunda	y, March 2	6

- 7:00 Minister: J. Johnson Lector: D. Stanger Hospitality: D. Tullman
- Hospitality: D. Tullman, R. Leiber, M. Masidonski
  9:00 Minister: L. Malone, K. & K. Maloney Lector: S. Bast
- Hospitality: H., J., & T. Bast
- 11:00 Minister: S. Hentz, M. Diethelm, S. Mason Lector: T. Ade Hospitality: C., J., A., & M. Snethen

### Altar Servers for March and April

are needed for all Masses. Please sign-up at https://signup.com/go/WpNXUcL.



# Tuesdays Eucharistic Adoration 9am to 9pm

#### **Confessions** 8pm to 9pm



**PLEASE PRAY...**for the sick, especially: **Dorothy Simms, George Schwoerer, Mary Ellen Degnan, Larry Jennemn**, and those suffering from AIDS, COVID, cancer, mental illness, and drug and alcohol addition; may they find help and comfort. ...for **Richard Defer** and all

catechumens as they make their final preparations to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil. ...our **young people**, their families, and teachers as they continue to prepare for their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, April 22. ...that we who are baptized may live as children of the light, producing in our lives every kind of goodness in the righteousness and truth, and remain **steadfast in faith**.

# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

# THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK PARISH

#### Monday, March 20

7:00 pm: Play-Set Preparation - Parish Center.

Tuesday, March 21 9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration - Church. 9:00 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office. 7:00 pm: Lent Evening of Reflection - Church.

Wednesday, March 22 9:00 am: Bible Study - Parish Office. 7:00 pm: Parish Council - Parish Center.

Thursday, March 23 6:30 pm: 9:00 am Choir - Church.

#### Friday, March 24 3:30 pm doors open, 6:30 pm games begin: **BINGO**

- Bandwagon Hall.

4:30 - 7:00 pm: Fish Fry - Parish Center. 7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross lead by PSR Students - Church.

#### Saturday, March 25

#### Sunday, March 26

8:30 am: Blood Drive - Parish Center. Immediately following all Masses: Spring Production Bake Sale - Cafeteria.

**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 <u>https://www.stmarkstl.com/live-stream</u>. Also watch previously recorded Masses under the "Live Stream" tab. Have any guestions or comments? Email webmaster@stmarkstl.com.

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

If you have previously received our **Sunday bulletins by email** through JS Paluch you will have to re-subscribe with our new bulletin publisher, LPi at <u>www.parishesonline.com/organization/st-</u>

<u>mark-catholic-church-63123</u>. On that page, you can also subscribe to be notified when a new bulletin becomes available. You may view our current bulletin on the above LPi website or at <u>www.stmarkstl.com</u>. Please contact Christina in the Parish Office.





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

<u>Volunteers for March 24</u>: M. Miller, T. Narzinski, S. Sparwasser, M. Louks, K. & L. Mason, J. Ausburger Jana, J. Cirami, D. Schmerbauch, A. Beckerle, J. Johnson, L. Hoeing, K. Bradshaw, J. Buerk. *For info &/or volunteer, call Laura @* 314.229.7200.

# TITHING, YOUR GIFT TO GOD. Sunday, March 12, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 7,673.00
Loose:	\$ 482.83
School Support:	\$ 255.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,328.00</u>
Total:	\$10,738.83

# Thank you for your financial support.



Our students and teachers are enjoying a few days off of school. We will return to school

Dear Parishioners,

vve will return to school on Wednesday just in time to celebrate Father Hecktor's birthday. I am blessed and proud that I

get to work with him. He cares deeply for the students, teachers, and me and I pray that God blesses him on his birthday and every day after.

On Saturday our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will participate in their First Communion Retreat. Please pray for our second graders, their families, and teachers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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



# FAITH OPPORTUNITIES @ ST. MARK

# LENT

ADDITIONAL MASS AT 5:30 PM every Monday - Thursday from February 27 to April 5

ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION | CONFESSIONS every Wednesday of Lent 6<sup>++</sup> - 7 pm <sup>++</sup>Immediately after 5:30 pm Mass from March 1 to April 5

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays, February 24 to March 31 @ 7 pm March 24 to be led by PSR students. March 31 to be led by Liturgy Committee.

or

Fridays with the School Students as follows: March 24 & 31 @ 2:05pm March 31 @ 11:00 am



Palm Sunday, April 2 Masses: 5 pm (Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup>) & 7, 9, & 11 am

> Holy Thursday, April 6 Morning Prayer: 8 am Mass of Lord's Supper: 7 pm Adoration: After Mass - 12 Midnight

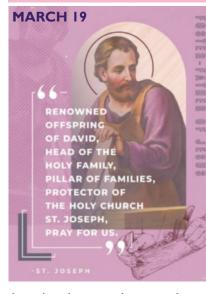
> > Good Friday, April 7 Morning Prayer: 8 am Passion of Our Lord: 7 pm

Holy Saturday, April 8 Morning Prayer: 8 am



Easter April 9 Masses: 8 pm (Vigil - Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup>), & 7, 9, & 11 am.

Parish Office will be closed on Friday & Monday, April 7 & 10.



#### SAINT JOSEPH Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This year, the Solemn Feast Day of St. Joseph falls on a Sunday (today, the 19th), so it has been transferred to (tomorrow) March 20.

We celebrate the holiness of St. Joseph in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed (Mary) is pregnant..and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet),

but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

# STEADFAST IN FAITH \*\* FORWARD IN HOPE Lent 2023

Jesus, You call us to pray, fast and give alms. We, your people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, thank You for Your call this Lent to grow steadfast in our faith. In our Archdiocesan journey, may we stay close to the Word and grow in virtue, so that we may find mutual affection for one another as we embrace the plan for the future of the Archdiocese. Strengthen us with the discipline of prayer, aid us in fasting from negativity and self indulgence. Stir through the Spirit, a generosity for the needs of others so that we may grow in charity. As we journey through these days of Lent, may we seek the power of the Spirit to grow through your transformative Love, Lord.

> Amen. St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for Us! St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Pray for Us! St. Louis IX, Pray for Us!



# **HOLY WEEK & TRIDDUM**

# **OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT**



You too could win a \$25 gift card of your choice by purchasing \$200 in gift cards per month.

GIFT CARD

of your

CHOICE!



# HEAVENLY HOMEMADE DESSERTS FOR THE FISH FRY DINNERS



ST. MARK'S

On Thursday & Friday of the week of a Fish Fry, we ask that the bakers drop off their sweets at the School lobby or Church lobby.

March 24

and

April 7 Good Friday

4:30-7:00 pm Carry outs available!

**ST. MARK PARISH CENTER** 4220 Ripa Avenue, St. Louis, MO 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

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

#### - MENU -

MAIN: Hand-breaded fried cod and jack salmon, baked cod, shrimp, and grilled cheese sandwich SIDES: Famous coleslaw, french fries, green beans, spaghetti, and macaroni and cheese Sweet corn hushpuppies available - 3 for 50¢ Cheese sandwich available - \$2 DRINKS: Coffee and iced tea (Bottled water, soda & beer sold separately)

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fast: Ages 18–59 fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, limiting themselves to 1 full meal & 2 smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

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

# **OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT**

Ladies! On April 15, at 7pm in the cafeteria, we will have an EGGSTRAVAGANZA!! Be sure to return the egg you received at the March meeting. Put a surprise in it for someone to enjoy. This meeting will provide you with an eggstremely eggcelent eggsperience.



LADIES GUILD COMMUNION BREAKFAST Sunday, May 21 | 9am Mass | Breakfast-Andre's South Cost \$18 per person All ladies of the parish, female family members & friends are welcome!





# TOURNEY SATURDAY MARCH 25

St. Mark Parish Center Doors open @ 6pm. Games begin @ 7pm. \$50: I seat, & food & drink.

Call Joe Pudlowski @ 314.814.9046 for more info. Sponsored by St. Mark's Athletic Association. Ca\$h Prize\$



# St. Mark Parish Church & School

Sunday, March 26 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Gymnasium 4220 Ripa Avenue

Masks optional.

Appointments required to give blood. To schedule an appointment, contact Kelly Goersch at 314.504.5397 | thefourks@live.com, or go to bloodcenter.org/group, group #10875.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR LIFE** 

To honor and glorify Jesus Christ and defend innocent life.



COALITION LIFE MARCH ON THE ARCH SATURDAY VAPRIL 29, 2023 RALLY 11:00 AM V MARCH 12:00 PM

# JOIN US FOR A 1 MILE PRO-LIFE MARCH TO THE ARCH! Starting at Aloe Plaza and finshing

at the Arch Grounds.





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