

# 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 Days & 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. Submit items to  
[secretary@stmarkstl.com](mailto:secretary@stmarkstl.com) (or the Parish Office).

*We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

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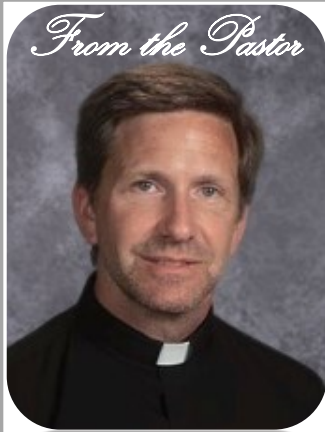
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**MAY 7, 2023**



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes  
to the Father except through me. If you know me, then  
you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7



Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

Thank you to all who made our School celebration so nice last week. The Mass was beautiful and the breakfast was delicious and fun. While we are definitely sad that our school year is coming to a close, we thank God for all the good things, we look forward with hope to new things, and we always remember our Lord walking with us through it all.

Thank you to all who have given to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We continue, along with all Catholics across the Archdiocese, to help those in need in the Archdiocese. Our goal for this year is \$49,233, with a challenge goal of \$61,190 (the amount we raised last year). As of April 28, we've had 97 pledge cards returned (almost 10% of our parish) for a total of \$23,422. This weekend will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the appeal. We'll have the ACA video playing in the cafeteria, along with your pledge cards available. You can fill out your card and return it there, you can return your pledge with the envelope that was sent to you from the parish, or you can give at [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org). After this weekend, you can still give

online or return your ACA envelope to the collection basket or the Parish Office.

We are grateful to seminarians Mr. Samuel Horan and Mr. Michael Laugeman for their assistance in the past year at Sunday Masses, at PSR, and visiting the homebound. Mr. Horan will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph on May 20. He has asked to return as a Deacon over the summer to assist and preach at a Mass, so we'll be glad to welcome Deacon Horan at 9am Mass on June 25. Continue to pray for them and their vocations. Continue to pray that more men answer God's call to the priesthood and women answer God's call to religious life.

Our PSR Closing Mass will be Monday, May 8, at 6:40pm. All are welcome. We've had a great year, thanks to our wonderful PSR students and their families. Thank you to all our catechists who dedicated so much time teaching in the classroom and preparing for their lessons each week. Many thanks to our PSR Co-Directors Joyce Williams and Julie Dwyer who did so much coordinating and planning and working to show the love of Christ to our students through this education in Faith. They are already planning for next year and we look forward to that.

Pray for our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here on Monday, May 15 from Bishop Rivituso. May they know the strength and love of God and use the Holy Spirit to persevere against evil and share their Faith with the world.

God bless you and have a good week.

Fr. Hecktor

## Our Fascinating Faith - MAY & MARY

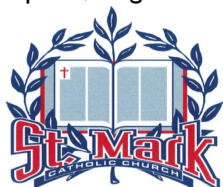
There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn't until late 18th-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the 19th-century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so **May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.**

With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit's coming, the culmination of Mary's faith-filled lifetime. Mary's faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel's word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son's cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary's faith-filled heart embraced God's will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God's plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance. For Mary's undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, all generations shall call her blessed.

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**Mary Queen of the Universe, pray for us.**



St. Mark Parish extends a Warm Welcome to all who have come to worship with us.

**Special greetings to the members of Mary Queen of the Universe School Class of 1972 many of which are reuniting this weekend at and after 5pm Mass.**

If you are not a parishioner and would like to join the parish, please contact the parish office.



## MASS INTENTIONS

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 the Mass from being offered.

### Saturday, May 6

5:00<sup>PM</sup> People of the Parish (5th Sunday of Easter)

### Sunday, May 7 (5th Sunday of Easter)

7:00 In Memory of Anthony & Jenny Scotino

9:00 Michael Barrett

11:00 Christina & Kenny Sanders

### Monday, May 8

6:30 Robert Hoeing

8:00 Rev. Msgr. Sal Polizzi

6:40<sup>PM</sup> Deacon Bill Walbridge

### Tuesday, May 9

6:30 Dorothy Sims

8:00 James Werner

**Wednesday, May 10** (St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest)

6:30 Frank Homa

8:00 Mary McAndrew

### Thursday, May 11

6:30 Charles Matzig

8:00 Aline Luecke

**Friday, May 12** (Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr)

6:30 Roxanne Astroth

8:00 Richard F. Unwin

### Saturday, May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)

8:00 David Metherd

5:00<sup>PM</sup> Letetia Gianfrancesco (6th Sunday of Easter)

### Sunday, May 14 (6th Sunday of Easter)

7:00 People of the Parish

9:00 Vince Manning

11:00 Theon Heisserer

## READINGS FOR TODAY, MAY 7

**First Reading:** To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalm 33:** We rely on you, O God; show us mercy.

**Second Reading:** We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel:** "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

## READINGS FOR APRIL MAY 8-14

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 13

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

Lector: P. Garland

Hospitality: J. & L. Guillot

### Sunday, May 14

7:00 Minister: J. Johnson

Lector: D. Stanger

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

9:00 Minister: L. Malone, K. & K. Maloney

Lector: M. Mallette

Hospitality: P. Ebel, S. Clements, E. Farrell

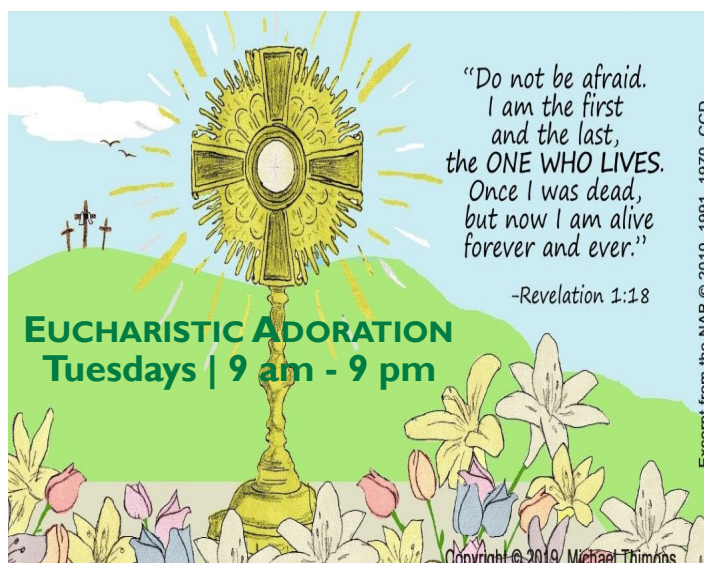
11:00 Minister: D. Plumley, K. Gillman, C. Coerver

Lector: T. Ade

Hospitality: G. Zeitler, S. Mason

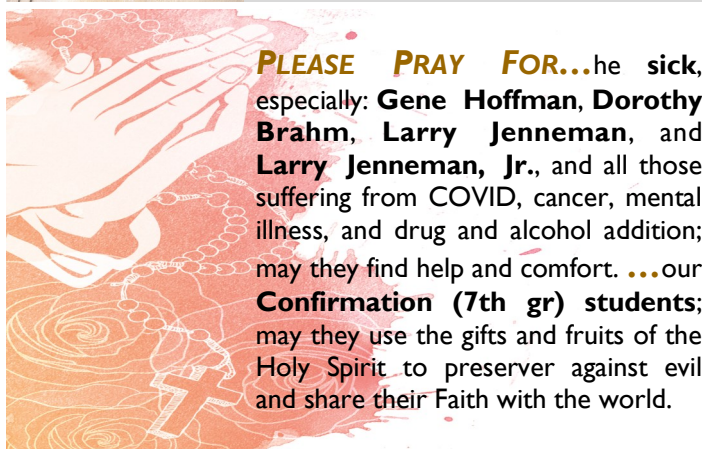
## ALTAR SERVERS NEED FOR ALL MASSES IN MAY

Please sign-up at: <https://signup.com/go/gFJMAhZ>.



### Sunday, May 21 after the 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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** the sick, especially: **Gene Hoffman, Dorothy Brahm, Larry Jenneman, and Larry Jenneman, Jr.,** and all those suffering from COVID, cancer, mental illness, and drug and alcohol addiction; may they find help and comfort. ...our **Confirmation (7th gr) students;** may they use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to preserve against evil and share their Faith with the world.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK PARISH

### Monday, May 8

10:00 am: Canasta - Parish Office.

6:30 pm: PSR - School & Church.

### Tuesday, May 9

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

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

6:00 pm: Finance Committee - Parish Office.

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

### Wednesday, May 10

9:00 am: Bible Study - Parish Office.

### Thursday, May 11

6:30 pm: 9 am Mass Choir - Church.

### Friday, May 12

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

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Saturday, May 27

Immediately after 5 pm Mass: Potluck & Game Night - Cafeteria.

#### Monday, May 29

Parish Office closed in observance of Memorial Day.

#### Wednesday, May 31

7:00 pm: Patriotic Rosary - Church.

### Church Building Hours for Individual Prayer

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

Tuesday | 5:30 am - 9 pm. Saturday | 7 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).

### 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.

### Parish Office Hours

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



## 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 May 12:** K. Seeger, T. Marzinski, P. Luster, K. Chinnici, J. Bocquillon, K. Panchot, J. Cirami, D. Schmerbauch, G. Zeitler, A. Beckerle, J. Johnson, B. Williams, L. Hoeing, K. Bradshaw, Fr. Hecktor

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

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**Sunday April 30, 2023**

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**Project Rachel, an Abortion Healing Ministry program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is holding a Day of Hope and Healing for women on Saturday, May 20 from 9am to 5pm.** The day retreat, which includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a light breakfast and lunch, will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area. The cost is \$25 per person, with financial scholarships available. Marisol Pfaff, Project Rachel coordinator and certified spiritual director, and a priest with the Abortion Healing Ministry, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ. Contact 314.406.0815 or [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org).

### BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please submit your bulletin articles, announcements, etc. to [secretary@stmarkstl.com](mailto:secretary@stmarkstl.com) or at the Parish Office by 12 Noon...

- on Monday, May 22 for the May 28 and June 4 editions.
- on Monday, June 5 for the June 11 edition.
- On Thursday, June 8 for the June 18 edition.

Submission of items for the May 14 edition has passed.

## UPDATE ON ALL THINGS NEW

*From Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning*

We are grateful for all the parishioners and parish ministries who have provided feedback, gathered, reviewed, and synthesized data, volunteered in many ways, and most importantly who continue to pray for the success of All Things New.

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 St. Louis. All are posted on [allthingsnew.archstl.org](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org). Using that information, the planning committee has refined the draft models to one recommended model per planning area. As is required by the Church's law, these recommended models were the subject of consultation that was undertaken by the Archbishop with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council. These recommended models are also available for all to see at [allthingsnew.archstl.org](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org).

The recommended models consist of some parishes that are proposed to remain unchanged in any way and other parishes which are proposed to share the same pastor. During the consultation which the Archbishop undertook with the Presbyteral Council, and as the Archbishop continues his own prayerful discernment after that, it is possible that the data which represents the current circumstance of a parish and its potential viability for the next 10-15 years may be discerned to present just cause for a possible merger or suppression (closure).

As is required by the Church's law (Canon law), the Archbishop consulted the Presbyteral Council (which is a group of priests elected from each deanery, appointed, or otherwise ex officio to advise the Archbishop in the governance of the Archdiocese) to review all of the data pertaining to each parish that is a part of any of the recommended models involving any potential change. Each council member was duty bound in conscience to provide the Archbishop his prayerfully discerned advice regarding each parish situation. There were 137 parishes that are to be considered in this canonical consultation process.

Canon law does not permit a parish to be altered in its juridic structure (i.e., suppressed, merged with another parish, or combined in some other juridic grouping) except for a just cause. A just cause is required because the Church's law prioritizes, as of paramount importance, the duty of safeguarding the rights of Christ's faithful. Foremost among these rights is the assurance of access to pastoral care provided in a stable manner. The parish is the main place where the faithful have access to pastoral care. Therefore, the diocesan Bishop has to assure that parishes are established and that churches are erected in a way that is equitable throughout the diocese. In all such matters, the church's law favors preserving the stability of parishes (leaving them as they are).

A just cause is never required for leaving a parish as it is. A just cause is always required for changing its juridic structure (i.e., merging or suppressing it or combining it into some other juridic grouping).

All of these requirements of the law seek to assure that the diocesan bishop makes well informed, prayerfully discerned decisions for the spiritual well-being of the archdiocese, taking into account the needs of the faithful for pastoral care as well as the overall needs of the archdiocese.

After consultative input from the Presbyteral Council, Archbishop Rozanski will study and prayerfully discern the proposals before announcing a final decision on May 28, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Please continue to pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

**STEADFAST  
IN FAITH  
FORWARD  
IN HOPE** 

Jesus, You are the Resurrected One.

We, in the Archdiocese of St. Louis thank You  
for sharing your resurrected life with us.

Help us to move forward in hope as we plan for our  
future, Lord. May we be emboldened by the power  
of the resurrection, gracious Father,  
that we would be anchored in hope.

Strengthen us through the Eucharist to be more  
courageous and encourage us to be more humble.

Inspire us with the Eucharist  
to be true witnesses of our Faith.

Stir the Spirit that dwells within us,  
open our hearts to be Your hands and voice in this world  
so that others will be drawn to You.

As we move forward, protect and strengthen  
our plans and efforts. As we live as a resurrected people,  
let not failure discourage us nor success blind us.

And at all times, lead us, Lord.

Amen.



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Have you **SEEN** this box in the Church vestibule (lobby)?

Please drop your usable eyeglasses (& hearing aids) in the box.

Thank you!

### LADIES GUILD COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 21

9am Mass | St. Mark Church

Breakfast following Mass | Andre's South

Cost \$18 per person

*All women of the parish are invited as well as female friends and female family members.*

*Reservations are to be made by phoning Marion Hebrank at [314.487.2207](tel:314.487.2207)*

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& ROSARY DATES**  
(Third Saturdays, 8 a.m.)

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<del>March 18</del>	September 16
<del>April 15</del>	October 21
<b>May 20</b>	November 18

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LADY  
OF  
FATIMA  
PRAY  
FOR  
US.**

Feast Day  
May 13

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