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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.

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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

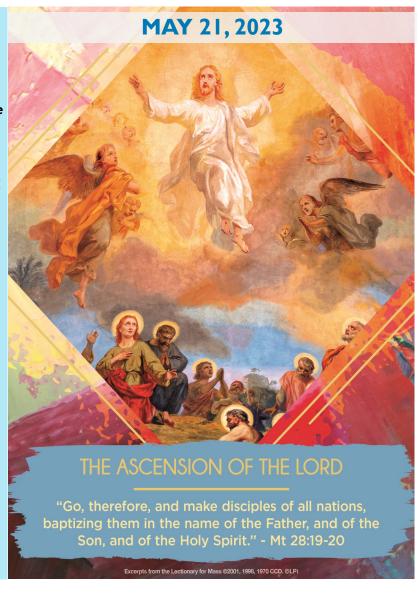
RCIA

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. Submit items to secretary@stmarkstl.com (or the Parish Office).

We reserve the right to edit submissions.



Dear St. Mark Parishioners.

Next weekend is Pentecost. We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, but also, as has been anticipated, we will hear at all Masses the final All Things New Model as it pertains to our parish. We will also hear of any new priest assignments, and I think we will learn of any canonical change in status (merger, suppression, closure) to the involved parishes. The effective date for any changes will be later this year. Around 6pm on May 27, Archbishop Rozanski will make an announcement and post decisions for parishes and priests on allthingsnew.archstl.org. Please pray for the Archdiocese for strength through any changes and that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they will ultimately benefit the Church. The Archbishop has prayerfully approached this planning initiative with the utmost faith and trust in our Lord. Let us also trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance as we move forward.

Thank you for giving so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, or for just returning your pledge cards if you are unable to give. The Appeal continues and you can still make your pledge using the envelopes sent to you by mail, or by going online to aca.archstl.org. As of May 12, our total is \$37,617 with our goal being \$49,233. About 18% of the parish has participated, and we are striving for 30% participation.

We are grateful to Bishop Rivituso who came to the parish last Monday night to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 7th Graders. Congratulations to these young men and women! We now look forward to them using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to combat evil and bring about great goodness and faith in the world!

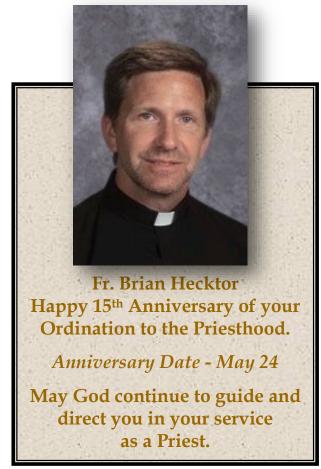
Every year, priests are required by Canon Law to take a prayerful time of retreat. I'll be making my retreat at Conception Abbey with the Benedictine monks the week of June 12. There will be **no 8am Mass Monday, June 12 - Saturday, June 17**. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Fr. Vitali will still have 6:30am Mass Monday-Friday. On Saturday, St. Martin of Tours has an 8am Mass and St. Simon has a 7am Mass. We will **still have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, June 13** from 9am-9pm. There will be **no 8-9pm Confessions on Tuesday, June 13**.

Fr. Nicholas Smith, Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for the Archdiocese, has written that this past March, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops invited the Church to participate in a moment of prayer on Wednesday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in support of the upcoming first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Archbishop Rozanski is asking that on May 31 all parishes, chapels, and religious communities participate in either a solemn or simple form of prayer entrusting the Synod to the protection of Our Lady. We pray that this Synod, this coming together of Bishops for the purpose of renewing our Church, may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and bear great fruit for the life of the Church. You can find out more about the synod at usccb.org/synod.

Therefore, on May 31, following the 8am Mass, we will have an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Benediction at 9:30am. All are invited. On the same day, the Liturgy Committee has organized the praying of the Holy Rosay at 7pm. It will be Patriotic Rosary, offered for all the souls in all the states across our Nation. I hope you will join us for these times of prayer.

And pray especially for our students, faculty and staff, that they finish the school year well and enjoy their summer. God bless you and have a good week.

Fr. Hecktor, Pastor





TODAY SUNDAY, AFTER IIAM 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 are 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 about this ministry, call Marion at 314.487.2207.

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 20

5:00^{PM} People of the Parish (The Ascension of the Lord)

Sunday, May 21 (The Ascension of the Lord)

7:00 In Memory of Walter & Rose Stahlschmidt

9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies' Guild

11:00 Dave Metherd

Monday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia, Religious)

6:30 Christopher Cox

8:00 Charles Matzig

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 Peggy VonDerHaar

8:00 David Metherd

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 Phil Battaglia

8:00 Berdell Leuthen

Thursday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi)

6:30 Michael Weaver

8:00 Mary McAndrew

Friday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri, Priest)

6:30 Charles Matzig

8:00 St. Mark School Community

Saturday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

8:00 John B. Wainscott

5:00^{PM} People of the Parish (Pentecost)

Sunday, May 28 (Pentecost)

7:00 Brett Haubrich

9:00 Bob Dooley

11:00 Brian Murray

READINGS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 21

First Reading: Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm 47: God ascends amid great cries of jubilation and trumpet blasts.

Second Reading: May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel: Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27

5:00^{PM} Minister: B. Terry, E. Schneider, M. Cass

Lector: J. White

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

Sunday, May 28

11:00

7:00 Minister: J. Johnson

Lector: D. Stanger

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

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

Lector: T. Bast

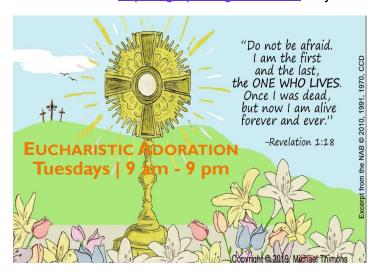
Hospitality: B. Laury, K. Griebenow, C. Hayden Minister: M. Diethelm, K. Gillman, E. Waugh

Lector: D. Smedra

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Please sign-up at: https://signup.com/go/gFJMAhZ for May, & https://signup.com/go/SrQACZe for June.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

...the repose of the soul of Herb Stumpf (brother of Joe Stumpf); may he rest in peace. ...the sick, especially: Larry Jenneman, Larry Jenneman, Jr., Antonio Las Cola, Ji Min Yu, and those suffering from AIDS, COVID, cancer, mental illness, and drug and alcohol addition; may they find help and comfort.



In observance of Memorial Day, next Monday, May 29:

- There will be one Mass beginning at 9 am. All are encouraged to pray for those who have died in service to our Nation by attending Mass.
- The Parish Office will be closed, and reopen on Tuesday, the 30th at 8 am.
- Bulletin Deadlines: Please submit your bulletin articles, announcements, etc. to secretary@stmarkstl.com or at the Parish Office by 12 Noon tomorrow, Monday, May 22 for the May 28 and June 4 editions.

THIS WEEK AT OUR ST. MARK PARISH

Tuesday, May 23

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

9:00 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office. 4:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Office.

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 am: Bible Study - Parish Office.

6:00 pm: 8th Grade Graduation Mass - Church.

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

10:00 am: Final All-School Mass - Church.

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

- Bandwagon Hall.

Saturday, May 27

After 5pm Mass: Potluck & Game Night - Cafeteria.

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.

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.

Early Bulletin Deadlines: Please submit your bulletin articles, announcements, etc. to secretary@stmarkstl.com or at the Parish Office by 12 Noon ...

... tomorrow, Monday, May 22 for the May 28 and June 4 editions.

... on Thursday, June 8 for the June 18 edition.



ON FRIDAYS @ BANDWAGON HALL

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

Yolunteers for May 26: K. Seeger, S. Sparwasser, P. Ebel, M. Shoger, H. Hrbacek, J. Dwyer, T. & D. Morrison, J. Cirami, D. Schmerbauch, G. Zeitler, A. Beckerle, J. Johnson. L. Hoeing, K. Bradshaw.

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

TITHING, YOUR GIFT TO GOD. Sunday, May 7, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 13,353.00
Loose:	\$ 523.00
School Support:	\$ 1,390.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,828.00
Total:	\$ 19,094.00

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 6,579.00
Loose:	\$ 726.75
School Support:	\$ 280.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,428.00
Total:	\$ 10,013.75

Thank you for your financial support.



The Winner of Together We're Better (TWB) Monthly Drawing is ...

John Ho!

You too could win a \$25 gift card of your choice by purchasing \$200 in gift cards per month. For more information please call, Diane at 314.757.1996.

We congratulate Kevin and Tina McCotter who on May 20 celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary.



We thank Kevin and Tina for the wonderful example of faith and love they have given us. May God's blessings continue to be abundant in their lives.



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to St. Mark School. Since it opened in 2003, St. Mark faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to provide the best educational environment for all our students. In August of 2003, if you had told me that I would be here twenty years later, I would have never believed you. Clearly God had a plan that I did not see. I have been beyond privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the school for the last five years. I certainly could not have done that without the kindness, support, and guidance I have received from you all.

I have been blessed to educate so many talented, funny, creative, and loving children. Hundreds of parents have shared their most cherished treasures with me. During my time as principal, it has been my privilege to collaborate, guide, and lead teachers who are committed to this profession. I've acquired lifelong friendships and worked alongside many talented colleagues.

God also blessed me by surrounding me with the best examples of faith. Msgr. Hambrough, Msgr. Forst, Father Earl, and Father Hecktor will forever remain a part of my heart. They have each changed my life for the better and may never know the true impact they made on me as a teacher, principal, and faith-filled person.

The world "family" is used often to describe a special relationship between St. Mark staff, students, parents, and community members. Our support for each other is genuine and unwavering. While being an educator can be challenging at times, there was never a day that I did not get excited to come to work and see "my kids." All of the students will forever hold a special place in my heart. Please continue to pray for their success in the future.

I am taking with me beautiful memories of all the amazing things that have happened throughout the years. I will always keep in my heart the children's smiles, your great support, our fun school events, and all of the learning we have shared. Thank you for the experiences and memories that you have gifted to me and for the wonderful expressions of thanks and best wishes I have received from so many.

As I think back to all of "my kids" they have been my salvation in hard times, my inspiration to succeed, and my responsibility to put forth my best effort each and every day. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my students, parents, colleagues, and to the community of St. Mark for every single day, every single moment, every blessing that has come my way. It has been my honor.

On Monday, our 8th graders will celebrate the conclusion of their grade school years with their mystery trip. They will travel to a variety of fun locations around St. Louis. They have earned this fun day and I am excited that I get to share in this fun with them. On Wednesday night, they will graduate from St. Mark and celebrate nine years of hard work as they prepare to move on to high school. This is always a bittersweet day. I am so proud of them and can't wait to see them spread their wings. It is amazing that I have known some of them since they were 3 years old. I am grateful to their parents for sharing their children with us and allowing us to be a part of their lives.

The last day of school for PK-7 is Friday, May 26th. We will have our final all school mass at 10am with an 11am dismissal. I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support this school year. Please join me in praying for a safe summer for our students and their families and know that you are always in my prayers.

Effective at the end of June, I will no longer have my St. Mark email. If there is ever anything I can do to be of support, my personal email is juliebingham624@gmail.com. Please stay in touch!

With Sincere Gratitude, Julie Bingham, Principal



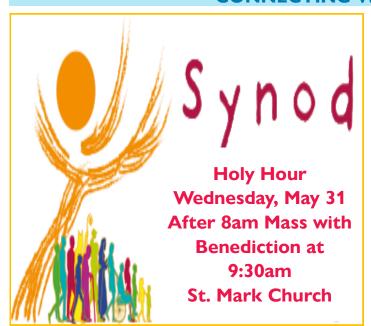
st. Mark PSR

Dear Parents,

St. Mark Parish School of Religion (PSR) will continue to operate during the 2023-24 school year, providing Catholic religious education and sacramental preparation to those students who do not attend Catholic school. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45 for grades I-8. Registration for classes will begin in August. Please watch the parish bulletin for details.

Blessings, *Joyce Williams and Julie Dwyer* St. Mark PSR Co-Directors

CONNECTING WITH OUR FAITH



All are invited to hold our nation in prayer ...



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

THIS WEDNESDAY May 31 | 7 pm | Church

Brought to you by the Liturgy Commission.

A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation May 22–30 | Sign up: respectlife.org/visitation



The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31) commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. To participate in this Respect Life Novena, see the web address (above) or contact Christina at the Parish Office for a paper copy.

All parishioners & friends are welcome to the ..

POTLUCK DINNER & GAME NIGHT

NEXT SATURDAY, May 27 after 5pm Mass St. Mark's Cafeteria

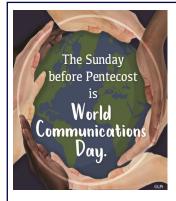
Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with fellow parishioners & friends. Bring a food item to share & games to play. (Alcohol free night.)



Want to know more? Contact: Glenn @ 314.803.6475.

Wednesday Morning (9 - 10:30) Bible Study Group beginning on June 7 will not meet during the summer. Consider joining the Group when they return in early fall. The re-start date will be announced in the bulletin in late summer.





In addition to the liturgical Catholic calendar, the Church designates some Sundays throughout the year as days to focus particular subjects. Today Sunday: World Communications Day which was established in 1967 by Pope Paul VI.

This annual celebration encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern ways of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

You may go online to discover the Pope Francis's annual message for today: just search on "World Communications Day 2023."

ALL THINGS NEW



As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we recognize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. In this moment, as Archbishop Rozanski prepares to share the future structure of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we are struck by the constant need for Pentecost to happen in our Church each and every day. It is the Spirit that allowed the early Church to move from fear to courage - from silence to a bold proclamation of the Gospel. As we have arrived at this moment in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, this indeed is a new Pentecost for us.

After nearly two years of gathering data and feedback, Archbishop Rozanski will announce his decision regarding All Things New on Saturday, May 27, the day before Pentecost.

Pastors will be sharing information regarding the announcement as it pertains to their parish at all Masses Pentecost weekend, as well as through their usual communication outlets. On Saturday evening, information regarding all parishes and priest assignments will be posted on allthingsnew.archstl.org

As we prepare our hearts to be open to follow where the Holy Spirit will lead us, consider joining parishioners all over the archdiocese in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days leading up to Pentecost. The Novena prayers and audio can be found at allthingsnew.archstl.org/Resources/Novena-to-the-Holy-Spirit. [See contact Christina Sanders at the Parish Office for a paper copy of the Novena.]

Let's continue to pray for each other as we discern the best path toward a renewed Catholic presence in every part of our archdiocese.



PRAYER FOR ARCHBISHOP ROZANSKI

Almighty and ever-living God, we seek your guidance and wisdom for Archbishop Rozanski as he implements the All Things New pastoral planning initiative. We ask that You bless him with the gifts of discernment and courage so that he may make decisions that are in accordance with your divine will.

May he be guided by the Holy Spirit and be open to listening to the voices of all those his decisions will impact. Help him to discern the best way to meet the spiritual needs of all the faithful in the Church in St. Louis so that the Church can have a greater presence in our communities.

Grant him the strength and perseverance to complete his task with compassion and wisdom. May the result of this process be a stronger, more unified Church that continues to bring your light and love to all people.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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