

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023



“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,  
WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE  
OF MY LEAST BROTHERS,  
YOU DID FOR ME.”

-MATTHEW 25:38-40

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**CHRIST'S**  
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**CATHOLIC WITNESS**  
**IN LEMAY**  
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**NOVEMBER 26, 2023**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**  
**KING OF THE UNIVERSE)**

**A VISION OF OUR SHARED MISSION**

**The Catholic Community in Lemay,**  
**called to Unity as a Family Faith**  
**within the Archdiocese of Saint Louis,**  
**is sent by Christ to proclaim and embody**  
**His Good News inviting All People,**  
**to a Communion of Charity**  
**as Members of His Beloved Family.**

**THE SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**HOLY MASS**

is celebrated in St. Mark Church  
4220 Ripa Avenue, 63125

Monday thru Friday at 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM & Noon  
& Saturday Morning at 8:00 AM

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The Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00 PM at the St. Bernadette Site  
88 Sherman Road, 63125

& 5:00 PM in St. Mark Church

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On Sunday Morning

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM in St. Mark Church

8:00 AM at the St. Matthias Site  
790 Buckley Road, 63125

10:00AM at the St. Martin of Tours Site  
610 West Ripa Avenue, 63125

& 12 Noon at the St. Andrew Site  
309 Hoffmeister Avenue, 63125

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On Holy Days of Obligation

(next being Immaculate Conception of BMV, December 8)

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 6:30 PM  
in St. Mark Church

**CONFESSIONS**

are available at each site  
for 1/2 hour prior to each Vigil or Sunday Mass  
from the quarter hour to the three quarter hour.  
(For example prior to Mass at 4:00 PM  
confessions will be heard from 3:15-3:45 etc.)

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS**

may all be scheduled with one of the priests  
by contacting the Parish Office, 314-743-8600.

**Bulletin Notices**

All articles for the Bulletin must be submitted  
by 8 AM and email to [csanders@stmarkstl.com](mailto:csanders@stmarkstl.com)  
no later than 10 days prior to desired publication date.  
(Additional time is required for Holidays).



## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Next weekend the Season of Advent begins the Church's new Liturgical Year, a brief span of only twenty-one days this year, in which we are meant to prepare ourselves for the great Festival of the Lord's Birth at Christmas, through acts of **prayer, penance, and charity**.

I encourage you to actively plan to refocus your personal prayer and to renew your own participation in the usual opportunities for communal prayer here: in the Holy Mass each Sunday, and also in the three **daily Masses**, (6:30 AM, 8:00 AM & Noon), in **Eucharistic Adoration** on Thursdays, and in the various special **Devotions to Jesus and His Blessed Mother** throughout the season.

The priests of the parish will also offer an expanded schedule for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, with Confessions available on each of the three **Thursdays of Advent at St. Mark's from 6:00 PM** until all are heard, and **at St. Martin's on Wednesday, December 20 from 7:00 PM** until all are heard (*That night all three priests will be available*).

As noted further on in this bulletin there are also communal opportunities for charity with our **Giving Trees**, and the **"Pop Up Cookie Sale"**, both supporting the work of the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our area.

The Lord Jesus is anxious to come into our lives offering us His Light and Peace, but He will not force Himself upon us.

Christ chose to come first in Bethlehem—chose to come to those who daily invite him in—and has promised to come again in Glory if we take his first two comings seriously.

A blessed Advent to one and all!

Father Bob Burkemper

## FEAST OF ST. ANDREW



*This Thursday, November 30  
the 8:00 AM Mass will be celebrated at  
St. Andrew's Martin  
not at St. Mark's Church.*

**Andrew**, a Galilean fisherman, was the first called of Jesus' Twelve Apostles.

He is remembered in the Gospels as the one who had a talent for bringing others to the Lord, starting with his brother Simon Peter.

Andrew is always prominent the lists of the Twelve and the few glimpses we get of him suggest he was a person Jesus could always depend upon.

Legendary accounts say Andrew brought the Good News of Christ's Gospel to various regions, in the area of the Aegean and Black Seas before giving up his life as a martyr around the year 60 AD near the Greek city of Patras.

Andrew, like his brother Simon Peter was condemned to be crucified, and is supposed to have protested that he also was not worthy to die in the same way as Jesus, His Lord—so he was bound, not nailed to a cross shaped like the letter X.

Besides being the heavenly patron of Lemay's senior parish, he is also patron of singers, fisherman, as well as the nations of Scotland, Russia, and Romania.

<https://overviewbible.com/andrew-the-apostle/>

***Saint Andrew, First Called of the Apostles  
Pray For Us.***

# **MASS** **INTENTIONS**

Masses are celebrated at St. Mark Church  
unless otherwise noted.

## Monday, November 27

6:30 Schranz Family  
8:00 Joseph Pericich  
Noon No Intention requested

## Tuesday, November 28

6:30 Patrick McAnany<sup>+</sup>  
8:00 Kenneth Robert Smoot, Sr.<sup>+</sup>  
Noon No Intention requested

## Wednesday, November 29

6:30 Jack & Audrey Dames<sup>+</sup>  
8:00 Mary Tompkins<sup>+</sup>  
Noon Deceased Members of the DeSmet  
Council 742 Knights of Columbus<sup>+</sup>

## Thursday, November 30 (St. Andrew)

6:30 Ron Carpenter  
8:00 Deceased Members of the  
Legion of Mary<sup>+</sup> @ St. Andrews  
Noon No Intention requested

## Friday, December 1 (First Friday)

6:30 No Intention requested  
8:00 Katie Maas<sup>+</sup>  
Noon No Intention requested

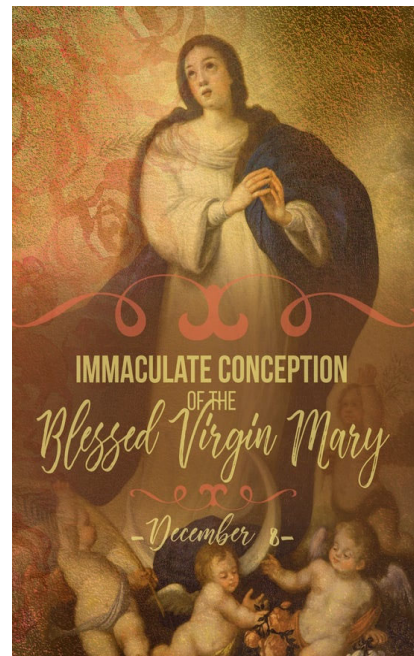
## Saturday, December 2 (First Saturday)

8:00 No Intention requested  
4:00<sup>PM</sup> Gilbert Huenke<sup>+</sup> @ St. Bernadette  
5:00<sup>PM</sup> Ann Delprince

## Sunday, December 3 (First Sunday in Advent)

7:00 People of the Parish  
8:00 Joe Pericich<sup>+</sup> @ St. Matthias  
9:00 Bob Dooley<sup>+</sup>  
10:00 Jan & Al O'Leary<sup>+</sup> @ St. Martin  
11:00 Worcester (Mass.) F.D. "6"  
Noon Eddie Jones<sup>+</sup> @ St. Andrew

## MASSES SCHEDULES



## For the Immaculate Conception Next Friday, December 8

*Holy Day of Obligation*

6:30 & 8:00 AM, Noon, & 6:30 PM  
all at St. Mark Church

*Parish Office closed*

## For Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

*(Vigil Masses for the Holy Day)*

4:00 PM at St. Martin of Tours  
5:00 PM & 10:00 PM at St. Mark

## For Christmas Day Monday, December 25

*Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 AM at St. Bernadette  
9:00 AM at both St. Mark & St. Andrew  
10:00 AM at St. Matthias  
11:00 AM at St. Mark

## For Mary, The Mother of God Monday, January 1

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024*

9:00 AM at St. Mark



Please step forward as assigned / needed.  
Thank you.



## TODAY'S READINGS NOVEMBER 26

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
I myself will pasture my sheep—  
I will give the rest, says the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Christ will hand over the kingdom  
to his God and Father  
so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46  
The Son of Man  
will sit upon His glorious throne  
and he will separate the nations  
one from another.

## READINGS FOR NOV. 27 - DEC. 3

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;  
Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



### For the recently departed, especially:

**JoAnn Hoppe**  
**Anthony Randazzo**  
**Emelia Emke**

and all have died due to violence

*May all the Faithful Departed  
rest in the Peace of Christ.*

### For all the sick and injured, especially:

**Michael Saputo, Susan & Rick Lentz,**  
**Judith Slovacek, Susan Scheman,**  
**& Larry Jenneman**

*May they experience God's healing power,  
return to our community soon.*

## USHERING IN ADVENT TOGETHER AT ST. MARK



Sponsored by  
St. Mark Eucharistic Revival Committee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 PM

**Gather around the Advent Wreath  
for food, social time, and  
candlelight Adoration**



COCOA & POPCORN PROVIDED

Grab your cookies from the  
Cookie Sale and meet in the gym.

*You are encouraged to bring favorite beverages and  
heartier snacks for own family.*

*Gym doors open at 4:30 for food/cooler drop-off.*

R.S.V.P. appreciated but not required

CALL: Jill 314-302-7740 or Melissa 314-971-5617

## THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul throughout our area wish to thank everyone who so generously supported the recent special collection on St. Vincent de Paul Sunday (Novovember 4 and 5).

Donations amounted to \$9,479.92 that weekend, and will help to serve the needs of our neighbors-in-need.

*May God Bless and Keep You.*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, November 27

- *PSR Classes*, 6:30 PM in St. Mark School

### Tuesday, November 28

- *Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional* after 8 AM Mass
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry*, 9 AM in Parish Office
- *St. Vincent de Paul*, 7 PM in St. Mark's Room 115

### Wednesday, November 29

- *Bible Study*, 9 AM in St. Mark's Room 101
- *Christ's Journeymen*, 7 PM in St. Mark's Room 112

### Thursday, November 30

- *Eucharistic Adoration* after 8 AM Mass until 6:45 PM  
Benediction in Parish Church
- *Mass Choir Practice*, 6:30 PM in St. Mark's Room 101
- *Legion of Mary*, 7:15 PM St. Mark's Room 112

### Friday, December 1

- **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall  
3:30 PM doors open, 6:30 PM games begin
- *First Friday / First Saturday Devotional*, 7:15 PM until after 12:05 AM Mass in Parish Church
- *Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) Meeting*, 7:30 PM at St. Andrew site

### Saturday, December 2

- *Pop Up Cookie Sales*, see page 6
- *Ushering in Advent Together*, immediately after 5 PM Mass in St. Mark's Gym, see page 4

### Sunday, December 3

- *Pop Up Cookie Sales*, see page 6
- **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall  
2:30 PM doors open, 5:30 PM games begin

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Sunday Bulletin Date	Bulletin Submission Date
	All announcements are due by 8:00 AM to <a href="mailto:csanders@stmarkstl.com">csanders@stmarkstl.com</a>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>This Tuesday, November 28</b>
December 17	Next Tuesday, December 5
December 24	Tuesday, December 12
December 31	Tuesday, December 19
January 7	Tuesday, December 26



... is looking for volunteers to help manage the sports facilities across parish sites and advertise their availability for use by area teams for practices, leagues, and tournaments.

For more information, please contact Peter Soderquist: [psoderquist@stmarkstl.com](mailto:psoderquist@stmarkstl.com) or 480.229.5515.

## TWO NIGHTS FOR **BINGO**

### at Bandwagon Hall Lemay Ferry at Reavis Barracks

*Donate 5 canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul parish pantries at the BINGO Hall on Sundays Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 & receive \$10 in pull-tabs.*

### FRIDAYS

**Doors open 3:30 PM**  
**Sales begin 4:30 PM**  
**Bingo begins 6:15 PM**

Volunteers for Dec. 1  
Team 1: S. Sparwasser, T. Narzinski, Z. Rivas, D. Kopff, B. Schindler, M. J. Barrett, J. Ciriaco, D. Schmerbauch, G. Zeitler, A. Beckerle, J. Johnson, A. Kopff, B. Meyers, L. Hoeing, K. Bardshaw

For information or volunteer on **Fridays**, call Laura @ 314.229.7200.

### SUNDAYS

**Doors open 2:30 PM**  
**Sales begin 3:30 PM**  
**Bingo begins 5:30 PM**

Volunteers for Nov. 26  
Group 4: F. Speck, K. Harangozo, A. Henderson, S. Parker, D. Baumann, K. Kiefer, G. Hrbacek, B. & B. Villani, G. Buck, T. Effinger, J. Baumann

For information or to volunteer on **Sundays**, call Ken @ 314.409.3114.

### **No BINGO**

Friday, Dec. 22 & Sundays, Dec. 24 & 31

### **Yes BINGO**

**on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1**  
Doors opens at 10:30 AM  
Bingo starts at 1 PM



*Ladies Guild  
Christmas Party  
December 13  
Doors open at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Andre's Banquet Center*

A night of good food, fun and friendship.

Deadline for reservations and payment for dinner (\$20) is Friday, December 1.

You are welcome to bring female family members and/or friends.

Questions call Jan at 314.315.1736.

**MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
6:00 - 11:00 PM  
ANDRE'S BANQUET CENTER**

*All men of the parish are invited.*

Tickets on sale at all churches this weekend.

Tickets also on sale at Du Bowl Lanes Tuesdays, November 28 & December 5 at 6 PM; see Apollo or Ken.

Cost \$30, includes open bar, appetizers, dinner & attendance prizes.

If you are paying by check, please make checks payable to SMT Men's Club.

For more information, contact Ken (314.409.3114) or Tom (314.422.7270)

**"POP UP" BAKE SALE**



Before and After the Following Masses

**Next Saturday, December 2**

4 PM at St. Bernadette

5 PM at St Mark

**Next Sunday, December 3**

8 AM at St. Matthias

10 AM at St. Martin of Tours

Noon at St. Andrew

**Donations & proceeds will benefit  
St. Vincent de Paul.**

Cookie plates are \$5, cash / checks only.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

The Ladies Auxiliary of  
DeSmet Council 742  
Knights of Columbus



Helping needy families at Christmas time is the reason behind the Giving Trees

Trees are decorated with paper ornaments or small envelopes with a description of the type of gift card or gift desired.

Parishioners are asked to take an ornament or envelope and return it with the gift card or item printed on it.

*All items are due by Sunday, December 10.*