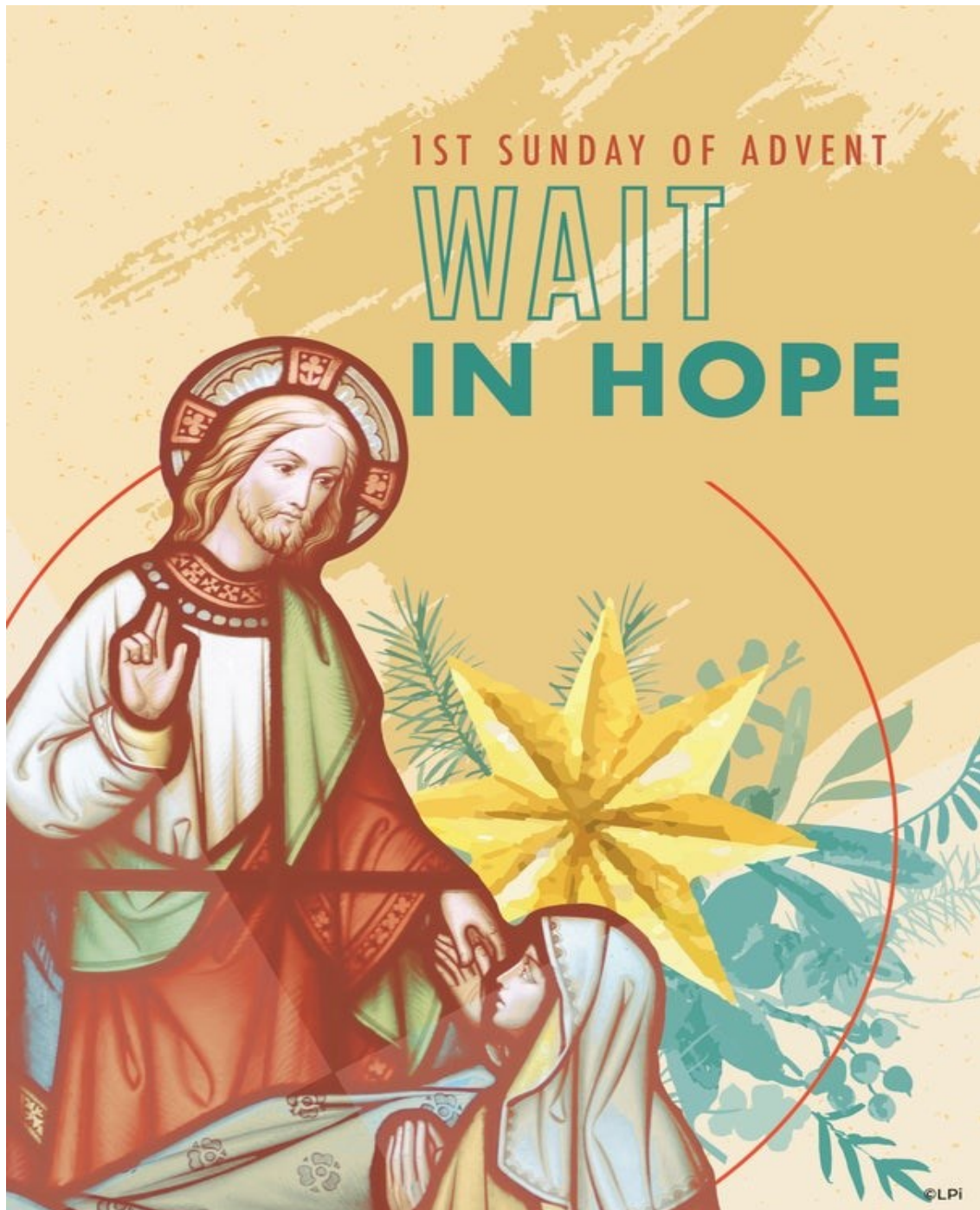


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023



“BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW
WHEN THE TIME WILL COME.”

—MARK 13:33

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CHRIST'S
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CATHOLIC WITNESS
IN LEMAY
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DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
no later than 10 days prior to desired publication date.
(Additional time is required for Holidays).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, December 4

- *PSR Classes*, 6:30 PM in St. Mark School
- *St. Vincent de Paul*
6:30 PM at St. Matthias

Tuesday, December 5

- *Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional*
after 8 AM Mass
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry*
9 AM in Parish Office

Wednesday, December 6

- *Bible Study*, 9 AM in St. Mark's Room 101
- *St. Vincent de Paul*
7 PM in St. Martin's Runge Hall

Thursday, December 7

- *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 8

- **Parish Office Closed**
- **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall
3:30 PM doors open, 6:30 PM games begin
- *Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) Meeting*,
7:30 PM at St. Andrew site

Saturday, December 9

- *Ladies Auxiliary of Knight of Columbus*,
11:30 AM in St. Mark's Room 110

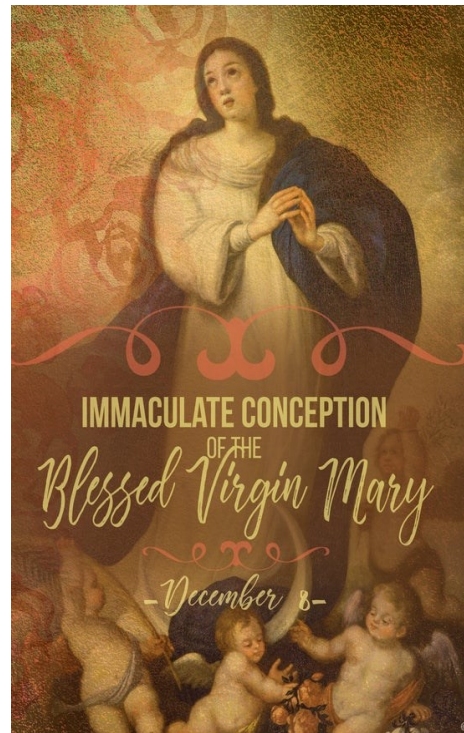
Sunday, December 10

- **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 csanders@stmarkstl.com
December 17	This Tuesday, December 5
December 24	Next Tuesday, December 12
December 31	Tuesday, December 19
January 7	Tuesday, December 26
January 14	Thursday, January 4
January 21	Tuesday, January 9

MASSES SCHEDULE



For the Immaculate Conception

This Friday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

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

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

**Live Streaming of All Masses
at St. Mark Parish Church.**

Go to <https://www.stmarkstl.com/live-stream>



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

Monday, December 4 (St. John Damascene)

6:30 Schranz Family
8:00 Eugene Wibbenmeyer⁺
Noon No Intention requested

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 Mike & Joyce Schranz
8:00 Edwin Hecktor⁺
Noon Joan Sanzotera

Wednesday, December 6 (St. Nicholas)

6:30 No Intention requested
8:00 Levi & Joann Partin⁺
Noon Brian Davis, Jr & Families

Thursday, December 7 (St. Ambrose)

6:30 No Intention requested
8:00 Joann Partin⁺
Noon Kevin Dooley⁺

Friday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

6:30 Roseanne Astroth⁺
8:00 Ronald A. Seper⁺
Noon Herb Meyer
6:30^{PM} The Sanders Brothers 8⁺

Saturday, December 9 (St. Juan Diego)

8:00 Mary Dodge
4:00^{PM} People of the Parish @ St. Bernadette
5:00^{PM} Mary Rosenkoetter⁺

Sunday, December 10 (Second Sunday in Advent)

7:00 No Intention requested
8:00 No Intention requested @ St. Matthias
9:00 Henry, Robert, & Edie Orr⁺
10:00 Doug Meyer⁺ @ St. Martin
11:00 Christine Zeitler⁺
Noon Eddie Jones⁺ @ St. Andrew



Please step forward as assigned / needed.
Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS DECEMBER 2

First Reading: Isiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Oh, Lord that you would rend the
heavens and come down to us.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
We wait for the revelation of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37
Be watchful!
You do not know when the
Lord of the house is coming.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 4-10

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ...

... the recently departed, especially:

Robert Mayer

*May He and All the Faithful Departed
Through the Mercy of God
rest in the Peace.*

... all the sick and injured, especially:

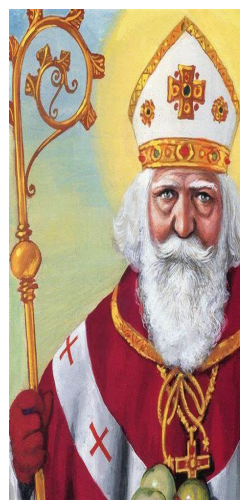
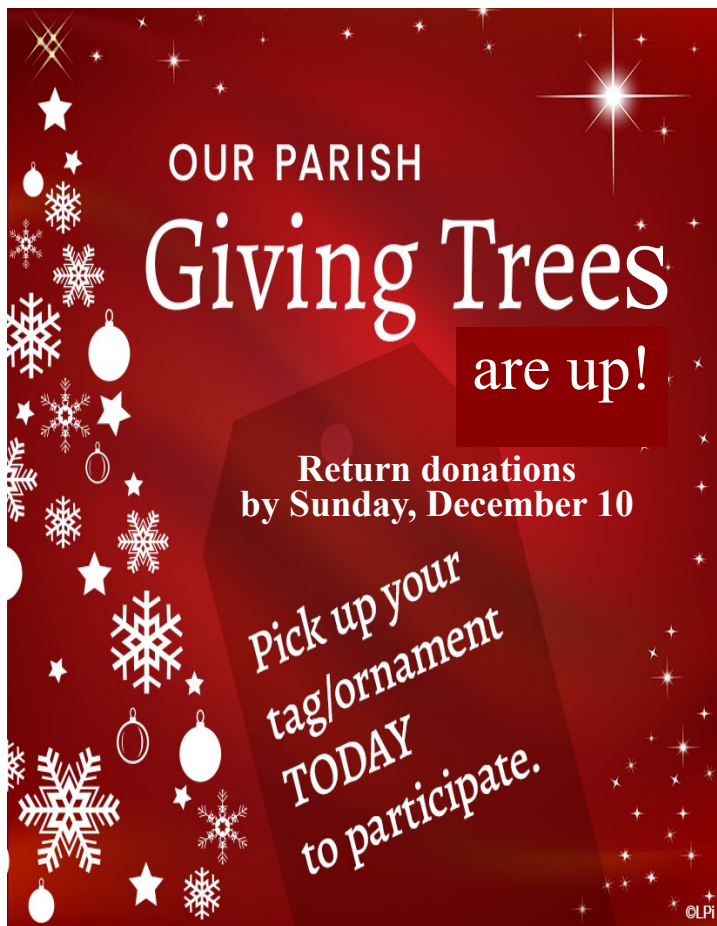
Susan & Rick Lentz,

Judith Slovacek,

Susan Scheman,

& Larry Jenneman

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



ST. NICHOLAS Feast Day: December 6

To learn about St. Nicholas (the truth about Santa Claus) go to www.stnicholascenter.org.

Do not forget the tradition of your child putting out a shoe (or stocking) before going to bed on December 5 in anticipation that St. Nicholas will leave a treat.



The priests of the parish will offer an expanded schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with Confessions available on the following dates in Advent:

Confessions
Thursdays, December 7, 14, & 21

6:00 PM until all are heard at St. Mark

Advent Penance Service
Wednesday, December 20

7:00 PM until all are heard at St. Martin

This night all three priests will be available.

DISCOVER JESUS' RADICAL INVITATION FOR YOU THIS ADVENT

Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER, www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html, and receive short, inspiring videos in your inbox every morning for free to help you focus your day on what matters most.

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER GIFT CARDS MAKE FOR WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Don't forget to buy your TWB cards for those on your Christmas gift giving list - including the Giving Tree - and for your grocery needs.

Call Alice Wilcox at 314.743.8603 to place your order.

Last day to order cards in time for Christmas delivery is Monday, December 18 by 10 AM.

After the 18th, TWB cards we have on hand will be for sale.



2023-2024 First Quarter Financial Summary

(July—September 2023)

The process of sorting out the financial variables for our five communities has been a daunting task so we thank Alice Wilcox & the Archdiocesan Office of Shared Accounting Staff for their singular efforts.

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Description of Categories

ORDINARY INCOME *Weekly Collections, Investment Income, Rental of Church Properties*

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME *Fundraising (Bingo, Together We're Better) Bequests, Grants*

ORDINARY EXPENSE *Personnel Costs (All Salaries & Benefits for Parish Employees)*

Supplies (Materials purchased for Parish Business)

Fees & Services (Cost of Outside Services the Parish Staff cannot provide)

Occupancy (Cost of Utilities, IT Services, Security, Maintenance & Repairs)

Assessments (Insurance & Support Services from the Archdiocese)

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE *Capital Expenditures (Extraordinary Parish Plant Repairs/Improvements)*

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	St. Andrew	St. Bernadette	St. Matthias	St. Mark	TOTAL	St. Martin	
Ordinary Income	\$ 40,672	+	\$ 43,936	+	\$ 51,213	+	\$ 170,462 = \$ 306,283 / \$ 46,171
Extraordinary Income					\$ 39,853	= \$ 39,853 / \$ 138,023	
Investment Losses		\$ 1,901	+	\$ 1,063		= \$ 2,964	
Ordinary Expense	\$ 68,016	+	\$ 74,393	+	\$ 144,385	+	\$ 198,996 = \$ 485,790 / \$ 151,423
Extraordinary Expense					\$ 30,238	= \$ 30,238 /	
Deficit // Surplus	\$ 27,344	+	\$ 32,358	+	\$ 94,235	+	\$ 18,919 = \$ 172,856 / \$ 32,771

Commentary

ORDINARY INCOME: collections & investment income from each of the former parish communities.

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME: St. Mark Bingo & St Martin Bingo.

ORDINARY EXPENSE: Is reported proportionately based on the number of registered households in June 2023 from each of the former communities unless there are unique expenses at a single site.

(St. Andrew 7.2% / St. Bernadette 9.9% / St. Matthias 27.1% / St. Mark 39% / St. Martin 16.8%)

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE: For St. Mark consists of July salaries for former hourly employees of the school & painting of the rectory interior.

DEFICITS: Are paid out of the former community savings (held in the St. Louis Archdiocesan Fund as CDs & Money Market Accounts).

SURPLUS: Is placed in the checking accounts of the former parish community.



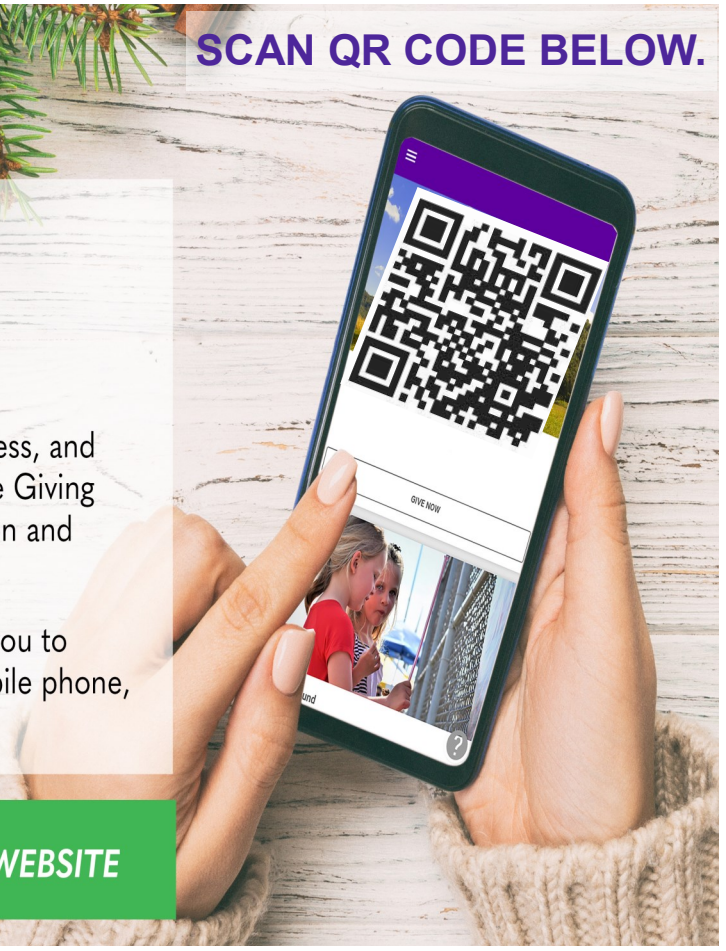
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Winter's embrace brings a special sense of togetherness, and our church is no exception. Our church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries so our spiritual home may thrive.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.

SIGN UP TODAY BY VISITING OUR CHURCH WEBSITE



STS. PETER & PAUL



SCHEDULE FOR SUN., DEC. 17
TEAM 4

Mostaccioli Cooks: Kathy Cafferata, Chris Coerver, Linda Garland, Betty Hummert, Colleen Long, Ed Schneider, Kathy Smith, Bernadette Williams

Bakers: Debbie Danner, Betty Hummert, Ann Michalski, Maureen Missimore, Fran Stephens, Jackie Tierney, Marlene Tullman, Joyce Williams

Servers: Chris Coerver, Tom Connor, Adele Follmer, Linda Garland + 2 children, Barb & Larry Haaser, Bobbie Laury, Maggie Bruner, and 2-3 students from Vianney HS.

Note: Cooks be sure to pick up your Mostaccioli containers next weekend.

TWO NIGHTS FOR **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall Lemay Ferry at Reavis Barracks

FRIDAYS

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

Volunteers for Dec. 8
K. Seeger, J. Williams,
P. Luster, K. Chinnici,
J. Bocquillon, K. Panchot,
M. J. Barrett, J. Cirami,
D. Schmerbauch, G. Zeitler,
J. Johnson, B. Myers,
B. Williams, L. Hoeing,
K. Bradshaw

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 Dec. 8
K. Hale, F. Speck, S. Lato,
D. Matecki, C. Mueller,
L. Hale, M. Dion,
T. Tettamble, G. Hrbacek,
C. Tucker, G. Otto, L. Bova

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

No BINGO

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

Yes BINGO

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1

Doors opens at 10:30 AM. Bingo starts at 1 PM.