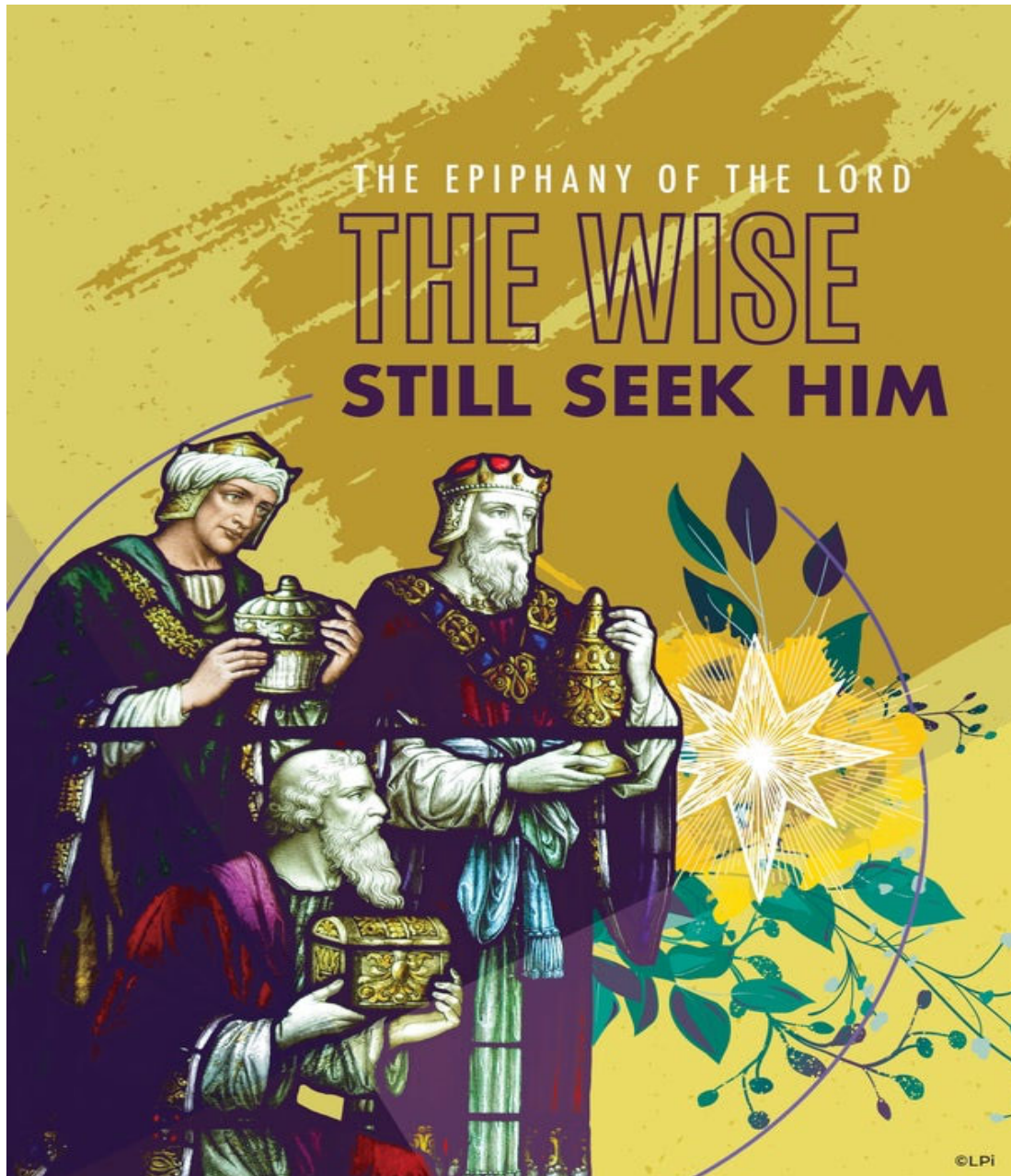


# SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024



**“They were overjoyed at seeing the star ...  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures and offered him  
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”**

**-Matthew 2:10-11**

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**JANUARY 7, 2024**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**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  
At 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**

**At 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM in St. Mark Church,  
8:00 AM at the St. Matthias Site**  
*790 Buckley Road, 63125*

**10:00 AM 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**

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

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**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.)

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**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 emailed to [csanders@stmarkstl.com](mailto:csanders@stmarkstl.com)  
no later than 10 days prior to desired publication date.  
(Additional time is required for Holidays).

## THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I am pleased to report that on Thursday, December 14th representatives from each of our constituent communities gathered for the **Second Pastoral Council Meeting**.

The lay leadership present included: a new member Mike Starnes (*St Andrew*), Stephanie Parker (*St. Martin*), Frank Speck (*St. Martin's Finance Council*), Sharon Sparwasser (*St. Mark's Finance Council*), and Jan Sorth (*St. Bernadette*) who participated via speaker phone.

Neither Steve Compas (*St. Mark*), nor Pat Meyer (*St. Matthias*) were able to attend.

Our three priests and Deacons Kurt Loeffler, Jesse Gatmaitan, and Ron Holmes also participated.

Jessi Livingood, our pastoral assistant took notes for the Council Meeting.

The Meeting began with a guided reflection on the often misunderstood Advent virtue of Docility — which is not passivity in the face of change but the prerequisite disposition that all of us stand in need of to be teachable.

The root of the word Docile comes from the Latin “*docere*”, which means “*to teach*”, and if we believe there is nothing to be learned from each other meaningful dialogue is impossible.

As in our previous meeting we each shared our personal experience of transition since our last meeting in October.

Many saw signs that seem to indicate we are working to welcome new faces in each of our current sites.

Some noted the increased participation of members from all sites taking part in various events hosted by several organizations — especially the Ladies Guild, the Men's Club and the Legion of Mary.

This is not to say that all the negative aspects of change have been dealt with.

Residual confusion, anxiety, sadness, and suspicion are still evident and can only be healed by continued patience and prayer.

Rumors continue to be the bane of our common life — most recently those concerning the promised permanent Mass Schedule.

I then shared the actual proposal for the more permanent Mass schedule with the Council as it was published in last weekend's Bulletin.

After our priests discussed the attendance, quality of celebration, and participation in the Liturgy at each site, we proposed moving to two Saturday and four Sunday Masses to be celebrated at two sites — St. Mark and St. Martin.

The Saturday Vigil Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 PM in St. Martin Church and at 5:00 in St. Mark Church — and the Sunday Morning Masses at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM in St. Mark and then 10:00 in St. Martin.

Input from the Council indicated that this proposal came as no real surprise, and it was a good idea to wait until the first Sunday of Lent for its implementation.

Other matters discussed included: several needed repairs to the Rectory, installation of a handicapped entrance to the School's adult wing; the options for a Fish Fry for Lent and an appeal to Rome by a St. Bernadette member.

The Pastoral Council Meeting ended with a prayer and seemed to be well received by all the participants

Our next Meeting will be held in February.

Fr. Bob Burkemper



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

**Monday, January 8** (The Baptism of the Lord)

6:30 Pat Wortmann<sup>+</sup>

8:00 Gerry Puricelli<sup>+</sup>

Noon Dorothy Feigel<sup>+</sup>

**Tuesday, January 9**

6:30 Norma Ratchford<sup>+</sup>

8:00 Patricia Wortmann<sup>+</sup>

Noon Jody Jennewein

**Wednesday, January 10**

6:30 Patricia Wortmann<sup>+</sup>

8:00 Dale Bachle<sup>+</sup>

Noon Mary McAndrew<sup>+</sup>

**Thursday, January 11**

6:30 Paulk Enwright<sup>+</sup>

8:00 Bob Justin<sup>+</sup>

Noon No Intention requested

**Friday, January 12**

6:30 Pam Bockerstette

8:00 Harry Doleno, Sr.

Noon David Giratost<sup>+</sup>

**Saturday, January 13** (St. Hilary; BMV)

8:00 Mary Ann Lewis

4:00<sup>PM</sup> People of the Parish at St. Bernadette

5:00<sup>PM</sup> Ben Polson<sup>+</sup> (STLFD)

**Sunday, January 14** (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 Mike Oberbeck<sup>+</sup>

8:00 No Intention requested at St. Matthias

9:00 Brian Murray<sup>+</sup>

10:00 Theodore Piskos<sup>+</sup> at St. Martin

11:00 Steven Hrdlicka<sup>+</sup>

Noon No Intention requested at St. Andrew

**MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN**

To have a Mass Intention published, please  
stop by the Parish Office or call 314.743.8600  
- the usual stipend is \$10.

**MASS MINISTERS**

Please step forward as assigned / needed.



**TODAY'S READINGS JANUARY 7**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Now it has been revealed that the  
Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.

**READINGS FOR JANUARY 8-14**

**Monday:** Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9;  
Mark 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 9:1-10; Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;  
Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a;  
Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;  
Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1  
Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20;  
John 1:35-42

Make it your **2024 New Year's resolution**  
to read Scripture daily as it is  
an important spiritual practice.

These on-line resources may be helpful:  
[www.usccb.org/readings](http://www.usccb.org/readings), [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org), &  
[www.jesuitprauer.org](http://www.jesuitprauer.org).

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...**

**... the recently departed, especially:**

**Rita Fischer & Rachelle Reeg**

*May they and All the Faithful Departed  
Through the Mercy of God rest in peace.*

**... all the sick, especially:**

**Kathy Sayers, Jan Sorth,  
Judith Slovacek, & Rosetta Saputo**

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



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, January 8

- *PSR Classes*, 6:30 PM in St. Mark School
- *St. Vincent de Paul*, 7 PM in St. Andrew's Building 2

### Tuesday, January 9

- *Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional*, after 8 AM Mass
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry* 9:00 AM in Parish Office
- *Men's Club*, 6:30 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 112

### Wednesday, January 10

- *Bible Study*, 9 AM in St. Mark's Rm. 101

### Thursday, January 11

- *Bulletin Submissions for January 21* due to [csanders@stmarkstl.com](mailto:csanders@stmarkstl.com) by 8 AM
- *Eucharistic Adoration* after 8 AM Mass until 6:45 PM Benediction in Parish Church
- *Ladies Club*, 6:30 PM at St. Martin's Runge Hall.
- *Mass Choir Practice* 6:30 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 101
- *Legion of Mary* 7:15 PM St. Mark's Rm. 112

### Friday, January 12

- **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

### Sunday, January 13

- *Ladies Auxiliary of KOC* 11:30 in St. Matthias's Multi-purpose Rm.

### Sunday, January 13

- **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall 2:30 PM doors open, 5:30 PM games begin

## ALSO PLEASE NOTE

- *The Parish Office Will Be Closed next Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Martin Luther King Day) & there will be no Parish School of Religion classes that evening.*



**A MEETING FOR ANYONE  
INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH  
FISH FRYS**  
will be held at  
**ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**AT 7:00 PM**

**BINGO BINGO**

**At Bandwagon Hall  
Lemay Ferry at Reavis Barracks**

**FRIDAYS**

**SUNDAYS**

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

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

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

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

## OUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

### AS 2024 BEGINS

Advent saw excellent cooperative participation from many of the folks from all the sectors of our Catholic community.

We pulled together in various ways to support area food banks and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul in their outreach to the poor, as well as the celebration of our organizational Christmas parties.

*In looking forward, here are some early 2024 dates for further socializing and collaboration.*

#### In January

**On Saturday, 27th** — A Cornhole Tournament from 6:30—11:00 PM at St. Martin's Runge Hall

#### In February

**On Saturday, 10th** — A Potluck / Game Night from 6:00—10:00 PM at St. Mark's Cafeteria

#### In March

**On Sunday, 17th** — St. Pat's Corned Beef Dinner from Noon—6:00 PM at St. Martin's Runge Hall

#### In April

**On Saturday, 20th** — Men's Club Bar-B-Que from 10:00 AM—6:00 PM St. Martin's Runge Hall

#### In May

**On Saturday, 25th** — A Potluck / Game Night from 6:00—10:00 PM at St. Mark's Cafeteria

*Regularly scheduled monthly gatherings include:*

**The Ladies Guild** gathers the third Wednesday from 7:00 —9:00 PM in St. Mark's Cafeteria

**The Men's Club** gathers the third Friday from 6:30—10:30 at St. Martin's Runge Hall

**The Men's Club** gathers the second Tuesday from 6:30—9:00 PM in St. Mark's classroom 112

**Knights of Columbus** gather first Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at St. Mark's First Sunday from 11:00 AM —1:00 PM at St. Matthias

*Please mark your calendar for these events!*

*Thank You*  
**For Visiting Us**



### Please SCAN to DONATE

- ⇒ Open camera on your phone
- ⇒ Hold camera up to QR code
  - ⇒ Tap the notification
  - ⇒ Make your donation

### LOST & FOUND

Have you lost your gloves or umbrella or Rosary, etc.?

Perhaps you left them in church; so, we suggest that you check out the lost and found containers in the Parish Church and sites.



### AVAILABLE - PRAYER SHAWLS

Crocheted and knitted shawls are made with the intention of offering prayer and comfort to the recipient.

If you wish to receive a blessed prayer shawl for yourself or another, please call Marion at 314.487.2207.



## IN 2024 PARTICIPATE IN OUR PUBLIC DEVOTIONS

- Tuesdays - **Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** after 8:00 AM Mass
- Thursdays - **Eucharistic Adoration** after 8:00 AM Mass until **Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** at 6:45 PM
- 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays - **Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** after 8:00 AM Mass; and, from 7:00 PM until after Midnight **Devotions to the Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary**
- Saturdays - **Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy** after 8:00 AM Mass

## THE CHOSEN VIEWING & DISCUSSION



Join others in viewing Season 3 of "The Chosen" and then discussion on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 PM at St. Martin of Tours Lower Level starting.

Starting on January 30 and going until March 12.

If you have any questions, please contact: Greg Hrbacek at 314.267.0448.

## SUBSCRIBE TO ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Stay up to date on important news about the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the universal Church.

Consider helping the parish with the cost of subscriptions (\$35 per year per household) with a special collection on January 20 and 21 using your envelope or online giving.



## Jesus and the Eucharist Small group study

Sundays in Lent, Beginning February 4th - March 24th

(NOT on February 11th)

St. Mark Cafeteria

Doors Open at 6:00 PM with Light Refreshments.

Study begins promptly at 6:30 PM and lasts until 8:30 PM.

Join in an amazing opportunity like never before  
to draw closer to Jesus and to each other!

You will be guided through the proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ and unfold God's saving work in the Eucharist.

Each lesson is drawn from audiovisual content created by the Augustine Institute.

### TO REGISTER FOR THE STUDY:

Sign up at the Eucharistic Revival Table located in the Cafeteria at St. Mark's Church

OR

Fill out the Registration Form at  
<https://forms.gle/nwULpHpagSuuLCkv9>

OR

Call Jill Soderquist at 314.302.7740

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