

**March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday**  
**Of Lent**  
**Laetare Sunday**

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**SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**CELEBRATIONS HOLY MASS**

**Monday—Friday 6:30 AM, 8 AM, & Noon**  
**& Wednesdays of Lent 6:30 PM**

**Saturday Morning 8 AM**

**All at St. Mark Church**

**Saturday Evening Vigil**  
**4 PM at St. Martin of Tours Church**

**610 West Ripa Avenue, 63125**

**& 5 PM at St. Mark Church**

**Sunday Morning**  
**7, 9 & 11 AM at St. Mark Church**

**& 10 AM at St. Martin of Tours Church**

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

- **One hour prior to each Vigil or Sunday Mass until the three quarter hour**
- **Wednesdays following the 6:30 PM Mass until all are heard at St. Mark Church**
- **Tuesday, March 26 from 7 PM until all are heard at St. Martin Church**

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS**

**May be scheduled at St. Mark, St. Martin,**  
**St. Andrew, St. Bernadette, or St. Matthias**  
**Churches by calling the Pastoral Office.**



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

### Monday, March 11

6:30 Bob<sup>+</sup> & Sandy<sup>+</sup> Soroka  
8:00 Raymond Ross<sup>+</sup>  
Noon George & Rita Betker

### Tuesday, March 12

6:30 Galloway / Mueller Family  
8:00 Ray & Marie Austermann  
Noon Dorothy Fegiel<sup>+</sup>

### Wednesday, March 13

6:30 Judy Jennewein  
8:00 Raymond Ross<sup>+</sup>  
Noon Mirell Galloway  
6:30<sup>PM</sup> Aline Lueke<sup>+</sup> & Andy Beveridge,<sup>+</sup>  
& Family

### Thursday, March 14

6:30 Roxanne Astroth<sup>+</sup>  
8:00 Eugene & Sybil Morelli  
Noon Rev. Richard R. Schilli<sup>+</sup>

### Friday, March 15

*A Day of Abstinence*

6:30 Steven Hrdlicka  
8:00 Morelli / Sims Family  
Noon Margaret Baumgartner

### Saturday, March 16

8:00 Ron Imperial<sup>+</sup> (Quange Tri '67)  
4:00<sup>PM</sup> Neoma Daake  
5:00<sup>PM</sup> Gerald Guillot, Sr.<sup>+</sup> at St. Martin

### Sunday, March 17

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

7:00 People of the Parish  
9:00 Vince Manning<sup>+</sup>  
10:00 Rev. Richard R. Schilli<sup>+</sup>  
11:00 Wil Kroener<sup>+</sup> at St. Martin



### TODAY'S READINGS - MARCH 10

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord  
are revealed in the exile  
and liberation of his people.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

Though dead in your transgressions,  
by grace you have been saved.

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that the world  
might be saved through him.

### READINGS FOR MARCH 11 - 17

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30  
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47  
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33



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

**Raymond Ross & Oliver Russell Kube**

*May he and All the Faithful Departed  
through the Mercy of God rest in peace.*

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

**Sr. M. Christina Hasler, FSGM,  
Mary Feltmann, Michael Saputo,  
John Austermann, Jr., & Pat Enger**

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

**PRAYER HOTLINE:** This ministry prays for the  
"special needs" and emergency needs of parishioners  
or their loved ones.

To be included in this prayer or to pray for others,  
contact Jean Malone at 314.544.3572.

## THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It has been pointed out to me that I did not explain why it was decided to hold the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Week Triduum at St. Martin's Church and for this oversight I offer my apology.

Before our August arrival the three priests met and decided that whenever possible we would try to consolidate our worship in one site or another to better familiarize everyone with all of our worship sites.

St. Mark was chosen as the site for all weekday Masses, the multiple Masses on Holy Days of Obligation and Civil Holidays, as well as our all regular public devotions (*Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers/Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament/Sacred Heart Prayers*).

**In Lent** we chose St. Martin for the Stations of the Cross--due to the beautiful stations there, and the perennial problem of parking for Fish Frys at St. Mark (*not an issue at St. Martin*).

**For the Holy Triduum** St. Martin was chosen--due to the singular nature of these liturgies (*they occur once a year*), the larger worship space (*allowing for more attendance*), ample parking, and a more central location than St. Mark for members of all five former communities.

It is quite clear that the communities of Saints Andrew, Matthias, Bernadette, and Martin have made substantial sacrifices in these past months.

The impact on St. Mark has not been as serious—so these sacrifices during Lent do not seem unreasonable.

I hope all five of our former communities will continue to come together not just in our weekly liturgies and in social events, but especially for Holy Week's highest Holy Days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If there are any further questions about these decisions I would be happy to speak personally about this with you.

I pray that the remaining days of Lent prove to be a time of sacrifice and blessing for all of us.

Fr. Bob Burkemper



### Monday, March 11

- *Parish School of Religion*  
6:30 PM in St. Mark's School

### Tuesday, March 12

- *March 24 (Palm Sunday) Bulletin Items*, due to [csanders@stmarkstl.com](mailto:csanders@stmarkstl.com) by 8 AM
- *Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion* after 8 AM Mass
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry*  
9 AM in Pastoral Office
- *Quilters*, 1 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 113
- *"The Chosen" Group*  
6:30 PM in St. Martin's Runge Hall
- *Men's Club*  
6:30 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 112

### Wednesday, March 13

- *Bible Study*, 9 AM in St. Mark's Rm. 101
- *Cards*, 12:30 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 114
- *Quilters*, 1 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 113

### Thursday, March 14

- *Eucharistic Adoration* after 8 AM Mass to 6:45 PM Benediction in church
- *Mass Choir Practice*  
6:30 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 101
- *Legion of Mary*  
7:15 PM in St. Mark's Rm. 112

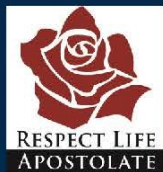
### Friday, March 15

- **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall, 3:30 PM doors open, 6:30 PM games begin
- *Fish Fry*  
4-7 PM in St. Mark's Parish Center
- *Men's Night Out*  
6:30 PM in St. Martin's Runge Hall.
- *Stations of the Cross*  
7 PM at St. Martin's church
- *Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)*  
7:30 PM at St. Andrew

### Sunday, March 17

- *St. Patrick's Day Dinner*  
11 AM - 5 PM in St. Martin's Runge Hall
- **BINGO** at Bandwagon Hall, 2:30 PM doors open, 5:30 PM games begin
- *Jesus & The Eucharist Study Group*  
6 PM in St. Mark's Cafeteria





# 5 Things You Can Do *Right Now* to Save the Preborn & Protect Missouri

With the June 24, 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson decision, Missouri became the first state in the nation to restore legal protections that save the preborn and protect women. Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates are committed to keeping these safeguards in place by telling the general public the truth about the harm the passage of any pro-abortion ballot initiative petition would do in Missouri.



Here are 5 things you can do *right now* to help:

## 1. Pray

Be bold and confident in asking our Good Lord's help in stopping these pro-abortion initiative petitions. Pray and invite others to pray to help save babies and protect moms.

- Ask your pastor to start a regular Rosary for Life and Holy Hour!
- Join in the Archdiocesan 90 Prayer Days for Life: [bit.ly/90DaysForLife-2024](https://bit.ly/90DaysForLife-2024)

## 2. Walk with Moms

Support moms in your parish and community, especially those facing an unexpected pregnancy. You can partner with your local pregnancy resource center to help walk with them. Go to [walkingwithmomsstl.com](https://walkingwithmomsstl.com)



## 3. Decline to Sign

Now that the ballot language has been certified, pro-abortion supporters can collect signatures. DO NOT SIGN any petition to insert abortion into our state constitution on the fall 2024 ballot. Educate others and encourage them to do the same.

## 4. Promote Voter Registration

Encourage young people and other new voters to register. Help at a registration drive in your community or ask your pastor if you can organize one at your parish (per the Secretary of State's guidelines).

## 5. Help Those Wounded by Abortion

Encourage those affected by abortion to reach out for compassionate help, hope, and healing at [archstl.org/hope-healing](https://archstl.org/hope-healing)



For additional resources about the Missouri Ballot Initiative, contact:  
**Respect Life Apostolate - Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
[prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) — [STLRespectLife.org](https://STLRespectLife.org)



# Called to Serve 2024

For all those who are interested in beginning or continuing as Liturgical Ministers, and have yet to attend a brief session on instructions for the common practice, the following sessions remain:

## After Masses

### —this Weekend of March 9 & 10:

- Fr. Allen will gather with **Lectors at St. Martin.**
- Fr. Bob will gather with **Eucharistic Ministers at St Mark.**

### —next Weekend of March 16 & 17:

- Fr. Allen will gather with **Lectors at St. Mark.**
- Fr. Bob will gather with **Eucharistic Ministers at St Martin.**



## **LADIES GUILD ANNUAL SALAD SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM ST. MARK'S PARISH CENTER | GYM**

Please note the time and location change.

Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with members.

Following supper a brief prayer service will be held in church after which the evening will conclude with dessert.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, you can sign up and pay (cost \$20) for the **Communion Breakfast at Andre's (Telegraph Road) on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM Mass.**

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



**St. Mark's  
Thursdays after 8:00 AM Mass  
until Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament at 6:45 PM**



## **BABY SHOWER APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE & AFTER ALL MASSES AT ST. MARK & ST. MARTIN**

Donated items to benefit Birthright and Our Lady's Inn.

Wish List items include: Diapers, pull ups, wipes, baby soap and shampoos, powder, bibs, sleepers, socks, crib sheets, blankets, toys and books.

Items are also needed for toddlers and older children.

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of  
the DeSmet Council 742  
Knights of Columbus.

For more information about the Baby  
Shower or the Ladies Auxiliary,  
please contact Sue Morton by email:  
[sumrtn@aol.com](mailto:sumrtn@aol.com).





## THE TRADITIONAL PILLARS OF LENT:

### PRAYER, PENANCE, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

As we begin our Lenten pilgrimage to the great festival of the Paschal Mystery fulfilled for us by Jesus these are the communal opportunities of grace provided for us.

#### PRAYER

**Daily Masses** — Monday thru Friday Holy Mass is celebrated at **6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & Noon each day** and on **Saturday at 8:00 AM**.

In addition on each of the **Wednesdays of Lent** an evening celebration of Holy Mass will be available at **6:30 PM**.

**Usual Weekday Devotions**, Tuesday **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion & First Friday Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart** will continue at St. Mark.

**Thursdays** — Public **Adoration of Jesus** in the **Most Blessed Sacrament** will be held in St. Mark's Church from **9:00 AM to 7:00 PM**.

**Fridays** — Seven different settings for the **Stations of the Cross** will be offered in **St. Martin's Church at 7:00 PM**.

**Saturdays** — Beginning February 17 the **Vigil of Sunday** will be celebrated at **St. Martin's at 4:00 PM & at St. Mark's at 5:00 PM**.

**Sundays** — Holy Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM at St. Mark & at 10:00 AM at St. Martin**.

#### PENANCE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on **Saturday afternoons one hour prior to each celebration of Holy Mass until the three-quarter hour** at each site.

Confessions will also be heard at St. Mark's after the **Wednesday evening Mass at 6:30 PM until all are heard**.

A **Penance Service at St. Martin's Church** with multiple confessors will be offered on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 26 from 7:00 PM until all penitents are heard**.

#### FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence for Catholics in good health from the ages 18 to 59.

Fasting consists in eating only one meal with two smaller meals.

All Catholics from the age 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

#### ALMSGIVING

The savings which result from our Fasting and Abstinence could be donated to support the hungry in our area through our local St. Vincent de Paul Societies, Affton Christian Food Pantry, Feed My People Ministry or some other outreach to those in need.

We also are encouraged to participate in the **40 Cans for Lent Program** which will collect food for the poor at both St. Mark & St. Martin Churches.

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#### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday**, March 28 at 7 PM

**Good Friday**, March 29 at 7 PM

**Holy Saturday**, March 30 at 8 PM

*All will be celebrated in St. Martin Church.*

**EASTER SUNDAY**, March 31  
7, 9, and 11 AM in *St. Mark Church*  
10 AM in *St. Martin Church*

# FISH FRY



**Every Friday  
during Lent!**

**March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
4 - 7 pm**

**Carry-outs available!**

**CASH  
& CREDIT  
ACCEPTED!**

**FULL MEAL:** 4 fried or 2 baked cod **or** 2 jack salmon **or**  
8 shrimp **with** 2 hushpuppies, 2 sides and dessert

**FULL COMBO:** 4 shrimp & 2 fried or 1 baked cod **or** 4 shrimp  
& 1 jack salmon **with** 2 hushpuppies, 2 sides  
and dessert

**1/2 MEAL:** 2 fried or 1 baked cod **or** 4 shrimp **or** grilled  
cheese sandwich **with** 1 hushpuppy, 2 sides and  
dessert

*All dine-in meals include a drink!*

## - MENU -

**MAIN:** hand-breaded fried cod, baked cod,  
jack salmon, shrimp

**SIDES:** slaw, french fries, green beans, spaghetti,  
macaroni & cheese

**EXTRAS:** 3 hushpuppies for 50¢, grilled cheese sandwich for \$2

**DRINKS:** coffee & iced tea  
(soda, beer & bottled water sold separately)

## NEEDED

### HOMEMADE DESSERTS

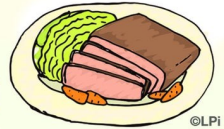
Each Thursday & Friday drop off your desserts  
at St. Mark's Cafeteria

### VOLUNTEERS

*Especially for Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>).*  
Call Steve at 636.346.9269.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

ALL YOU CAN EAT



**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**11 AM - 5 PM**

**ST. MARTIN'S RUNGE HALL**

610 West Ripa Ave. @ Telegraph Rd. 63125

**Adults: \$16 in advance & \$19 at the door.**

**Children (13 & under): \$9.**

**Dinner & Raffle Tickets on sale after all  
Masses this weekend OR at the Door**

**Dinner is corned beef (or ham), cabbage,  
Irish potatoes, & carrots.**

Hot dogs, ham sandwiches, & corned beef  
sandwiches are available.

**Desserts included with a dinner.**

*For more information call:*

*Kevin - 314.541.8840 or Apollo - 314.486.4399.*



## BOOK FAIR

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

**ST. MATTHIAS'S GYM**

## BOOK FAIR NEEDS

**Books, CDs, DVDs, records,  
cardboard boxes, & volunteers**

**Drop Off items at St. Matthias's Gym:**

**Monday - Friday: 9AM - 4PM**

**& Tuesday: 5 - 7PM**

For any questions or to sign-up to volunteer  
(no experience needed), please phone  
Pat Meyer at 314.440.8622 or  
Lynn Sibley at 314.517.3157.