

**PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS & SAINT MARK
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 11 - 12, 2025**

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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday
6:30 AM at St. Martin
8:00 AM at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Morning 8:00 AM
at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Evening Vigils
4:00 PM at St. Martin
5:00 PM at St. Mark

Sunday Morning
7:00, 9:00 (livestream) & 11:00 AM
at St. Mark
10:00 AM at St. Martin

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS

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

CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to each Vigil or
Sunday Mass beginning at the quarter hour.



Saturday, October 11

4:00PM @ St. Martin Ray & Marie Austermann+
 5:00PM @ St. Mark Ray (Sr.) + & LaVerne
 Mueller

Sunday, October 12 *28th Ordinal Sunday*

7:00 @ St. Mark Rick & Anna Stahlschmidt
 9:00 @ St. Mark George & Celeste Ottoline+
 10:00 @ St. Martin Raymond Austermann, Jr.+
 11:00 @ St. Mark People of the Parishes

Monday, October 13

6:30 @ St. Martin No requested intention
 8:00 @ St. Mark Leonard Griggs, Jr.+

Tuesday, October 14

6:30 @ St. Martin No requested intention
 8:00 @ St. Mark Pat McBryan

Wednesday, October 15 *St. Teresa of Avila*

6:30 @ St. Martin Donna Stockclausen+
 8:00 @ St. Mark Nowak Family

Thursday, October 16

6:30 @ St. Martin No requested intention
 8:00 @ St. Mark Schranz Family

Friday, October 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

6:30 @ St. Martin Dolores Unwin+
 8:00 @ St. Mark Larry Waugh+

Saturday, October 18 *St. Luke*

8:00 @ St. Mark Helen Eckhard
 4:00PM @ St. Martin Helen Capkovic
 5:00PM @ St. Mark T. Martin Vollmer, MD+

Sunday, October 19 *29th Ordinal Sunday*

7:00 @ St. Mark People of the Parishes
 9:00 @ St. Mark Richard David Slusser, Sr+
 & Grace Sharon Ventimiglia
 10:00 @ St. Martin Kwiatkowski Family
 11:00 @ St. Mark No requested intention

**28TH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

2 Kings 5:14-17

Upon being cleansed the Syrian general said,
 “Now I know
 that there is no God in all the earth,
 except in Israel.”

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Paul wrote to Timothy,
 “I now suffer, even to the point of chains.
 . . . But the Word of God is not chained.”

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus said,
 “Ten were cleansed,
 where are the other nine?”

**OUR DAILY READINGS
 FOR THIS WEEK OCTOBER 13 - 19**

- Monday: **Romans 1:1-7**
Luke 11:29-32
- Tuesday: **Romans 1:16-25**
Luke 11:37-41
- Wednesday: **Romans 2:1-11**
Luke 11:42-46
- Thursday: **Romans 3:21-30**
Luke 11:47-54
- Friday: **Romans 4:1-8**
Luke 12:1-7
- Saturday: **2 Timothy 4:10-17**
Luke 10:1-9
- Sunday: **Exodus 17:8-13**
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Today its timely to reflect on the character from today's Old Testament Reading — Naaman the Syrian.

To find the entire story you have to read all of Chapter 5 from the Second Book of Kings.

Naaman was the most valiant and respected of all the Aramean generals, and benefited from the esteem and respect of his King — but he was a leper.

Through a simple *Israelite servant girl* he was given hope of healing at the hands of a Hebrew prophet Elisha.

With pomp and circumstance he arrived at the man of God's house with gifts and a host of expectations and was disappointed when the prophet merely sent *his servant* to him with instructions to wash seven times in the Jordan River and his affliction would be gone.

Naaman expected that his reputation and dignity deserved more flash than seven baths in a foreign river.

Luckily *his servants* interceded and convinced the great man to let go of his pride and follow God's directions if he was to receive the benefit for which he had come.

Is it much different for us when we are asked to recognize how God uses *simple folk* in our lives to prompt us to do what God asks to change our world?

Too often we let our expectations and pride get in the way of seeing how things could change if we followed God's inspirations & directions immediately, rather than hemming and hawing over our own excuses to leave things as they are because He doesn't live up to our expectations.

Don't we all need to attend to God more than our own gameplan to be surprised by the result that can so change us that so we can go on our way in peace?



Monday, October 13

- **Exercise Class** 9:00AM St. Mark Rm 112

Tuesday, October 14

- **Devotions to the Mother of Perpetual Help**
After 6:30AM & 8:00AM Mass
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
9:00AM Pastoral Office
- **Quilting** 9:00AM St. Mark Rm 113
- **Quilting** 10:00AM St. Martin Runge Hall
- **Scripture Study** 1:00PM & again at 7:00PM
Pastoral Office

Wednesday, October 15

- **Quilting** 9:00AM St. Mark Rm 113
- **Bible Study** 9:00AM St. Mark Rm 110
- **Cards** 12:15PM St. Mark Rm 114
- **Christ's Journeymen** 7PM St. Mark
- **Ladies Guild** 7PM St. Mark Cafeteria

Thursday, October 16

- **Eucharistic Adoration**
After 8:00AM Mass until 6:45PM Benediction
- **Exercise Class** 9:00AM St. Mark Rm 112
- **Quilting** 10:00AM St. Martin Runge Hall
- **Choir Practice** 6:30PM St. Mark Rm 101
- **Generational Healing Night** 7PM
St. Mark Cafeteria
- **Legion of Mary** 7:15PM St. Mark Rm 115

Friday, October 17

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** 7:30PM
St. Andrew School (*Hoffmeister Entrance*)

Sunday, October 19



Bandwagon Hall
2:30PM Doors Open
5:30PM Games Begin
(**Volunteer Team 3**)

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER**



All the Faithful Departed,
especially:

George Schwoerer

*May they find eternal rest in the light of
Christ's Resurrection.*

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All the Sick,
especially:

Our parishioners & family members

*May they experience
the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.*

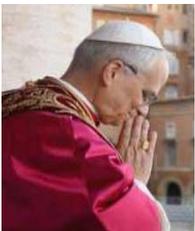
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All who mourn

*May they find consolation in the light
of Christ's Saving Resurrection.*

POPE LEO'S OCTOBER INTENTION

FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS



“Let us pray that believers
in different religious traditions
might work together
to defend and promote
peace, justice,
and human fraternity. “

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Saints for centuries have
found consolation and peace
by joining their prayerful
meditation on the Mysteries
of Faith to the power of Our
Blessed Mother's Rosary.

Consider joining them!



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Celebrate *Life* Mass



JOIN US SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

**Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
10 to 11:30 AM**

Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski of St. Louis in prayer and witness to the dignity of human life at this special Mass next **Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m** in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (4431 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108).

Catholics and other pro-life advocates will ask God to restore a Culture of Life in Missouri, end abortion throughout our nation, honor those lost to abortion, and pray for those wounded and in need of healing.

Holy Mass will be followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary and a reception in Boland Hall.

For more information contact
prolife@archstl.org or 314.792.7555.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Do you have a loved one who is seriously ill

Contact our staff at the Pastoral Office
so these intentions can be included
in the Sunday Bulletin to elicit
the prayer of the entire Faith Community.

Their names can published here
for four consecutive weeks.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

As many in our society commemorate October 13th only as “Columbus Day”, but our Catholic Bishops remind us that it is also the commemoration of our Native American Communities and their cultures.

A PRAYER FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

CREATOR OF ALL,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE LAND, THE WATERS, AND THE SKIES,
FOR THE WISDOM AND TRADITIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
WHO HAVE STEWARDED THEM FOR GENERATIONS.
GRANT US HEARTS OF RESPECT AND REVERENCE,
TO LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO HAVE WALKED
THIS EARTH BEFORE US,
AND TO CARE FOR YOUR CREATION WITH JUSTICE, HUMILITY,
AND LOVE.
GUIDE US IN HEALING THE WOUNDS OF HISTORY,
AND INSPIRE US TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER
AND WITH THE WORLD YOU HAVE MADE.
IN YOUR NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN.



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HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING THE NEWS?

The pastoral office has been sending notices of parish funerals and other news via email.

If you would like to receive these, please email us and we'll add you to the list.

Likewise, if you would prefer **not** to receive these notices, we can easily remove you from this list.

Upcoming funerals can be found on the [My Parish App](#).



K of C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND!

DeSmet Council Knights of Columbus will hold their annual drive to benefit Persons with Developmental Disabilities October 18th & 19th following all Masses at both St. Mark and St. Martin of Tours.

Your donations would be appreciated!



AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Please, help fill the Pantry shelves to provide for our neighbors in need!

You may deposit donations in the black bins in St. Mark's cafeteria, cry room, or vestibule.

The items needed include:

Canned Corn or Mixed Vegetables
Ramen Noodles Hamburger Helper
Canned Soups Noodle & Rice Mixes
Rice Mixes Canned Fruit
Baking Items Toothpaste & Toilet Paper

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

This study encourages helps participants better understand the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with texts provided.

We meet Tuesdays at **1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**
in the Pastoral Office.

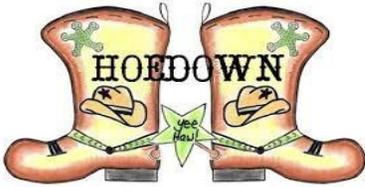
This Tuesday's texts are
Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8



Meeting and Entertainment!

On Wednesday, October 15th
In St. Mark Cafeteria

We're having a Country Hoedown!



Enjoy the evening with music,
dancing and games.

There will be a "Country Hoedown
Costume Contest" so wear your best!

Country music by the Ukelele Club



**Reservations for
the Guild Christmas Party
will be accepted at this meeting.**

The Party will be held on
December 10th at Andres
\$25.00 per person.

For more information please call
Jan: 314-892-6933.

FASHION & LUNCH



You are cordially invited to attend
**DeSmet Council Ladies Auxiliary
Holiday Fashion Show and Luncheon**

On Saturday, November 1st, 2025
At St. Mark's Parish Center

Doors open at Noon
Luncheon Served at 12:30 PM

Adult ticket: \$20.00
Child ticket \$10.00

Proceeds benefit our religious vocations

There will be raffles, baskets and
attendance prizes!

PLEASE RSVP by OCTOBER 18

To Pam Stehr at 314-892-6631
or Lynn Sibley at 314-517-3157

SALT & LIGHT

A Catholic Young Adults Ministry welcomes
Single or married adults ages 18-39!

Go to their website for a schedule of events,
locations & times:

styoungadults.com

October signature events include:

A Mass & Hike with Fr. Samson

Country Dancing

Praying with Padre

Cor Unum Homeless Outreach

A Men's Night

& A Women's Night

**"You are the salt of the earth... You are the
light of the world. A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden."**

(Mt 5:13-14)

CURRENT PROPERTY ISSUES OF THE PARISHES

FOR SAINT MARK PARISH: “STILL TOO MANY BUILDINGS, BUT THERE ARE RESOURCES”

St. Andrew’s Site: *Leases, Security & HVAC Replacement*

The two schools on this site are currently leased to **SHARE & Off the Page** as learning Centers. The former convent, rectory and gym are also leased.

This past week saw yet another act of vandalism — the aluminum footing of the Church’s access ramp was stolen just as insurance is about to replace previously stolen AC units.

St. Bernadette’s Site: *Sale of the Property (but not the Church)*

As of September 30th, while we retained the Church, the **Air National Guard** finally closed on the purchase of the rest of the former parish property, providing St. Mark a modicum of future financial stability.

Any sale of St. Bernadette’s Church to the Air National Guard involves a formal canonical process which would allow its secular (*profane but not sordid*) use, which will require the aid of Canon Lawyers, as well as approval from the Archbishop and Archdiocesan Priests’ Council.

St. Matthias’ Site: *Lease & Sinkhole*

The former parish property continues to be leased by **Providence Christian Academy**.

The sale of this property to the Academy hinges on the same process described above, requiring a formal canonical declaration allowing the use of its Church for secular (*profane but not sordid*) use, since the building is attached to the School.

Another sinkhole from the underground drainage system has developed and is being addressed.

St. Mark’s Site: *Leases, Trees & Security*

The school is leased to **Redwood Classical Academy**, while the gym & athletic fields are leased to various other athletic teams (Sts. Margaret Mary, St. Francis, St. Stephen etc.).

Several dying trees in front of the school and the school garden will be removed this Fall.

Because of the increase of vandalism in the area, an improved exterior security system is also in preparation.

FOR SAINT MARTIN PARISH: “TOO MANY COSTLY REPAIRS & A LACK OF RESOURCES”

Saint Martin of Tours Site: *Lease & Capital Campaign Prevention Fund (CCP)*

The school continues to be leased to St. John Paul II Academy.

The scope of repairs to the parish plant (roofing, guttering, interior plaster work, & painting) have long been neglected, causing concern to staff & parishioners.

The extensive nature of the damage threatening to structurally compromise all our buildings will require a long term multi-phased response with extraordinary Parishioner support, continued aid from Bingo, & Archdiocesan Grants.

Phase One must address *the roof of the Church & connected Rectory* — as of last Monday October 6th we have \$ 247,516 of the \$ 282,000 needed to begin work.

Phase Two will address *the roof of the School* building with an estimated cost of \$ 206,242.

Phase Three will require interior repairs to *plaster damage* beginning with the Church.

Should this strategy utilizing funds from the *CCP Fund, Archdiocesan Emergency & Parish Viability Grants, and ongoing proceeds given to the parish by Bingo* fail to make it possible to complete these repairs in a timely fashion, sale of the unused former convent and athletic fields for development may be required.

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