

PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARK & SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 29 – 30, 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, Nov. 29

4:00pm **St. Martin** Health & Healing
5:00pm **St. Mark** Audrey & Jack Dames †

Sunday, Nov. 30

1st Sunday of Advent

7:00am **St. Mark** Richard Block †
9:00am **St. Mark** Shirley Orr Family
10:00am **St. Martin** Sharon Haake
11:00am **St. Mark** Marty Michalski †

Monday, Dec. 1

6:30am **St. Martin** Kathy Feager †
8:00am **St. Mark** Margaret Brillhart †

Tuesday, Dec. 2

6:30am **St. Martin** Carol Reininger †
8:00am **St. Mark** Ted & Marie Nowak †

Wednesday, Dec. 3

St. Francis Xavier

6:30am **St. Martin** Audrey Smith †, Mallory
Carter †, Andrew Marzucio †
8:00am **St. Mark** Nowak Family

Thursday, Dec. 4

6:30am **St. Martin** Carol Martin †
8:00am **Sr. Mark** Jim Rooney †

Friday, Dec. 5

6:30am **St. Martin** Eddie R. Jones, Sr. †
8:00am **St. Mark** Souls in Purgatory †

Saturday, Dec. 6

8:00am **St. Mark** Worcester, MA FD 6 LODD
4:00pm **St. Martin** Neoma Daake †
5:00pm **St. Mark** Nick Augsburger

Sunday, Dec. 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00am **St. Mark** MaryAnn Bleile †
9:00am **St. Mark** George Schwoerer †
10:00am **St. Martin** Jack P. †
11:00am **St. Mark** People of the Parishes

Psalm 19
His Words are Spirit & Life.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

“O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!”

Romans 13:11-14

“You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”

Matthew 24:37-44

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, The Son of Man will come.”

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK DECEMBER 1 - 7

Monday: **Isaiah 4:2-6**
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: **Isaiah 11:1-10**
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: **Isaiah 25:6-10a**
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: **Isaiah 26:1-6**
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: **Isaiah 29:17-24**
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: **Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26**
Matthew 9:35 - 10:1 - 8

Sunday: **Isaiah 11:1-10**
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

FROM FATHER ALLEN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Today we celebrate the beginning of a new church year with its first season and the first Sunday of Advent. At Mass we change our colors, our readings, and our focus.

The colors of vestments change from Ordinary Time's green to Advent's purple and rose – now representing the themes of penance, preparation, expectation, and then joy, respectively.

Old Testament readings recall God's prophecies to His people about the coming Messiah, and New Testament Letters of Paul and the Gospels remind us of how we are to prepare ourselves for His coming.

The focus is on God's three-fold coming into the world – in the past at Jesus' birth, in the future at the final judgment, and in the present through the Scriptures and the Holy Eucharist.

The wreath is probably the most well-recognized symbol of Advent. The foliage reminds us of hope because, when everything else in nature has gone brown – death, this is still green – life! The circle reminds us of God's unending love despite our continued sinfulness. And the lighting of each of the four candles, three purple and one rose, designates each Sunday of the season and the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

May your New Church Year and this Advent Season be one of peace and joy amidst a world that is so in need of God's love. And may you help to bring that love to those around you as you prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

Father Allen Boedeker



Monday, Dec 1

Exercise Class 9:00am St. Mark 112
Auxiliary Christmas Party, 12pm, Caruso's

Tuesday, Dec 2

Devotions to the Mother of Perpetual Help After 6:30 & 8:00am Mass

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00am Pastoral Office

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Quilting 10:00am St. Martin Runge

Scripture Study 1pm & 7pm Pastoral Office

Wednesday, Dec 3

Bible Study 9:00am St. Mark Rm. 101

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

CSC Christmas Party noon The Christy

Cards 12:15pm St. Mark Rm 114

Christ's Journeymen 7:00pm St Mark Rm 112

KOC 7:00pm St Mark Rm 114

Thursday, Dec 4

Eucharistic Adoration After 8:00am Mass until 6:45pm Benediction

Exercise Class 9:00am St Mark Rm 112

Quilting 10:00am St Martin Runge

Advent Service 6:30pm St Mark Church

Choir Practice 6:30pm St Mark Rm 101

Legion of Mary 7:15pm St Mark Rm 115

Friday, Dec 5

Sacred Heart Devotion After 6:30am & 8:00am Mass

Devotion to Two Hearts 7:00pm - 2:00am St Mark Church

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30PM St. Andrew Hoffmeister Ent.

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 6-7

Auxiliary cookie sale Before & after all Masses

Sunday, Dec 7

Bingo Bandwagon Hall 2:30PM doors open/5:30pm games begin (Volunteer Team 1)

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER**



All the Faithful Departed,

Especially
Renee Gruska

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



All the Sick,

Especially
**Joe Ziegler, Bob Bernhard,
Marge Fedke & Dorothy Brahm**

and all our parishioners and family members
who are in need of our prayers.

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



For the Peace of Christ

*In our hearts, in our homes, in our cities,
all brothers and sisters around the world,
may peace arise.*



***For Pope Leo's special intention
for December***

*"Let us pray that Christians living in areas
of war or conflict, especially in the Middle
East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation,
and hope."*



For All Our Parishioners

May this Advent Season be a time
of drawing ever closer to Jesus,
Emmanuel,
God with us!



PRAYER HOTLINE

The members of this ministry pray for the
special intentions of our parishioners and
their loved ones.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

To have prayer intentions listed in the
Pastoral Bulletin for parishioners who have
recently died or who are currently ill please
contact our Pastoral Office.

The names of the sick will be published for
four consecutive weeks.



**G O D ' S W O R D
P R O C L A I M E D
S C R I P T U R E S T U D Y**

This study, led by our pastor, Fr. Burkemper,
fosters a better understanding of the context
and practical application of the Sunday
Scriptures.

We gather each week in the Pastoral Office
(4200 Ripa Avenue) on **Tuesday afternoon**
at 1:00PM & again in the evening at 7:00PM.

All are welcome!

This Tuesday's texts will be:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

If you have been thinking to join this group,
now is a great time to begin coming to the
Scripture Study as we begin a new liturgical
year.

THE FEAST OF ST ANDREW SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Because the Advent Sundays take precedence over all other feasts, we are not able to celebrate this parish patronal feast in the usual way by having just one Mass at the church site.

The Masses this weekend will follow the normal Sunday schedule and be in the usual church locations of St. Mark and St. Martin of Tours.

On this feast day let us all ask St. Andrew for his prayers of intercession for blessings on our parish communities as well as on all of our own special intentions.



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

MEALS PROGRAM



TEAM 4

WILL COOK, BAKE AND/OR SERVE

ON DECEMBER 14

Cooks: Next weekend please pick up your mostaccioli containers found in the St. Mark Cafeteria.

If you have any questions, please call Pat at 314-631-1118

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Adoration by Candlelight

St. Mark Church, Dec. 4th, 6:30-8 PM

Prepare for the Coming of the King with a Holy Hour spent in Adoration.

Inspirational music begins at 6:30 PM.

At 7:00 PM we will have opening prayer followed by a scripture reading, a reflection, and time spent with Jesus in a darkened church lit with candles. Sure to be quality time amidst the bustle of Christmas preparations.

A reception with light snacks will be offered at the conclusion.

ASSIST OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

The St. Martin of Tours Pantry will be giving out food baskets to those in need for Christmas.

Needed items for baskets:

Canned vegetables
Canned meats (stew, chicken and dumplings, chili, etc.)
Soups
Pancake syrup
Animal crackers
Paper towels, dish soap, laundry
Detergent, cleaning supplies
Toiletries

You can make a difference!

Thank you for your generosity!





**The Ladies Auxiliary of DeSmet
Council 742 Knights of Columbus**

**Will be hosting a Christmas Cookie
Bake Sale**

The weekend of December 6th & 7th

Before and after Masses at both
St. Mark and St. Martin of Tours

**Proceeds will benefit
St. Vincent de Paul & other Charities.**

If you would like to donate cookies, please
bring them to St. Mark's cafeteria at
10:30am on Saturday, December 6th.

**Contact Lynn Sibley
314-517-3157
or
Joyce Holmes
314-607-4160
if you have any
questions.**



There are some
good online sites
with programs
and articles to
help us grow
during this

Advent Season. Here is one:

FORMED.org Click on "For Parishes" & if
you are already signed up it will open
automatically for you to choose what you
want to watch. If you have not yet signed up
then enter St. Martin of Tours & zip code
63125 along with your name and email
address. "How to Advent" offers several
short episodes for reflection.



**ST. MARTIN'S
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
PREVENTION FUND**

***"Don't be frightened by of the size of the task.
Be strong and courageous and get to work
for the Lord My God is with You"***

I Chronicles 28:20

**CONGRATULATIONS!
PHASE ONE IS A SUCCESS**

After just ten weeks of seeking to fund
\$ 47,105 for the replacement of St. Martin's
Church and Rectory Roofs, Phase One is
completed **WITH an additional \$2,293 for
Phase Two.**

Phase Two is the replacement of the roof of
St. Martin's School, with an estimated cost
of \$ 206,242.

**Total Funds Needed
For Phase Two**

**Total Funds Raised
as of November 17**

=

*Proceeds exceeding
the amount needed
for Phase One*
\$ 2,293

=

*From Donations to
the CCPF*
\$ 1,352

\$ 206,242

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\$3,645

**WHAT IS STILL
NEEDED FROM CCPF
FOR PHASE TWO**

\$ 202,597

Thank you for your generosity!

We are on the road to success
for this project!



OUR PARISH GIVING TREES ARE UP!

The Advent Giving Tree Program helps families in need at Christmas time through the sponsorship of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at both St. Mark and St. Martin.

The Trees will be up at each church until December 6th.

Paper ornaments with a description of the type of gift card will decorate the trees.

Take an ornament and **return it with the gift card, by Monday, December 8,** placing them in the box or basket next to the tree.

Please join in this wonderful Advent tradition to help make the Christmas holiday a time of blessing for our neighbors in need.



Catholic Seniors Club 2025 Christmas Party

Dec. 3, 2025 at "The Christy"

5856 Christy Blvd, 63116

Members: \$20 Non-Members \$25

Noon to 2:30 (doors open at 11)

Music by Harmony Guitars

For Ticket info call: Debbie 314-894-1940



CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10

Andre's Banquet Center

Doors open at 5:30pm.

Dinner at 6:00pm.

Entertainment - Lindbergh Fiddlers

\$20 for paid members by Dec. 1st

\$25 for Non-members & Friends

For questions contact

Joyce Williams at 573-776-3377

SMT MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19

At Andre's Banquet Hall

From 6:00 - 11:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00 in advanced,
\$40.00 after December 14.

Tickets will be on sale at both churches the weekend of December 6/7 & 13/14, & on Tuesday, December 9 and 16 at Dubowl Lanes.

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