

PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS & SAINT MARK
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 21, 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, Dec. 20

4:00pm **St. Martin** Jack P †
5:00pm **St. Mark** People of the Parishes

Sunday, Dec. 21 *4th Sunday of Advent*

7:00am **St. Mark** Ramon Madrigal †
9:00am **St. Mark** George & Celeste Ottoline †
10:00am **St. Martin** Jack P †
11:00am **St. Mark** Herb Meyer †

Monday, Dec. 22

6:30am **St. Martin** Sean Verbeck †
8:00am **St. Mark** Ray & Marie Austermann †

Tuesday, Dec. 23

6:30am **St. Martin** Peggy Vonderhaar †
8:00am **St. Mark** Patricia Swaboda †

Wednesday, Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve*

6:30am **St. Martin** Karen Cole
8:00am **St. Mark** Sharon Bush
4:00pm **St. Martin** People of the Parishes
4:00pm **St. Mark** Joyce Taylor & Markiewicz Family †
10:00pm **St. Mark** Scott Steinbruegge

Thursday, Dec. 25 *Christmas Day*

9:00am **Sr. Mark** Bauer & Puricelli Families
10:00am **St. Martin** Michael Nanes †

Friday, Dec. 26 **St. Stephen**

6:30am **St. Martin** Roxanne Astroth †
8:00am **St. Mark** Ramon Madrigal †

Saturday, Dec. 27 **St. John**

8:00am **St. Mark** JoAnn Yates †
4:00pm **St. Martin** Jack P †
5:00pm **St. Mark** Jim Rooney †

Sunday, Dec. 28 *The Holy Family*

7:00am **St. Mark** People of the Parishes
9:00am **St. Mark** Theresa Hurt †
10:00am **St. Martin** Jack P †
11:00am **St. Mark** Gregory Morelli †

Psalm 19
His Words are Spirit & Life.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14

*“The Lord Himself
will give you a sign
the virgin shall conceive
and bear a Son
and shall name Him Emmanuel,
meaning ‘God is with us’.”*

Romans 1:1-7

*“Jesus Christ,
descended from David,
is the Son of God.”*

Matthew 1: 18-24

*“Joseph, son of David. . .
It is by the Holy Spirit that this child
has been conceived.”*

**DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 22 - 28**

Monday: **1 Samuel 1:24-28**
Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday: **Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24**
Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday: **2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-16**
Luke 1:67-79

Christmas **Isaiah 9: 1-6**
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2: 1-20

Friday: **Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59**
Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday: **1 John 1:1-4**
John 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday: **Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

OUR PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS WISH

As Advent's candles burn themselves out and the Season of Christmas arrives please be assured of the prayers of your priests, deacons, and pastoral staff that you may have a Blessed Celebration of the Lord's Birth, and a Prosperous New Year.

In the Incarnation of the Divine Word, God has made known his universal love for people of every land, era, and culture.

**In the Spirit of such an overwhelming gift
I ask your prayers this week for:**

... Individuals

who will be alone this Christmas
may they still know
a measure of peace,
a smidgen of joy
and a willingness to cling to them both.

... Families

who will have a lean Christmas
may they be helped through the efforts
of our St. Vincent DePaul Conferences
not only in this Holy Time
but throughout the New Year.

... Families

who live in abundance this Christmas
may the lesson of God's Selflessness
taught to us by the Child of Bethlehem,
born to give up even his life for us,
not be ignored or forgotten
but lived out in their active compassion
for our suffering sisters and brothers
in the world around us.

... All Nations

may they heed the Christmas injunction
to glorify Our Gracious God
by working for true Peace on Earth,
and authentic Goodwill to All.

Christmas Blessings to You and Yours!

Father Bob Burkemper



Monday, Dec 22

Exercise Class 9:00am St. Mark 112

Tuesday, Dec 23

**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

**NO SCRIPTURE
STUDY** Will resume - Jan. 6

**Wednesday,
Dec 24** Noon Pastoral Office
Closes

Cards 12:15pm St. Mark Rm 114

Thursday, Dec 25 Pastoral Office Closed
CHRISTMAS DAY!

Friday, Dec 26 Pastoral Office Closed

**Alcoholics
Anonymous** 7:30pm St. Andrew
Hoffmeister Ent.

Sunday, Dec 28

Bingo Bandwagon Hall 2:30PM
doors open/5:30PM
games begin (Volunteer
Team 4)

**Alliance of the
Two Hearts
Christmas Party** 7:00pm St. Mark Cafeteria



**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER**



All the Faithful Departed

Especially

**Steven Haffer &
Helen Kaye Morgan**

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



All the Sick

Especially

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,
in 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 grace,
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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On December 15th ten students of our Shared PSR Program received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time.

Congratulations to:

Leonardo Flores	Ariana Gonzales
Leika Layasan	Jasmine Matildo
Julia Matildo	Andrew Melvin
Emma Melvin	Samuel Parkin
Daniella Quezado	Estafina Rojas.



**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**

**There will be no gathering
of Fr. Burkemper Scripture Study
until Tuesday, January 6th.**

We usually gather weekly in the Pastoral Office (4200 Ripa Avenue) **1:00PM & again in the evening at 7:00PM.**



DECK THE HALLS...

Our sanctuaries are particularly beautiful during the Season of Christmas.

The decoration for Christmas will begin at St. Mark after the 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday and then at St. Martin Tuesday, December 23 at 9:00 AM.

The Creche for each Church will be assembled at that time but without the image of the long awaited Infant.

Floral decorations will be arranged just before the celebrations of the Masses of Our Lord's Nativity.

We can all be grateful to the volunteers who gather to help out with all the decorative touches which remind everyone of the wonder of the Mystery of the Incarnation of Christ! .

FA—LA—LA—LA—LA—LA—LA—LA!



**Our
Sacramental Schedule
for Christmas Season**

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Vigil Masses

4:00 PM at both

St. Martin & St. Mark

Mass in the Night

10:00 PM at St. Mark

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

Morning Masses

9:00 AM at St. Mark

10:00 AM at St. Martin

Wednesday, December 31

Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Masses

4:00 PM at both

St. Mark & St. Martin

Thursday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God

Morning Masses

9:00 AM at St. Mark

10:00 AM at St. Martin





YOUR GENEROSITY IS AMAZING!

Both St. Martin SVDP Food Pantry and St. Mark’s affiliated pantry are so blessed to receive such tremendous support from our parishes in this Holiday Season.

For the Affton Christian Food Pantry the people of St. Mark’s collected 460 bags or boxes of food, personal care items and cleaning supplies totaling about 3,000 items.

For St. Martin’s Vincent DePaul Food Drive, food, personal care items and cleaning supplies totaling 1,835 items to assist our neighbors-in-need with their Thanksgiving baskets were collected.

Most sincere thanks from both the St. Mark and St. Martin Vincent de Paul Conferences!



Save the Date!

Fall Festival will make its return to St. Mark’s on Saturday, September 26, 2026!

Mark your calendar!

Receive a Christmas gift you really can’t use?

Donate it for one of our raffle baskets.

Contact Julie Dwyer at 314-814-5436 or julmarwal@aol.com.



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“Don’t be frightened by 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

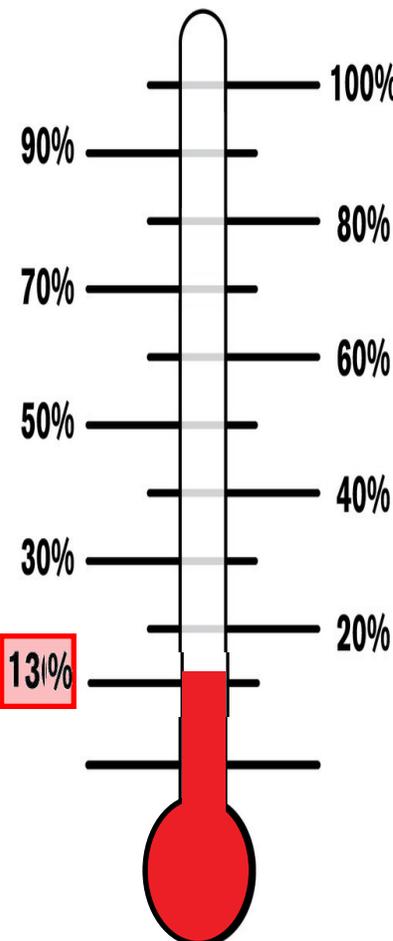


PHASE II OF CCPF HAS BEGUN...

Funds raised in Phase II will be used to replace the roof of St. Martin’s School, at an estimated cost of **\$ 206,242**.



\$ 206,242



This Phase will be funded as was Phase I

—by an ACA Grant from the Archdiocese

—Remaining Proceeds of the 2025-2026 Parish Bingo

—And Your Ongoing Support of the CCPF.

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Donations to the CCPF Phase Two thus far total

\$25,922

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The remainder needed to complete Phase Two now stands at

\$ 180,320



MONTHLY ORDINARY INCOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

	ST. MARK	ST. MARTIN
FOR PARISH SUPPORT:	\$ 96,917.00	\$ 25,909.00
<i>FOR NON-PARISH SUPPORT:</i>		
<i>Campaign For Human Development</i>	\$ 1,589.00	\$ 497.00
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00
<i>Holy Land</i>		\$ 5.00
<i>Seminary</i>	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
<i>Catholic University</i>	\$	\$ 25.00
<i>Retired Religious</i>	\$ 2,693.00	\$ 15.00
<i>Permanent Diaconate</i>	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00
<i>Military Services</i>	\$ 1,576.00	
<i>Local St. Vincent DePaul Societies</i>	\$ <u>5,133.35</u>	\$ <u>2,906.00</u>
TOTAL NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS	\$ 107,983.35	\$ 26,576.00



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