

**PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARK & SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 28, 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. 27

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 †

Monday, Dec. 29

6:30am **St. Martin** No requested intention
 8:00am **St. Mark** Fuchs & Schuckenbrock Families †

Tuesday, Dec. 30

6:30am **St. Martin** No requested intention
 8:00am **St. Mark** Catholic Seniors Club Members

Wednesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

6:30am **St. Martin** Paul William Montgomery †
 8:00am **St. Mark** Ray & Marie Austermann †
 4:00pm **St. Martin** No requested intention
 4:00pm **St. Mark** Edward J. Klages †

Thursday, Jan. 1

Mary, Mother of God

9:00am **St. Mark** Ann Schaab Nagle †
 10:00am **St. Martin** Leo Appelbaum

Friday, Jan. 2

St. Basil

6:30am **St. Martin** Fr. David Daly, LC
 8:00am **St. Mark** Ted & Marie Nowak †

Saturday, Jan. 3

8:00am **St. Mark** Ann Degnan †
 4:00pm **St. Martin** No requested intention
 5:00pm **St. Mark** Ray & Marie Austermann †

Sunday, Jan. 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am **St. Mark** Mary Gerau †
 9:00am **St. Mark** People of the Parishes
 10:00am **St. Martin** Edward James Klages †
 11:00am **St. Mark** Wil Kroener †

Psalm 19
 His Words are Spirit & Life.



**FEAST OF
 THE HOLY FAMILY OF
 JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Sirach 3:2-14

*Those who fear the LORD
 honor their parents.*

Colossians 3:12-21

*As God's chosen ones,
 put on heartfelt compassion, kindness,
 humility, gentleness, and patience.*

Matthew 2:13-23

*In obedience to the angel's message,
 Joseph took the child and his mother
 and departed for Egypt.*

**DAILY READINGS
 FOR THIS WEEK
 DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 4**

Monday: **1 John 2:3-11**
Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday: **1 John 2:12-17**
Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday: **1 John 2:18-21**
John 1:1-18

**Mary,
 Mother
 of God** **Numbers 6:22-27**
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Friday: **1 John 2:22-28**
John 1:19-21

Saturday: **1 John 2:29-3:6**
John 1:29-34

Sunday: **Isaiah 60:1-6**
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

A TRIPLY BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

On Thursday, New Year's Day, for the Universal Church the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:

- **Our Nation** will begin the observance of our *250th Anniversary* of the Declaration of Independence in 1776;
- **Our Archdiocese of St. Louis** will initiate the celebration of the Bicentennial of its foundation in 1826;
- And **St. Martin of Tours Parish** will recall the *Diamond Anniversary* of the 1956 completion of its present Church Building.

Our Nation, our Archdiocese, and the local parish of St. Martin of Tours have much for which to give thanks and praise to Almighty God in this new 2026 Calendar Year.

Each era, each institution, and each individual needs to take deep stock of whence we have come and to refocus our efforts, prayers, and aspirations on the future for which we strive, that the good Our God has wrought in our shared history might grow and bear further fruit.

This year will be a time to honor our rich Heritage as American Citizens, Members of the Catholic Church of St. Louis, and Parishioners.

May it also be a time to deepen our faith, and recommit ourselves to hope, and to carry the Light of Christ into the future with love by the witness of our lives.

May grace & peace be yours throughout 2026!

Father Bob Barkemper



Monday, Dec 29

Exercise Class 9:00am St. Mark 112

Tuesday, Dec 30

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00am Pastoral Office

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Quilting 10:00am St. Martin Runge

Wednesday, Dec 31

Bible Study 9:00am St. Mark Rm 101

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Cards 12:15pm St. Mark Rm 114

Potluck & Game Night 6:00pm St. Mark Cafeteria

Thursday, Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
Pastoral Office is closed for the Holiday

Friday, Jan. 2

Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus After 6:30 & 8:00am Masses

Devotions to the Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary 7pm-2am St. Mark Church

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

Sunday, Jan. 4

Bingo

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



**Our New Year's
Schedule of Masses
for the celebration of
The Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God,
a Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, December 31

Vigil Masses

**4:00 PM at both
St. Mark & St. Martin**

Thursday, January 1

Morning Masses

**9:00 AM at St. Mark
10:00 AM at St. Martin**



**The Universal Church
at the request of Pope Leo
also observes January 1st
as the World Day of Peace.**

**Please pray for Peace
and work for it starting
in our own homes.**



**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER**



All the Faithful Departed

Especially
**Marge Meyer, Helen Morgan
Charles Cassaday**

*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 January***

For prayer with the Word of God.

*May praying with God's Word be
nourishment for our lives
and a source of hope in our communities,
helping us to build
a more fraternal and missionary Church.*



For All Our Parishioners

*May the Holy Family, whose feast we
celebrate today, bless all families in our
parishes with joy and an abundance of
grace!*

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.

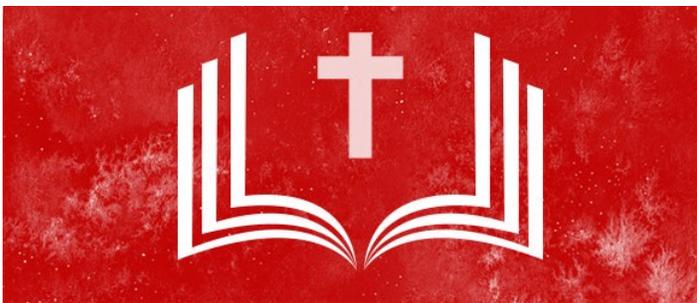
The names of the sick will be published for four consecutive weeks.



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.



GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

The Group usually gathers weekly in the Pastoral Office Meeting Room (at 4200 Ripa Avenue) at **1:00 & again at 7:00 PM.**



CONGRATULATIONS!

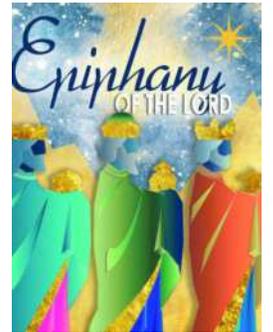
On December 15th these Students of our shared PSR Program celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

In First Row are: *Daniella Quezade, Estefania Rojas & Leika Layasan.*

In the Second Row are: *Julia Matildo, Andrew Melvin, Emma Melvin, Leonardo Flores & Sam Parkin.*

In the Back Row are: *Fr. Allen & Fr. Bob.*

*You're invited
to a Concert on the
Feast of the Epiphany!*



The Choirs of St. Mark,
Salem Lutheran and
Seven Holy Founders will

perform in
Concert on *Sunday, January
4th at 2:00 PM in Salem
Lutheran Church (8343
Gravois Road).*



Everyone attending is
requested to bring a canned
food item as the entrance fee.

Please Come & enjoy beautiful
music and show your support
for the choir of St. Mark Parish!



The presentation and sharing on “The Chosen” will be suspended until February 2nd at 6:00 pm at St. Martin of Tours in Runge Hall.

If there are any questions please call Deacon Greg at 314-267-0448.

We have viewed the first four episodes and will continue where we stopped when we resume.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Congratulations to the PSR 7th grade class for winning the Secular Franciscans' "Getting to Know St. Francis Essay Contest"!

They received a beautiful statue of St. Francis and a tray of cookies, presented in person by Sally Bartholomew, OFS.

Pictured with her are (L-R): catechist Denise Plumley with students Evelyn Rumpsa, Bella Magdaleno, & Savannah Wiliams.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PREVENTION FUND (CCPF)

“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

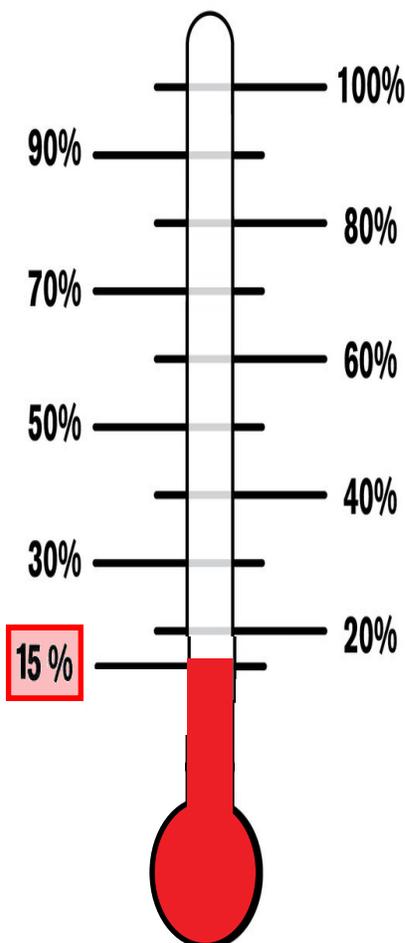


PHASE II OF CCPF HAS BEGUN...

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

\$30,348

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The remainder needed to complete Phase Two now stands at

\$ 175,894



THIS YEAR'S GIVING TREES

Again the parishioners of both St. Mark & St. Martin have shown overwhelming generosity in helping needy families in our area through the Giving Trees.

Through the generous donations of our St. Mark Parishioners 214 gift cards amounting to a total donation of \$ 6,550 were provided to the neighborhood *Feed My People Pantry*.

Our St. Martin Parishioners also generously provided food and gift cards to 29 needy families through the *St. Vincent de Paul Pantry* & donated 216 gift cards amounting to \$ 6,360.

May all who helped make these projects such a great success be blessed a hundredfold!



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St Martin of Tours Men's Club POKER TOURNAMENT

Will be held in Runge Hall on January 17, 2026

Doors will open at 6:00 And the Tournament will start at 6:30

\$50 Buy-in (includes food and drinks)

\$20 RE-Buy-in

Games:

5 card draw, 5 card stud, 7 card stud & Cincinnati in 12 rounds (15 minutes each)

Payouts will be:

1st \$250, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, 5th \$50

Food: Chili, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips
Drinks: Beer, Soda, Water

For Reservations contact:
Kevin 314-541-8840

CATHOLIC SENIORS CLUB

The Mass intention for December 30th at 8:00 AM at St. Mark Church will be for the health of all the members of the Catholic Seniors Club and their families for the New Year.

Reminder: **NO JANUARY MEETING**

Our Catholic Seniors Club wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!



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