

St. Mark Catholic Church

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January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Sundays—7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am
Monday—Friday—7:30 am **Mass only**
through January 26
Saturdays—8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Holy Day—6:30 & 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday afternoon—3:30 to 4:30 pm

Sacraments

Call 743-8620 or 743-8600 to make an appointment with one of the Priests.

Prayer Hotline

Dolores Bollwerk @ 631-5108
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass to 9:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline is Monday at noon
BULLETIN—dianelittle@archstl.org
WEB—www.stmarkstl.com

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

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from the
Pastors Pen



In many places around the world today's Feast of the Epiphany is an opportunity to bless the home. Remembering the visit of the Magi to the dwelling of the Christ Child and, of course, Christ's visit to our planet, the blessing of a home serves as a reminder of Christ's continual presence among us and encourages every dwelling to be a place where the love and faith of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is imitated.

When blessing a home it is a custom also to inscribe at the top of doorways: 20 C+M+B 18. 2018 is obviously the year. The initials C,M,B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men—Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar or they could be an abbreviation of the Latin "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless the house."

I suggest that every family gathers together and after making the Sign of the Cross the chosen prayer leader begins:

Leader: *Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.*

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Leader: *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.*

Luke 19:1-9 is then read aloud, and after the Gospel the family prays.

Leader: *Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.*

All: *Stay with us, Lord.*

Leader: *Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.*

All: *Stay with us, Lord.*

Leader: *Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.*

All: *Stay with us, Lord.*

After praying the Lord's Prayer, the Leader concludes: *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. Amen.*

In addition to the above, songs may be sung and holy water may be sprinkled. You may also call me and I will be happy to come over and bless your house.

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Feast of Epiphany

Tomorrow's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Season of Christmas. Again, I am thankful for all who did so much by way of decorating, singing or playing an instrument so that our Masses could be so beautiful.

God bless all of you.

Father Hambrough

On the Birth of Christ...

"Stay very close to the crib of this most beautiful Child, especially during these days of His birth. If you love riches, here you will find the gold the Kings left Him. If you love the smoke of honors, here you will find that of incense. And if you love the delicacy of the senses, you will smell the perfumed myrrh which perfumes the entire holy stable." ~ St. Padre Pio

Prayer Shawl Crafters

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Crafters will reconvene on **Tuesday, January 9** at 8:30 am in the Parish Office. Anyone interested in learning more or joining this ministry is encouraged to join us and learn more. All are welcome!



Mass Intentions

January 7—14

Sunday

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Patricia Battaglia
11:00 Mary Fischer

Monday

7:30 Pete DiMercurio

Tuesday

7:30 Mark Nieters

Wednesday

7:30 Harold Mall

Thursday

7:30 Hortense Flood

Friday

7:30 Hortense Flood

Saturday

8:00 Patricia Huddleston
5:00 Lou Baumgartner

Sunday

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Shirley Kramper
11:00 Deceased Members of the
Wilson Family



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner who died last week, Kevin Coerver. Also, for Tom Pizzella, son of Lorraine Pizzella. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Ministry Schedule

January 13 & 14

5:00 **Lectors:** Nancy Borders
Ministers: M. & P. Bierman, M. Cass, M. DeHekker, E. Schneider
Hospitality: H. Bulliner, J. & L. Guillot, D. Benz

7:00 **Lectors:** Marsha Griffin
Ministers: S. Chambers, C. Fleming, J. Johnson, C. Oberbeck, D. Stanger, L. Wells
Hospitality: D. & J. Carey, V. Slama

9:00 **Lectors:** Amanda Bast & Marian Wobbe
Ministers: K. Vaughn, E. & L. Waugh, M. Wobbe
Hospitality: P. Ebel, M. & R. McCloskey, F. Stephens

11:00 **Lectors:** Tom Ade
Ministers: S. Bialczak, D. Brauer, M. Diethelm, C. Coerver
Hospitality: J. & M. Bono, M. Mehan, J. Heaman

Attention: Eucharistic Ministers

In order to eliminate congestion during Holy Communion, please note the standing positions when distributing The Precious Body and Precious Blood.

You will find revised instructions on the Bulletin Board in the sacristy and on the hand sanitizer stand.

Thank you for your service to St. Mark.

Revision—The Petition Writers for the month of January are Mary Snodderley, Kathy Bohler and Ann Michalski. Thank you for your work ladies!

Sts. Peter & Paul Soup Kitchen January 14, 2018



Cooks: S. Bialczak, H. Bulliner, C. Coerver, C. Davila, D. Kopff, M. McCloskey, S. Sparwasser, D. Umali

Bakers: S. Bialczak, H. Bulliner, J. Fuchs, D. Pantania, J. Saxton, J. Semar, D. Umali

Container Pick Up for Mostaccioli: Please note that the empty mostaccioli containers will now need to be picked up the **weekend before the next Soup Kitchen date**. They will be on a table in the school cafeteria. Since the school uses the cafeteria daily, containers will only be available for pick up from that **Friday after school** lets out until Monday morning.

Cakes and Mostaccioli Delivery On Soup Kitchen Sunday: These can be brought to the cafeteria anytime late Saturday afternoon or Sunday before 10:00 am and placed on a table in the cafeteria. If you bring the mostaccioli on Saturday, please go into the kitchen area and place it in the one refrigerator marked "Soup Kitchen". Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please call Barb at 845-8986. Thank you.



January 8—14

Monday

7:30 D. Little

Tuesday

7:30 M. Lee

Wednesday

7:30 T. & M. Joseph

Thursday

7:30 H. & J. Bast

Friday

7:30 J. Bono

Saturday

8:00 **Server needed**

5:00 A. Rowe, A. Buganski

Sunday

7:00 L. Grebing, M. Dozier

9:00 D. Davis, A. Maloney

11:00 J. Bono, M. Schindler

PARISH NEWS

January 8—14

Monday 10 am—Canasta—Parish Office
6:30 pm—PSR class—school
8 pm—Basketball—Parish Center

Tuesday 9 am to 9 pm—Adoration
6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall
8:30 am—Crafters—Parish Office
8:30 am—Quilters—Parish Office
5:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
7:30 pm—Men's Club mtg.—Parish Office

Wednesday 9 am—Bible Study—Parish Office
5:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6 pm—Cub Scout mtg.—cafeteria

Thursday 5:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
6:30 pm—Choir—church
7 pm—RCIA mtg.—Parish Office

Saturday 6 pm—PTO Trivia Night—Parish Center

Sunday 12 pm—March for Life chaperone mtg.—cafeteria
12:30 pm—Basketball—Parish Center



Military Picture Request

Anyone who has family/loved ones currently serving in the military, if you would like to submit a wallet size picture for the military flag displayed in the foyer of St. Mark's, please mail it to Sandy Bast at 3723 White Bark Court, St. Louis MO, 63129 or leave it at the parish office and she will pick it up.

Bingo

Bingo is played every Tuesday at Bandwagon Hall, on Reavis Barracks and Lemay Ferry Road. Doors open at 3:30 pm and games begin at 6:30 pm.

Team 5 will work Tuesday, January 9

Dottie Laumann	Connie Goodson
Kim Spencer	Patty Dreiling
Amy Hopper	Tesey Roman
Debbie Kopff	Jane Johnson
Brian Schindler	Kevin Bradshaw
A/B Buganski	Pat Kohlberg

Theresa Reilly

If you cannot work when scheduled or have questions, please call Loretta @ 922-6838, or Megan Bono @ 261-3570.

The Lord's Word

January 8—14

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who wrote Christmas cards for our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. I am sure those individuals who received cards are touched by the true spirit of Christmas knowing that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

As you are going through Christmas items to start the new year, please consider donating any extra unused Christmas cards you may have around the house, particularly religious Christmas cards. I will have a box available at church through the month of January for you to drop off any Christmas cards. Thank you again for your generosity!



March for Life

Next weekend at the Sunday Masses several of our 8th graders will share with us how important it is for them and their classmates to stand up and *March for Life*. The students are seeking your prayer and financial support of their pilgrimage trip to Washington, D.C. where their peaceful demonstration will affirm the sanctity of life of

A GIFT
just for you!

2018 Conferences

A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 3	MARCH 10
Catholic Men for Christ Conference	Catholic Women for Christ Conference

catholicmenforchrist.org catholicwomenforchrist.org

A MINISTRY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Please Pray For All The Sick

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering:

Carol Capkovic
Brett Haubrich
Ava Reichert

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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THANKS

Thank you to all those who helped sell TWB gift cards this holiday season. It was a very busy December! We also appreciate all those who chose to buy gift cards through us for Christmas gifts. Your purchases directly benefit all the St. Mark school kids.



Your Gifts to God and Parish

December 24 & 25

Envelopes	\$ 14,049.22
Christmas	5,303.00
Loose	1,728.40
Online Giving	1,008.00
School Support	240.00
Total	\$ 22,328.62
—Avg. Weekly Expenses	15,000.00
Final Total	\$ 7,328.62

Seminary \$ 3,315.00

Thank you for your support and generosity!

St. Matthias Book Fair

800 Buckley Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

January 12—Preview Night, 4:00-9:00 pm, \$5 admission
January 13—8:00 am-6:00 pm, free admission
January 14—9:00 am-4:00 pm, free admission
(noon-4:00 pm - \$5.00 for a bag of books)

Most paperbacks are 50¢ and hardbacks are \$1.00.

Refreshments available ~ large parking lot ~
handicapped accessible

Call Sandy at 314-544-2162 after 3:00 pm for more information or email smaevents2017@yahoo.com

March for Life 2018

Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life. Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life.

May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin. Encourage those who will be involved in the *March for Life*; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people.

O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life.

Amen.

Please pray this novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe from Thursday, January 11th up to and including Friday, the 19th. When praying this novena, keep in mind the 34 teenagers and 20 adults who will represent St. Mark Catholic Church. These 54 will leave for DC on Wednesday, the 17th and return on Sunday, the 21st.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Mass & Dance

Calling all sacraments who have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, no matter how long ago. You are invited to celebrate with other encountered sacraments at the Marriage Encounter Valentine's Dance and fun night.

The WWME Sweetheart Mass and Dance will be on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 1420 Sappington Rd. in Crestwood. Mass begins at 6:30 pm, followed by pot-luck dinner and dance.

BYOB, please bring a dish/appetizer to share.
Cost \$25/couple in advance. \$30/couple at the door.
Invited prospective Marriage Encounter guests are FREE.
Questions? Call 314-803-7895, or email wibbfamily@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE!!
Hope all of you will attend!

A note from Robert L. Wessels, Executive Director at Feed My People.....

"Thank you for your recent donations in support of Feed My People, one of the largest food pantries in the St. Louis area. Our mission is to show God's love and compassion to all of His people, particularly His people in need. We continue to see an increase in clients in distress and are challenged to keep our pantry shelves stocked. Donations of food, clothing, personal care items, school supplies and monetary donations help us to meet that challenge.

Clients in need of all ages and ethnicities come to us daily for help. Our primary purpose is providing long-term and emergency food care. Many of the adults we serve are single working parents, have lost jobs or had work hours cut, or work at jobs that pay less than the living wage. We also see elderly clients who are now raising their grandchildren or are disabled. The need for food is even greater during the summer months when client children are not receiving breakfast or lunch at their school. This is why your support is so appreciated.

In addition to food and supplies, your donations offer HOPE to those who often feel hopeless. Thank you for being part of this vital mission."

March for Life 2018 - Seats Still Available

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN still has seats available for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. from **Thursday-Saturday, January 18-20, 2018**. Join us and thousands of others from across the U.S. for this huge pro-life gathering in our nation's capital. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area. We do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the busses. The cost if received by December 22 is \$190. The cost after December 22 is \$205. For registration and bus information contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. You can also download our registration form at www.missourilife.org. Registration deadline is January 2, 2018.

Community News

Marriage On Tap STL—Married couples are invited to an evening out, just call it a date night! Be with other couples who care about strengthening their marriage, and want to enrich themselves. Come **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**, to The Pasta House Company at 8213 Delmar Blvd, University City, 63130 (just East of I-170). 6:00 PM dinner, \$20 per person with a new menu for buffet dinner (cash bar available); at 7:00 PM is a dynamic talk by Jerry & Julie Cinco, parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles. Jerry & Julie have been married 47 years and have two grown daughters. They have faced many ups and downs in their marriage adventure, and attribute their strong marriage to God's patience, His constant love for them, and their Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This evening is open to all married couples. RSVP required: marriageontapstl@gmail.com
Visit our Facebook page: Marriage On Tap STL

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes—Annual Trivia Night— **Saturday, January 20th** at Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of ten.

For more information or to register, visit www.ourladyinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544. Our Lady's Inn provides a loving home and an array of services supporting pregnant women and their children suffering with homelessness.

Widow/Widower's Support Group—These meetings are held at St. Simon the Apostle Church in the Lower Church Hall in the 'Mary Room'. Our next scheduled meeting will be taking place on **Sunday, January 21st**. Time is from 1:30—3:00 pm. Any questions, please contact Linda Jackson @ 314-544-5623 or RJJANDLSJ@aol.com.

Marriage Encounter—Worn out from the holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? How about a special weekend just for the two of you that will reinvigorate your marriage? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 2-4, 2018 in St. Peters, MO; March 23-25 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL; or April 20-22 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme.org or call 314-649-7317.



**ST. MARK
TRIVIA
HOEDOWN!
SATURDAY JAN. 13
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM**

**\$200/TABLE OR
\$25 A PERSON
SNACKS, BEER, WINE
AND SODA INCLUDED!**

**RAFFLES, 50/50 AND
SILENT AUCTION!**

Reservation Form

Send in through school to Jaime Gast or call
(314) 686-1583

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

#of _____ #of _____

guests: _____ tables: _____

Limit 8 per table

Enclosed _____

Make all checks payable to St. Mark (please do not send cash)