

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Sunday Anticipation

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m.

Weekday

9:00 a.m. Tuesday-Friday

Sacrament of Baptism

Schedule with the Pastor after participation in Parish Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday

4:00-5:00 or anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrange with Pastor at least six months in advance. Participation in all parts of the Marriage preparation program is required.

Sacrament of Healing

If you are hospitalized or home bound and in need of sacraments, please call the parish office.



*St. Mark the Evangelist Parish
community lives, teaches, pro-
claims, and celebrates the
Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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Be sure to check our website for current Parish events and happenings! www.stmarkindy.org

If you would like to become a member of St. Mark Parish, please call the parish office or stop by to register.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PLASTER



***The Year of Our Lord MMXII
The Aaronic Blessing***

The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:

***The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you!***

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

(Numbers 6:22-26 – Reading I –
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God)

We begin the New Year by honoring Mary, the Mother of God. When we first entered this world the very first person we came to know was our own mother. Now, as the New Year's Baby ushers in the Year of Our Lord 2012, we come to know Mary, the Mother of God.

Throughout the Holy Season of Advent and Christmas, we have journeyed with Mary, recalling the very first Advent, when Mary made the long journey to Bethlehem. We cannot help but marvel at Mary's faith and trust in God. She never doubted that her Lord would watch over her, during very difficult times, after she gave the unconditional "YES" to being the Mother of God, when the Archangel Gabriel announced to her that she had been chosen by God, to bring forth God the Son, Jesus Christ.

The title of Mary as *Theotokos* (in Greek, literally, "God-bearer") was first declared in the year 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus. The title of "Mary, the Mother of God," whose feast we celebrate each year on January 1st, affirms both the divinity of Christ, as well as proclaims Mary's motherhood of the divine, God the Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, Mary has been called, since the Council of Ephesus, "The Mother of God."

Because Jesus is both God and Man, we have HOPE! That God became flesh in the Virgin Mary, the birth of Christ, thus, enables us to share in His divinity. This is the GOOD NEWS we celebrate as we cross the threshold of a New Year. Indeed, there is nothing else that we could celebrate on New Year's Day, which could make us happier than this very great news, on this very joyful occasion.

Happy New Year!



Angel Markus Announces:

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PARISH LIFE

Virtus Training: "Protecting God's Children" This training is required for ALL CYO coaches, youth volunteers, scout leaders, catechist and school volunteers. **St. Mark will host a Virtus training on Monday, January 9th from 6:30-8:30pm** in the church. Please attend if you have not already done so. You may register online at www.virtustraining.com

Caregivers Support Group will meet **Mon., January 23** from 5:30-7pm. A light supper will be served. The group meets in Room 8 of the School.

Large Print Mass Response: There are copies of the Mass response in LARGE PRINT in the pamphlet rack by the elevator. Please return them after Mass.

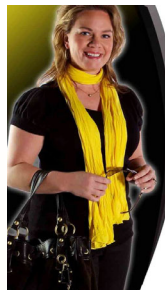
SPECIAL REQUEST The Environment Committee respectfully ask that you do not water the plants in the Sanctuary, unless you are designated to do so.

Mark Your Calendars... The Christ Renews His Parish Renewal weekends for all adult members of St. Mark are in preparation. Women's weekend is January 21 & 22; Men's weekend is March 3 & 4. Registration Forms are in the pamphlet rack by the elevator or on the St. Mark website, www.stmarkindy.org

Dinner Dance The St. Mark Dinner Dance is scheduled for **Friday, February 10, 2012**. It will be held at the Atrium! It's time to begin thinking about the Themed Baskets. While out shopping for Christmas, please keep in mind items for the themed baskets; **Gardening** (*shovels, gardening gloves, seeds, wheel barrel, etc*), **Sports** (*balls, Colts wear, jersey, game passes, etc*), **What's for Dinner** (*place mats, dish towels, crock pots, etc.*), **Family Night** (*board games, ipod shuffle, movies, games, etc*), **St. Mark Spirit Basket** (*Spirit Wear, etc*). If you would like to help with this project or donate items, please call Jody & Jesse Cleary, 788-9624! Watch for more information.

PARISH LIFE CON'T

DAUGHTER/MOTHER BREAKFAST JAN 15TH



St. Mark's Men's club is presenting a "Daughter/Mother" breakfast **Sunday January 15th** following 9:30am Mass. All Daughters and Mothers are invited (i.e. all women of the parish).

The guest speaker will be Sarah Fisher, racecar driver and team owner of Sarah Fisher racing.

Please plan to attend. The food will be great. There will be lots of prizes, and let the men's club serve you. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for girls 12 and under.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the twenty-some parishioners and children who helped clean the church in preparation for our Christmas celebration. God bless you for all you do for St. Mark Parish!

THANK YOU

The family of John Keevers wish to thank Fr. George, Mary Lynn, Andy and the choir, and all those who participated with the funeral Mass. We would also like to thank those involved in the luncheon, the meal was very good. Thank you for all your prayers and support during this time, we feel the love of God through our parish family. May God bless you!

Ruthannah and family

WELCOME

Please welcome into our parish family;

Michael & Kathryn Leach, Amanda, Amy, Annette
Jenneitta Masengale-Arney
Larry & Kathy Delpha
Lisa Mick, Alyssa Hunt, Ayden Hunt, Brooklyn Barrera
Beverly Courtney
Jason & Jessica Guy, Madeline, Keirnan, Kellan

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mark Catholic School Registration/Enrollment dates for the 2012-2013 school year:

January 9 - February 3 - Registration for grades Pre-K thru 8th grade for current SMCS families

February 6 thru February 14 - Registration for St. Mark Parish-ioners that do not currently have students enrolled at SMCS

Wednesday, February 15 - SMCS Open House, 5:00 pm - 7:00pm. Open enrollment begins for all students not currently enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year.

NOTE: When class rosters are filled, students will be put on a waiting list in the order that their registration form and fee are received. *

*We anticipate most classes to be at full capacity for the 2012-2013 school year.

Alumni St. Mark Catholic School is collecting names and addresses of Alumni of St. Mark Catholic School from 1948 to present. Please email Mr. Albertson with your information at: ralbertson@stmarkindy.org

Market Day Orders are to be turned in by Jan. 13. You can go online to marketday.com or complete an order form found on the website or at the doors of the church. Help support our School!

St. Mark Catholic School is collecting the following items to raise money for our school:

- Box tops for education
- Campbell's soup labels
- Coke product caps and codes for points.

Please drop off any of these in the box in the Narthex or at the school office. Thanks in advance for your help!

REMINDER: SCHOOL RETURNS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

We look forward to a new year of enriching our lives both academically and spiritually.

Happy New Year!

YOUTH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word 1/8, 1/22

SMRE Class Dates: 1/8, 1/22

Sac Prep: Our next family meeting will begin our preparation for First Communion. We will gather on **Tuesday, January 10th** at 7:30pm in the Church.

Confraternity of JP2: Our next meeting for altar servers will be on **Tuesday, January 17th** at 7:30pm in the Church. All servers should be in attendance. New servers who wish to begin their training are also encouraged to attend and sign up for this ministry.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

March For Life Are you interested in traveling to DC with the Archdiocese for the March for Life?

on Monday, January 23

HOTEL: a block of rooms are reserved at the Hyatt in Bethesda, MA for 01/21 - 01/22 this is a 25 min Metro ride from DC

TRANSPORTATION: We will provide and pay for the transportation once we arrive in DC but will not be providing travel to/from DC to/from Indy, to allow those going the decision to fly or drive together in groups. It's too hectic to gather the means to travel all together at this point. If anyone has access to a 15-pasenger van or two, we are definitely open to discussion!

FELLOWSHIP: There will be opportunities aplenty! Because we will all be young adults, we will have casual opportunities for fellowship planned. Saturday is reserved for travel, but will have fun times planned for the evening and fun will also be had on Sunday as we are again, only 20-25 min train ride to DC

For more info, Matt Faley: mfaley@archindy.org
Registration is available: www.indycatholic.org

Faith on the Rocks Our fall series will kick off at, Ice House (located at 2352 S. West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225) on **Wed.**

November 2nd. Guest speaker, Jim Grater will speak on "My Life with the Saints." Come for an evening of fellowship, dinner, drinks, time for questions and live music. Dinner/drinks 7:00pm, guest speaker at 7:30pm, conclusion by 9:30PM.

Indy YACHT (Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together) Did you know? Indy YACHT events are open to anyone in their twenties or thirties, single, married, widowed, or divorced, with or without children. www.IndyYACHT.com

COMMUNITY

Retrouvaille Your Marriage Retrouvaille (re-tro-vi) simply means “rediscover”. The program offers a chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and an loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples in disillusionment, misery, divorce, or any stage in-between. It is NOT a spiritual retreat, sensitivity group, seminar or a social gathering. A program beginning with a weekend February 24-26 will be held in Indianapolis. Visit us at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

What is a “Nun Run?” It is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-40 are invited to spend time with Sisters who are ministering the Indianapolis area and beyond. At each stop, enjoy the Sisters’ cooking as you learn first hand from each community how they make a difference. Transportation provided. No fee for the weekend. Nun Run is scheduled for February 24-25, 2012. The event will begin at 6:00pm eastern on Friday the 24th and conclude at 8:30pm on Saturday the 25th. Contact Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC at 812-963-7563 or email, Theresa.Sullivan@doc-ecp.org to receive a brochure or to register. Sponsored by the Archdiocese and the Religious Communities of Indianapolis and the surrounding area.

Pro-Life News and Events

Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 = Helpers of God’s Precious Infants
There will be No Helpers Mass on Saturday, Jan 21. We invite everyone to participate in the local solemn observance of *Roe vs Wade* on Mon. Jan 23.

Jan. 14 & Feb. 11= Rachel’s Network

Solemn Local Observance of *Roe vs Wade*

Join us on Monday, Jan 23 for our archdiocesan solemn local observance of *Roe vs Wade* in Indianapolis. The observance will begin with Mass at noon at Ss Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis

THANK YOU



A special thanks to the St. Mark Music Ministry for the Holy Season Concert and all of the music through Advent and Christmas. We are truly blessed to have such musical talent from our Pastor to the Children’s Choir. The music requires a lot of volunteer hours and work.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Collection for: Sunday, December 18 2011

Ordinary Collection Weekly Budget	\$ 16,028.46
Ordinary Collection Income	\$ 14,904.00
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 1,124.46)

Ordinary Collection YTD Budget	\$ 400,721.50
Ordinary YTD Actual Income	\$ 370,393.70
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 30,327.80)

Stewardship Collection for: Sunday, December 25, 2011

Ordinary Collection Weekly Budget	\$ 16,028.46
Faith Direct - December	\$ 11,706.00
Ordinary Collection Income	\$ 21,480.50
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 17,158.04)

Ordinary Collection YTD Budget	\$ 416,749.96
Ordinary YTD Actual Income	\$ 403,580.20
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 13,169.76)

Thank you, for your continued support!

FAITH & FINANCE

Life and Money with Phil Lenahan: God’s Way to Financial Freedom®
www.VeritasFinancialMinistries.com

From today’s first reading: “If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him” (Ex. 22:24). The use of debt requires balance. While borrowers are to honor their promises, lenders have a responsibility to avoid placing borrowers in an untenable position.

INCLUSION INSIGHT

Assistive Technology

This term is defined as tools that enable people with disabilities to accomplish daily living tasks and assist them with communication, education, work and recreational activities, thus allowing them to achieve greater independence and enhance their quality of life. Examples of these will be listed in the Inclusion Insight section of following bulletins.

Would you like more information? Contact the St. Mark Inclusion Ministry Committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



We wish you a very
Blessed
Happy New Year!!!

Sunday, January 1, 2012– New Year's Day

- MASSES - Church (7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM)

Monday, January 2, 2012

- COMMUNION SERVICE - Church 9:00 AM
- Parish office and School closed

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

- MASS - Church - 9:00 AM
- Prayer Group - Parish BR (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
- SPRED - CR 20 (6:15 PM - 9:00 PM)
- Cub Scouts - SH Basement (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Scouts - Scouting Room (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
- Liturgy Committee - Parish BR (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

- COMMUNION SERVICE - Church - 9:00 AM
- RCIA - Media Center School (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
- Quilters - Quilting Room (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, January 5, 2012

- COMMUNION SERVICE - Church 9:00 AM
- Daisy Troop - School Rm. 22 (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- Brownies - School Rm. 20 (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- A.A.– School Rm. 8 (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)

Friday, January 6, 2012

- MASS - Church 9:00 AM
- O.A. - Parish BR (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Saturday, January 7, 2012

- CYO Games - Schafer Hall/Gym (8:00AM - 2:00 PM)
- MASS—Church (5:30 PM)

Sunday, January 8, 2012

- MASSES - Church (7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:45 AM)
- SMRE - Parish Center Basement (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)
- SMRE - School (10:30 AM - 11:40 AM)
- CRHP - M15 - Men's Club Room (10:30-Noon)
- CRHP - W15 Media Center (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Confirmation - Church (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Susan Schwartz, Jeannette Serrato, Betty Swift, Millie Moorman, Bill Rucker, Helen Eckhart, Jay Ruckelshaus, Don Bundy, John Perkins, Linda Lilly, Helen Schwartz, Viola Robbins, Don Bowling, Betty Mouser, Ron Shockey, JoAnn Scifries, Barbara Beaton, Betty Newman, Marj Gottemoeller, Sandra Wheeler, Joan Matthews, Betty Pogue, Michelle Oberling, Bob Herzog, Sharon Baker, Emma Bockweg, Lucinda Krupa, Charles Sauter, Wally Kingham, Nuala Maguire, Kathleen Rapp, Tip Sweany, Lisa Engelking, Jean Milharcic, and LeRoy Smith

MASS INTENTIONS: 01/01/12– 01/08/12

Sunday, January 1 - Octave Day of Christmas, Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

- 7:30 a.m. — John & Susie Scheible
- 9:30 a.m. — Parishioners of St. Mark
- 11:45 a.m. — Glen Huffman



Monday, January 2 - Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

- 9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

Tuesday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 9:00 a.m. — Mary Springer

Wednesday, January 4 - USA Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

Thursday, January 5 - USA John Neumann

- 9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

Friday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday Blessed Andre Bessette

- 9:00 a.m. — Virgil Haag

Saturday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday - Raymond of Penafort

- 5:30 p.m. — Delbert Drewes

Sunday, January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. — John Morris
- 9:30 a.m. — Neal Bauer
- 11:45 a.m. — Parishioners of St. Mark

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 1, 2012 through January 8, 2012

Sunday:	Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

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