

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, proclaims, and
celebrates the Good News
of Jesus Christ.**

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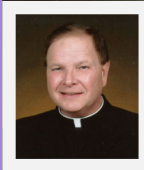
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Be sure to check our website for current Parish events and happenings! www.stmarkindy.org

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 PLAS-



**Mary of the Immaculate
Conception Patron Saint of the
United States of America -
December 8th**

Advent is the real Season of Mary

There are many celebrations of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the year. October is the month dedicated in a special way to the Rosary. During the month of May, Mary is honored with May crowning. We recall Mary's birthday on Sept. 8th, the Motherhood of Mary on Jan. 1st and the Assumption of Mary on Aug. 15th. With all of the celebrations of the Blessed Mother, we may overlook Mary's role in the Season of Advent.

More so than the other celebrations of Mary throughout the year, Advent should really be the time when we honor Mary for her vital role in the salvation of the human race. Mary said, "Yes" to God at the critical moment of salvation history. Mary's consent to be the Mother of Jesus, and thus the Mother of God, paved the way for our redemption.

The readings for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary call to mind the miraculous conception of Jesus, which can sometimes cause confusion for a lot of folks. The Immaculate Conception of Mary is the date when we, in faith, recognize that Mary, herself, remained free from sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

This event is often spoken of as the coming of the "New Eve." The story of Adam and Eve, which we hear about in the first reading from the Book of Genesis on Dec. 8th, reminds us that our first parents sinned, and therefore, we inherit sin, ourselves, from our first parents. However, Mary, as the new Eve, paved the way for the possibility of the forgiveness of sins in the birth of her son, the "New Adam"—Jesus Christ. These teachings of the Church provide interesting theological reflections upon our fate—first as sinners, then offered sainthood, by redemption through Christ, which was first made possible, because Mary responded to God's invitation to be the mother of the Savior of the World.

As we continue our journey, or our procession, with Mary through the Season of Advent and anticipate the birth of her son, Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem, we recognize the great love that God, the Father, had not only for Mary, but for all of us, by sending to Mary and to us, His only Son, Jesus Christ, our savior and savior of the whole world. Let us, therefore, pray together:

***"O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to you."***



Angel Markus Announces:

**Advent Evening Prayer Service
Sunday, December 4 at 7pm**

PARISH LIFE

Baptismal Preparation There will be a Baptismal Preparation session for parents wanting to have their child/children Baptized on **Tues. Dec. 6** at 7:30pm in the parish center. Please call the parish office if you have questions or wish to register for this session.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8th

Mass dates and times are;

**Anticipation Mass - Wed. Dec. 7 at 7pm.
Thurs. Dec. 8 at 9am and 7pm.**

Requests for Baskets We need gift-type baskets ONLY. We are assembling the baskets at the food pantry for home visits. Please call Pat Merkel at 781-9958 to pick-up your baskets.

South Deanery Penance Services are:

Sun.	Dec. 11	Good Shepherd	3:00 pm
Mon.	Dec. 12	Sacred Heart	7:00 pm
Mon.	Dec. 12	Nativity	6:30 pm
Tues.	Dec. 13	St. Jude	7:00 pm
Wed.	Dec. 14	St. Roch	7:00 pm
Mon.	Dec. 19	OLG	7:00 pm
Tues.	Dec. 20	St. Ann	7:00 pm

Make a Child's Christmas Brighter with a Shoebox Gift

St. Mark will once again be giving shoebox gifts to the children who visit St. Vincent de Paul food pantry this December. Wrap a small toy or gift (i.e. McDonald's toy, small stuffed animal, coloring book and crayons, Matchbox cars, gloves or mittens, etc) with a few pieces of candy (**NO peanuts please**) in a shoebox. Wrap the lid and box separately. Mark the gift for boy or girl with the appropriate age. Shoebox gifts or donations of toys and candy can be left by the St. Vincent de Paul box on the south side of the Narthex by **Wed. Dec. 7th**. Thank you.

PARISH LIFE CON'T

Elsie's Hat's & Gloves For over 23 years the people of St. Mark parish have given away hats, gloves, and scarves to the people who receive Christmas food baskets at Holy Cross Church. It is our way of saying Merry Christmas to those less fortunate. As you go about your holiday shopping, please buy some extra mittens, gloves and hats for our elves to hand out. There will be baskets in the narthex during **November thru December 19th** to collect them. There is a HUGE need for Men's gloves. The stores like the Dollar tree have LOTS to choose from, but they empty out as soon as the first cold day hits. **BUY NOW!!** Thank you!

Christmas 2011 Memorial Flower Fund The Liturgy Committee is accepting donations for the Memorial Flower Fund to decorate the Church for Christmas. These donations will be accepted **now through December 19th**. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please legibly PRINT names of those you wish to honor on the envelope and drop in the collection basket or you may drop it by the parish office. The names will be printed in the December 25th bulletin. Thank you!

Caregivers Support Group will meet **Mon., December 19th** from 5:30-7pm. A light supper will be served. The group meets in Room 8 of the School.

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 can be found 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! Watch the bulletin for more information and opportunities to participate.

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

Welcome to our Parish Family

Lazaro & Misty Suarez, Rafael, Sandra, Rebeca, Isabella
Scott & Regina Schaf, Alexander
Carlos & Ginny Morales, Jr.
Randel Dirksen & Stacey Gibson
Michael & Kathryn Leach, Amanda, Amy, Annette
Jennettia Masengale-Arney

SCHOOL NEWS

Hats, Gloves, Scarves for Advent St. Mark Catholic School students in grades Pre-Kindergarten thru 5th grade will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for Advent. Please drop off your items in the school office.

Giving Tree The SMCS middle school students will be purchasing gifts for the "Giving Tree". If you know of any children in our community that needs Christmas gifts, please send their name, age and gender to Mr. Albertson at the school office. Also include your contact information.

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

Christmas Shopper! Do you shop online at Amazon.com? If you start your Amazon search at our school website, St. Mark will receive 6-12% of your total purchase. Go to www.stmarkconnect/school and click on the Christmas present at the top of the website! No code to enter! Just start your search at our website!

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!

C Y O SPORTS

Winter Sports Registration for boy's wrestling (grades K-8) and boy's volleyball (grades 5-8) and girls volleyball (grades 4-8) is now underway. The winter sports registration **deadline is December 8**. St. Mark registration and CYO physical exam forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and both the school and parish web sites. Registration for CYO sports now is a two step process. You must register for each sport using a St. Mark registration form PLUS complete a CYO registration. CYO registration is performed online at www.cyoarchindy.org. Follow the "Register Child" link and complete the information requested. Please contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net.

CYO Sports Schedule 12/4/11-

Boys Basketball - Sun 12/4

Cadet B vs. St. Jude 4:00pm at Roncalli HS



YOUTH FORMATION

Junior High Youth Ministry: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Youth Center.

High School Youth Group: Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm in the Youth Center.

NCYC Wrap-Up Party: All participants, chaperones, and family members are invited to attend the NCYC Wrap-Up party on Sunday, December 11th at 1:00 pm in Schafer Hall. Please feel free to bring your trading items, shirts, and of course - photos, so that we may share memories and stories from our experience at the conference.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18.

SMRE Class Dates: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18.

High School 7-on7 Flag Football Tournament hosted by the South Deanery for high school youth on Dec. 10th at 2pm at St. Jude. Teams will be co-ed and have up to 10 members. To register a team, pick-up a form in the parish center or email jschaffner@stmarkindy.org. Cost is \$2 per player or \$20 per team.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Faith on the Rocks meets at the Ice House, 2352 S. West St. in Indianapolis. Each evening includes time for fellowship, dinner and drinks, a speaker, time for questions and live music. Dinner and drinks begin at 7pm, followed by the speaker beginning at 7:30pm.

Dec. 7: What Would Jesus Facebook?

Bishop Christopher Coyne, Apostolic Administrator,
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Indy YACHT: Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together
Like us on Facebook: Search "Indy YACHT"
Find us on Twitter! Search IndyYACHT
Visit our webpage: www.IndyYACHT.com

If you need further information please contact Meli at Barber.meli@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

Usher in the Largest Family Reunion in Church History! Starting Dec. 16, CatholicsComeHome.org will begin airing Catholic TV ads nationwide, inviting relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church. Pray and spread the word by sharing this link with all Catholics you know:
www.CatholicsComeHome.org/Advent

K of C Breakfast The Knights of Columbus located at 511 E. Thompson Road, is hosting a breakfast Sun. Dec. 11 from 8:00am - 11:30am. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12 years, under 5 is free.

Joyful Sounds "Ringing in the Season" St. Mark parishioner Lindsey Fischer, helps lead the bell choir, *Joyful Sounds*. They will be performing several concerts to bring in the Holy Season:

Sun.	Dec. 4	6:30 pm	Nineveh Christian Church, 1261 E. 775 South, Nineveh, IN
Sun.	Dec. 11	7:00 pm	Old Bethel United Methodist Church 7995 E. 21st St., Indpls., IN
Mon.	Dec. 12	6:30 pm	Indiana Masonic Homes 690 State St., Franklin, IN

MEN'S CLUB

SPECIAL MEN'S CLUB MEETING NIGHT— DEC 8TH

Due to the Advent Holy Season events the Men's Club will meet one week earlier, **Thurs., Dec. 8** at 8:00 pm. All are welcome to celebrate the season with our meeting plus movie and poker night! There are a lot of events coming in the next month that will require volunteers. Yes, there will be special Holiday treats.

The men's club offers all men of the parish the opportunity to help with projects around our parish, share ideas and suggestions, and the chance to meet others in the parish. The men's club is for those men that want to participate and who want to be active in our parish. Please come join us. We want to hear from you and...it's fun.

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM
St. Mark Music Ministry

Holy Season Concert

"BREATH OF HEAVEN"

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Collection for: Sunday, November 27, 2011

Ordinary Collection Weekly Budget	\$ 16,028.46
Ordinary Collection Income	\$ 9,162.50
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 6,865.96)

Ordinary Collection YTD Budget	\$ 352,626.12
Ordinary YTD Actual Income	\$ 311,743.20
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 40,882.92)

Thank you, for your continued support!

FAITH & FINANCE

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

"Bring glad tidings to the poor" (Is. 61:1). During these difficult economic times, make sure your Christmas plans include reaching out to those less fortunate. Allow your children to participate by sharing some of their allowance for this purpose. What a marvelous way for children to learn about the joy of giving!

INCLUSION INSIGHT

St. Mark Barriers Check It Out-2

Does the elevator have light and bell signals to help people who are blind or deaf to know when the elevator is ready?

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH

This year we did not have enough high school age kids to put together a regular Youth Choir. But, there is still an opportunity to take advantage of our talented St. Mark Youth for the upcoming Holiday Season.

All High School and College age Youth, please contact me if you are interested in singing for our St. Mark Holy Season Concert on December 18th. We would love to have all of you be part of the concert and possibly the Christmas Season Masses. If there are enough interested, I will set up rehearsals, etc, to get us ready. Please send an email to Andy Eagan, aeagan@stmarkindy.org, or call me at 787-8246, ext 105.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 4, 2011

- MASSES - Church (7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:45 AM)
- Confirmation - School (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- Youth Ministry - SH Basement (8:00 AM - 9:00 PM)
- SMRE - Parish Center Basement (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)
- SMRE - School (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM)
- CRHP Men's 15 - Men's Club (10:30 AM - 12 Noon)
- CRHP - W15 - Media Center (6:30-8:30 PM)
- Prayer Service - Church (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Monday, December 5, 2011

- COMMUNION SERVICE - Church (9:00 AM)
- Quilters - Quilter Room (10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon)
- Children's Choir - Church (4:00 PM - 5:00 PM)
- Faith Band-Church 7:30-8:30
- Divorce and Beyond - Parish BR (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

- Youth Formation - Church (Ending at 8:30 AM)
- 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 - Schafer Hall Basement (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Baptism Prep - Parish BR (7:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

- School Commission - Parish BR (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM)
- SCHAFFER HALL CLOSED - (7:00 PM—8:00 PM)
- MASS - Church (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- RCIA - Media Center (7:00PM - 9:00 PM)
- Quilters - Quilting Room (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
- Ensemble - Church (7:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, December 8, 2011

- MASS - Church - 9:00 AM
- Daisy Troup - CR 22 (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- Daisies - CR 12 (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)
- SCHAFFER HALL CLOSED - (7:00 PM - 8:00PM)
- MASS - Church (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- A.A.- School Rm. 8 (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
- Adult Choir - Church (7:00 PM - 9:15 PM)

Friday, December 9, 2011

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

Saturday, December 10, 2011

- Penance Service - Church (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- Schafer Hall CLOSED - (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
- MASS—Church (5:30 PM)

Sunday, December 11, 2011

- MASSES - Church (7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:45 AM)
- SMRE - PC Basement (9:30 AM- 10:30 AM)
- SMRE - School (10:30 AM - 11:40 AM)
- CRHP - M15 - Men's Club (10:30 AM - Noon)
- Youth Ministry - SH Basement (12 Noon - 4:00 PM)
- CRHP - W15 - Media Center (6:30 PM - 8:30 PM)
- CRHP - Schafer Hall/Basement (4:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
- Advent Prayer Service - Church (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Susan Schwartz, Jeanette Serrato, Betty Swift, Millie Moorman, Bill Rucker, Michelle Goss, Jay Ruckelshaus, Don Bundy, John Perkins, Mary Springer, Linda Lily, Helen Schwartz, Viola Robbins, Don Bowling, Betty Mouser, Ron Shockey, JoAnn Scifres, Barbara Beaton, Marj Gottemoeller, Sandra Wheeler, Betty Newman, Joan Matthews, Betty Pogue, Michelle Oberting, Bob Herzog, Sharon Baker, Emma Bockweg, Lucinda Krupa, Charles Sauter, Wally Kingham, Nuala Maguire, Kathleen Rapp, Tip Sweany, Lisa Engelking, Patricia Vangen and

MASS INTENTIONS: 12/04/11– 12/11/11

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. — Kay Lynn
9:30 a.m. — Parishioners of St. Mark
11:45 a.m. — Rose Marie Swiezy

Monday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

Tuesday, December 6 - Advent Weekday - St. Nicholas

9:00 a.m. — Benefactors of Guest House

Wednesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

7:00 p.m. — Noeline Scott

Thursday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

9:00 a.m. — Randy Milos
7:00 p.m. — Rev. Mario Villoraza-30th Ordination Anniversary

Friday, December 9 - Advent Weekday -

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

9:00 a.m. — Delia Jennings

Saturday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. — John Scheible

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. — Parishioners of St. Mark
9:30 a.m. — Special Intentions for the George Spaeth Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: December 4 through December 11, 2011

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a,10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a,10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

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