

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. Friday

Sacrament of Baptism

Schedule with the Pastor after participation in Parish Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday

4:45-5:15 p.m.

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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Be sure to check our website for current Parish events,

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.**

News from Fr. Kirkhoff

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your warm hospitality shown to me these last weeks. I realize that these days are a bit difficult for the members of St. Mark Parish, however, all of us banding together will get through this until July when you will get a new pastor.

I recently spoke with Fr. Plaster and he is doing well. As you know, he is a good man and a fine priest. Keep him in prayer.

This week begins the Lenten season. Notice the Mass schedule elsewhere in this bulletin (see below). For Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, Fr. Giannini will celebrate the children's Mass at 9:00AM and I will celebrate the evening Mass at 7:00PM. Also, I hope to celebrate Mass each Thursday in Lent at 5:30PM. If the unexpected happens, there will be a Holy Communion service in place of the Mass. Please understand if this occurs.

Congratulations to all of you for the absolutely extraordinary job you have done in the pledges for the "Roadmap to Success" campaign. You surely are a generous people! Bless You!

My pat on the back as well, to the parish staff. They do a fine job of keeping things together. May I suggest that you personally thank them as well. Just a thought.

If you need a priest, my cell is 698-0090. I am happy to speak or do anything for you.

Blessings, happy Lent, and thanks a million!

Fr. Jerry Kirkhoff
Administrator Pro-Tem
St. Mark Parish

Lenten Schedule - 2012 - St. Mark

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Daily Lenten Mass Schedule

Monday's	6:00pm	at	St. Roch
Tuesday's	5:30pm	at	Good Shepherd
Wednesday's	8:30am	at	Good Shepherd
Wednesday's	6:00pm	at	St. Roch
Thursday's	5:30pm	at	St. Mark
Friday's	9:00am	at	St. Mark

Dailey Mass Times of surrounding parishes

St. Barnabas = Mon - Fri at 8:30am

St. Jude = Tues & Wed at 5:30 pm,
Thurs at 9am, Fri at 8:15am

St. Roch = Mon - Fri at 7:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am (during school year)

PARISH LIFE

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Donations of empty egg cartons are no longer needed but the used plastic shopping bags and empty medicine / vitamin bottles are still in demand. The items can be placed in the SVDP receptacle in the narthex.

Caregivers Support Group will meet **Mon., February 20th** from 5:30-7pm. A light supper will be served. The group meets in Room 8 of the School.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd**. Mass times with distribution of Ashes will be at **9am and 7pm**. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. All Friday's of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting binds all between the ages of 18-59 to one full meal and two other meals that together should not equal a full meal. Abstinence binds all over the age of 14 to eat no meat on that day.

Card Party The St. Mark Card Party will be held in the Narthex on, **Thursday, February 23** starting at 1:00 PM. You are encouraged to bring a friend. See you there.

Men's Club Fish Fry Come and enjoy the 9th annual St. Mark Men's Club Fish Fry on **Friday, February 24th** from 5 to 7 pm. This is a sit down dinner where your food is brought to your table, however, we are offering drive through service for those who wish to take their dinner home. Adult meals are \$8, Seniors are \$6 and kids 12 and under eat for only \$4. We look forward to serving you!



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful;

O Mother of thy Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me.

Amen.



PARISH LIFE cont.

Lenten Journey Lenten Sharing groups will **begin Feb. 22**. If you have been in a group OR wish to join one, please call Rita East, 784-0455 to get started in the *Living in Hope Lenten Series*. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the amazing love of God and meet other St. Mark Parishioners.

Want to be Catholic? If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is interested, monthly inquiry sessions will begin **March 1st** at 7pm. Call Mary Lynn for more information or to register.

World Day of Prayer will be held at Christ United Methodist Church on **Friday, March 2** at noon. The World Day of Prayer service was written by the country of Malaysia and the theme is "Let Justice Prevail".

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

KNEELING



As you have noticed we've brought about one more change in our celebration of Mass. Actually, this is something the staff and liturgy committee have been discussing for some time, and now, that we seem to have the new translation down pretty well, it's the time to implement it.

After we have sung (or recited) the Lamb of God, we will kneel until it is time to receive the Eucharist. After receiving the Eucharist, we will return to our places, kneel until the Eucharist has been taken to the Tabernacle. We will then take our seats.

This is the practice at the Cathedral, and it is now the common practice throughout the archdiocese.

SCHOOL NEWS

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 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!

REMINDER - ISTEP Test is scheduled, **March 5-9** It is required all students take these tests. Please do not schedule appointments during these dates. Thank you.

CYO

Registration is now underway for all Spring sports. St. Mark athletic programs are open to all youth, not just to St. Mark school students. Spring sports include Kickball (3rd - 8th), Co-ed Soccer (5th - 8th), co-ed Track (4th - 8th), and Baseball (7th & 8th).

The deadline is February 22.

CYO Sports Schedule - February 20 - February 28

Monday - February 20

VOLLEYBALL

Cadet vs St. Rose of Lima @ 5:45pm CYO Center

Tuesday - February 21

WRESTLING

K-8 vs Nativity @ 5:30pm at St. Jude

Thursday - February 23

VOLLEYBALL

5 - 6 vs St. Thomas More @ 6:00pm at St. Thomas More

Saturday - February 25

VOLLEYBALL

4 vs St. Susanna @ 10:45am at St. Susanna

Sunday - February 26

WRESTLING

K-4 McClellan Invitational @ 8:30 Scecina HS

Tuesday - February 28

VOLLEYBALL

Cadet vs Ss. Francis & Clare @ 5:00pm at SSFC

WRESTLING

K - 8 vs St. Simon @ 5:30pm at St. Simon



CONGRATULATIONS

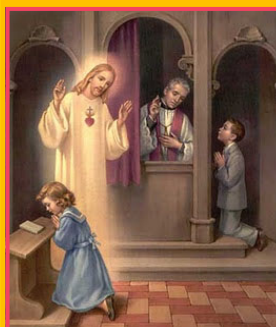
St. Mark Catholic School Alumni **Bryan Rainey** Named

Roncalli Valedictorian and National Merit Finalist for 2012

Roncalli High School announced this past week that **Senior Bryan Rainey** has earned the distinction of **Valedictorian for the Class of 2012!** Bryan is a 2008 graduate of St. Mark Catholic School and is the son of St. Mark Parishioners Joan and Bill Rainey. He will be introduced to the student body and honored after the Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 22. It was also announced Bryan has been named **National Merit Finalists** for 2012.

National Merit Semi-finalist students are amongst the top 1% of the brightest, most select seniors in the United States. From this group of distinguished scholars approximately 14,000 of them become prestigious National Merit Finalists. This academic accomplishment is considered by many to be the pinnacle of all academic awards that can be earned by a high school student. Congratulations to Bryan, his parents and his teachers at St. Mark and Roncalli!

RECONCILIATION



**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday
Begins at 4:45pm**

INLUSSIVENESS

Learning Disabilities

If left untreated, learning disabilities can prevent a child from mastering basic academic skills and damage a child's self-image and self-confidence. Better understanding of the problem can lead to earlier detection and help for children with learning disabilities.

St. Mark Inclusion Ministry

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Collection for: Sunday, February 12, 2012

Ordinary Collection Weekly Budget	\$ 16,028.46
Ordinary Collection Income	\$ 12,091.00
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 3,937.46)
Ordinary Collection YTD Budget	\$ 528,949.18
Ordinary YTD Actual Income	\$ 501,257.70
Net <u>Gain/Loss</u> YTD vs. Budget	(\$ 27,691.48)

Thank you, for your continued support

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Night Slam: High School Youth are invited to come play basketball in the gym at 7:30pm tonight! Sunday Night Slam is a high school youth opportunity that will meet twice per month, engaging in some type of activity then sharing a discussion about some current issue in the Church and our lives. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Next SNS will be March 4th.

Confraternity of John Paul II The next meeting for altar servers will be on Tues. Feb. 21 at 7:00pm in Church. It is important that all servers make an effort to attend this meeting as Lent will begin the following day on Ash Wednesday.

8th Grade Retreat: Registration is now being accepted for the 2012 Eighth Grade Retreat which will take place on Sat. Mar 10 from 9am - 4pm. Forms are available in the Parish Center, School, or request through email at jschaffner@stmarkindy.org there is no cost to attend the retreat.

Junior High Lenten Day of Reflection: Registration for the Lenten Day of Reflection for 6th - 8th grade students is now open. The Day of Reflection will take place on Sunday, March 11 beginning with the 11:45am Mass and ending at 4pm. Cost is \$5 and one canned food item for Saint Vincent de Paul.

High School Service/Leadership Opportunities: More youth are welcome to sign up to assist with the 8th grade retreat or the Lenten Day of Reflection for junior high. This is a great way to get back involved with Saint Mark and to receive service hour requirements for school. Contact Josh at jschaffner@stmarkindy.org if you are interested.

Children's Liturgy of the Word 2/26, 3/4, 3/11

SMRE Class Dates: 2/26, 3/4, 3/11

Youth and Young Adults Needed for Tenebrae— We will be doing a joint youth and young adult choir for this year's Tenebrae service held on the evening of Good Friday. If you have never been to Tenebrae, it is a prayerful closing to Good Friday where you symbolically join with Christ in the tomb through scripture and song as the lights in the church are gradually extinguished. Not a singer? There are many other ways to be involved with Tenebrae, so if you're interested contact Josh in the office of Youth Formation or email, jschaffner@stmarkindy.org

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday After Vatican II

The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) called for the renewal of Lent, recovering its ancient baptismal character. This recovery was significantly advanced by the restoration of the catechumenate mandated by the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (1972). As Catholics have increasingly interacted with catechumens in the final stage of their preparation for Baptism, they have begun to understand Lent as a season of baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal.

Since Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, it naturally is also beginning to recover a baptismal focus. One hint of this is the second formula that is offered for the imposition of ashes: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." Though it doesn't explicitly mention Baptism, it recalls our baptismal promises to reject sin and profess our faith. It is a clear call to conversion, to that movement away from sin and toward Christ that we have to embrace over and over again through our lives.

As the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday calls us to the conversion journey that marks the season. As the catechumens enter the final stage of their preparation for the Easter sacraments, we are all called to walk with them so that we will be prepared to renew our baptismal promises when Easter arrives

Fasting and abstinence Days of Abstinence:



No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

What is Lent?



Lent is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. The name "Lent" is from the Middle English Lenten and Anglo-Saxon Lenten, meaning spring; its more primitive ecclesiastical name was the "forty days," *tessaracoste* in Greek. The number "forty" is first noted in the Canons of Nicaea (A.D. 325), likely in imitation of Jesus' fast in the desert before His public ministry (with Old Testament precedent in Moses and Elijah). By the fourth century, in most of the West, it referred to six days' fast per week of six weeks (Sundays were excluded); in the seventh century the days from Ash Wednesday through the First Sunday were added to make the number forty.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 19, 2012

- MASSES - Church (7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:45 AM)
- CRHP - M15 - Men's Club Room (10:30-Noon)

Monday, February 20, 2012 - Presidents' Day

- NO SCHOOL
- COMMUNION SERVICE - Church 9:00 AM
- Quilters - Quilting room (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
- Counseling - Parish BR (12:00 - 5:00 PM)
- Wrestling - SH Basement (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Youth Formation - Church (Starting at 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

- Youth Formation - Church (Ending at 9:00 PM)
- COMMUNION SERVICE - 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)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 - Ash Wednesday

- Washington's Birthday
- MASS and Distribution of Ashes - Church - 9:00 AM
- Wrestling - SH Basement (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- MASS and Distribution of Ashes - Church - 7:00 PM
- RCIA - Media Center School (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, February 23, 2012

- COMMUNION SERVICE - Church 9:00 AM
- Wrestling - SH Basement (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Daisies - CR 12 (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)
- Brownies - 1st - CR 20 (6:00 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, February 24, 2012

- MASS - Church 9:00 AM
- O.A. - Parish BR (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
- Fish Fry - Men's Club - SH Gym (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Stations of the Cross - (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Saturday, February 25, 2012

- MASS - Church (5:30 PM)

Sunday, February 26, 2012

- MASSES - Church (7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:45 AM)
- CRHP - M15 - Men's Club Room (10:30-Noon)
- Lenten Prayer Service - Church (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Confirmation - Church (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Susan Schwartz, Jeannette Serrato, Betty Swift, Bill Rucker, Helen Eckhart, Jay Ruckelshaus, Don Bundy, John Perkins, Linda Lilly, Helen Schwartz, Viola Robbins, Don Bowling, Betty Mouser, Ron Shockey, Barbara Beaton, Betty Newman, Greg Cole, Joan Matthews, Marj Gottemoeller, Sandra Wheeler, Betty Pogue, Bob Herzog, Sharon Baker, Lucinda Krupa, LeRoy Smith,

Charles Sauter, Wally Kingham, Kathleen Rapp, Tip Sweany, Lisa Engelking, and Noah Duffer.

MASS INTENTIONS: 02/19/12- 02/26/12

Sunday, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. — Virgil Haag
9:30 a.m. — Parishioners of St. Mark
11:45 a.m. — Harold Schoettle



Monday, February 20 - Weekday

9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

Tuesday, February 21 - Weekday - St. Peter Damian

9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Rev. Harry Tully
7:00 p.m. — Noeline Scott

Thursday, February 23 - Lenten Weekday after

Ash Wednesday - St. Polycarp

5:30 p.m. — Joan Ball

Friday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday after

Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. — Kelter-Markowski Family

Saturday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday after

Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m. — Andrew Proctor

Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. — The Parish
9:30 a.m. — Anne Rich
11:45 a.m. — Joe Miller

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 19, 2012 through February 26, 2012

Sunday: Is 43:18-19,21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:22-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-22; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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