

August 9, 2015

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heavenly gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays— 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am
Weekdays—6:30 & 8:15 am (church)
Saturdays— 8:15 am & 5:00 pm
Holy days—Eve—7:00 pm
Day—6:30, 7:30, 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
Rose Duane @ 631-0202

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

Tuesday after 8:15 am Mass to 9:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements

deadline is Monday at noon
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MISSIONER VISIT

Fr. Bill Donnelly, M.M., who serves as a Maryknoll missionary in Central America will visit St. Mark parish over the weekend of August 16th. He is an Illinois native, graduate of Bradley University and U.S. Army veteran, is an artist and a priest. His sketches of mission life have portrayed the dramatic history of Maryknoll as well as the day to day life of peoples in Central America where he worked for over 30 years. Fr. Bill was ordained a Maryknoll priest in 1965 and sent to Guatemala. He lived and worked through that country's violent 36-year-long civil war. Hundreds of Fr. Bill's fellow parishioners were massacred by the Guatemalan Army while a lesser number were killed by guerrillas. After an eight-year assignment in the U.S., Fr. Bill led Maryknoll's work in Central America for six years as Regional Superior. Fr. Bill has returned to Central America after several years as a mission promoter at the Maryknoll Chicago House.

Maryknoll—The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America— was established by the U.S. bishops in 1911 to witness the Gospel among the peoples and cultures of foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Good News, not in words alone, but in practical and concrete actions—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, comforting the oppressed. Maryknoll depends entirely upon the prayers and support of its friends; we serve with profound gratitude for the generosity of our benefactors. While at the parish, Fr. Bill will be happy to talk with any person who is interested in learning more about mission life or perhaps becoming an overseas missionary.



Please note that the Monday- Friday 8:15 am Mass will return to the School Chapel on Monday, August 17th.

Sts. Peter & Paul Soup Kitchen August 16

Cooks: C. Davila, J. Gemmer, B. Hummert, K. LaVelle, T. Narzinski, P. O'Rourke, K. Smith, B. Williams

Bakers: M. Hurst, K. LaVelle, A. Michalski, P. O'Rourke, L. & B. Schneider, K. Tappella, N. Wilson, B. Williams

Servers: J. & W. Gemmer, M. Fallert, B. & J. Horas, D. Pantania

Please pick up containers from the St. Martha's room this week and have them and any baked goods dropped off in St. Martha's room by 10:00 am on **Sunday, August 16th**.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

The **St. Mark Athletic Association** is sponsoring a Texas Hold'Em Tournament on **Saturday, August 22nd**.

Entry fee is \$50 and includes food, drink and 1 seat in the tournament. Door opens at 6:00 pm and tournament starts at 7:00 pm.

Any questions, contact Joe Pudlowski at 314-814-9046.



PSR



It's time to begin thinking about signing your child/children up for our **Parish School of Religion.**

Classes will begin on **Monday, September 14th**. We will meet in the St. Mark school chapel at 6:00 pm for orientation, parent meeting and our opening Mass. To register, please call Jane Brown, OPA at 743-8604.



BAPTISM

We welcome to our faith and to our parish Brynn Elizabeth Powers, daughter of Nathan and Rebecca Powers, who was baptized last week. May God bless and guide Brynn and her family as they journey with Christ to the Kingdom.

Attention Book Lovers!



St. Mark will have a free book swap on **Tuesday, August 11th** from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Patrons Room. If you love to read and miss Weber Road Library, come check us out. We have books for all ages!



Pot Luck Supper

Labor Day Pot Luck ~ Game Night

We will be having a Labor Day Family Pot Luck/Game Night on **Saturday, September 5th** in Hambrough Hall from 6:00—? ALL families of St. Mark are invited to come and share an evening of fellowship and fun. We will once again grill hot dogs, brats and burgers and ask people to pitch in a couple of \$\$ for the meat and bread. All are asked to bring a side dish and a game to share. St. Paul room will be open for the youth to play video games or watch a movie. Bring your own drinks (soda is available for 50¢ a can). Iced tea and coffee will be provided. This is an alcohol-free event. RSVP to Jane at 743-8604 so we know how much meat to purchase.

Note

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary falls on a **Saturday** this year, August 15. Therefore, it will **not** be a holyday of obligation. Nevertheless, all Catholics are encouraged to go to Mass that day and pray through our Blessed Mother's intercession that we, too, will enjoy the fullness of Christ's victory over sin and death.

50+ Club

The St. Mark 50+ Club is sponsoring a trip to **Fairmount Racetrack** on **Tuesday, August 18th**, cost is \$40; \$25 for the bus, \$15 all you can eat buffet; meet at 10:15 am, leave at 10:30 am. Return at 4:30 pm. To sign up call Mike at 276-5767 or Fran at 892-1779.



MASS INTENTIONS *this week*

August 9—16

Sunday

7:00 Beth Brown
 8:30 Michael Reilly
 10:00 John Winterton
 11:30 People of the Parish

Monday

6:30 Eugene Zerbarini
 8:15 Lawrence Idoux

Tuesday

6:30 Camilla McDermott
 8:15 Bob Wortmann

Wednesday

6:30 Vickie Keener
 8:15 Norbert Zimmermann

Thursday

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 8:15 Stephen Matteuzzi

Friday

6:30 Helen Grill
 8:15 John Schlipp

Saturday

8:15 Tom & Sandy Bast—25th
 Wedding Anniversary
 5:00 Norb Zimmermann

Sunday

7:00 Beth Brown
 8:30 Michael Reilly
 10:00 John Winterton
 11:30 People of the Parish

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners who died last week, Helen Grill and Glennon Freise. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

"Howdy" to all St. Mark Ladies!!!

St. Mark Ladies Guild invites you to kick up your boots and join us for food and fun at our western themed barbecue. The barbeque will be held on **Wednesday, August 19th** in Hambrough Hall. Join us at 6:00 pm and bring a friend (or two). Only \$5.00 per gal at the door. Dues of \$7.00 are payable at this time. See you there!



August 10—16

Monday

6:30 C. Brinkley
 8:15 W. Risk

Tuesday

6:30 R. McCloskey
 8:15 B. & E. Sanders

Wednesday

6:30 A. Linkogel
 8:15 S. Zinn

Thursday

6:30 C. & T. Joseph
 8:15 M. Schindler

Friday

6:30 N. Meyer
 8:15 V. Semar

Saturday

8:15 E. Follen
 5:00 D. Davis, J. Davis

Sunday

7:00 K. Polette
 8:30 J., K. & C. Vollet
 10:00 K. & R. McLeod, B. Moreno
 11:30 M. Lotspeich, N. Harashe

Liturgical Roles

August 15 & 16

5:00 **Lectors:** Jane Wehlage
Ministers: M. Adlersfluegel, P. Bierman, A. Hammerschmidt, M. White
Hospitality: A., A., M. & W. Kolnik

7:00 **Lectors:** Alma Manning
Ministers: C. Fleming, J. Johnson, C. Kothe, C. Oberbeck
Hospitality: S. Chambers, R. Leiber, V. Slama, D. Webb, T. Wright

8:30 **Lectors:** Brooke & Terri Johnson
Ministers: R. Bird, C. Cashel, N. Matteuzzi, M. Wobbe
Hospitality: B. & M. Fischer, R. & T. Mantych

10:00 **Lectors:** Loretta Gutting & Bob Horas
Ministers: J. Eveker, J. Fuchs, S. Hentz, L. Hoeing
Hospitality: M. Kramper, A., A. & A. Martinez

11:30 **Lectors:** Joyce Williams
Ministers: C. Coerver, V. Kelly, F. Steinmeyer, B. Terry
Hospitality: K. Coerver, C. & J. Cox, J. Hanak



FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. FORST

St. Mark Parish is greatly blessed with many fine Catholic members and one of our very interesting couples is Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Wright. They have been very much involved in education and in the parish. Karen was a third grade teacher for 34 years in the Fox School District. Then she supervised student teachers for Missouri Baptist University. Jerry taught for 33 years in the Fox School District. After he retired, he worked at CBC as a math teacher. After Karen retired, she was the President of St. Mark's Ladies Guild and skillfully introduced a number of wonderful activities of faith and fun. As time went on, Karen suffered a stroke which caused drastic changes in her life, so much so that she depends not only on her wheelchair, but the constant care of Jerry her husband. They currently come to Mass at St. Mark every Sunday. Karen and her husband, Jerry, take their usual place in the church, and Karen comes up to receive communion with great difficulty. They are certainly a parable in action of people of great faith. They agree with me that we need a new church and a dress code. In the meantime it is my pleasure seeing them at Mass and spending short times in joyful conversation as they leave Mass having remained for the end of the final hymn.



God links us together with Love.



Calendar of Events

AUGUST 10—16

Monday	5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 7 pm—50+ Club Membership mtg.—HH
Tuesday	9 am to 9 pm—Adoration—church 6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall 8:30 am—Crafters—St. Martha 5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 6 pm—Book Swap—Patrons 7 pm—Boot Camp—Hamb. Hall 7 pm—Boy Scouts Troop mtg.—cafeteria 7:30 pm—Men's Club—St. Martha
Wednesday	8 am—Quilters 9 am—Bible Study—St. Paul 5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 7 pm—Boot Camp—Parish Center 7 pm—Christ's Journeymen—St. Paul
Thursday	3:30 pm—Open House—school 5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 6:30 pm—Choir—St. Cecelia 6:30 pm—Young Adult—St. Paul
Saturday	9 am—Women's CRHP—St. Paul

"Angels & Wonders"



ON OUR BOOK RACK

by Joan Anderson offers 30 true stories which point to the spiritual realm for answers to otherwise inexplicable occurrences. Check it out in the church library.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 10—16

Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	<u>Vigil</u> : 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <u>Day</u> : Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

BINGO

Bingo is played every Tuesday at Bandwagon Hall, on Reavis Barracks and Lemay Ferry Road. (The Old DeBasio Furniture Store.) Doors open at 3:30 pm and games begin at 6:30 pm.

Team 5 will work Tuesday, August 11

Joyce Williams	April Pinckard
Laura Wells	Brian Schindler
Kimberly Spencer	A/B Buganski
Patty Dreiling	Jane Johnson
Amy Hopper	Pat Kohlberg
Debbie Kopff	

If you cannot work when scheduled or have questions, please call Loretta @ 922-6838, or Linda Meier @ 607-3842.

St. Mark Fall Festival 2015

Family Fun Night—September 25th; Parade and Festival—September 26th

For any questions or to help out please contact Paul Russo at 314-630-2250.

Sign up sheets for various booths coming soon to the church vestibule.

You can work the Festival and count it towards service hours for school.

Nurses are needed—call Anne Buganski @ 416-1537 to volunteer.

Coming soon! **Fall Festival Ride Bracelet** presale.

Booth Sponsor—See your name in lights! Your name, your company name, in memory of a loved one. Call Dan Heaman @ 640-9770.

Grab Bags—accepting new items for kid's grab bags. Please drop off in Patrons room.

Craft Booth—accepting any new or used items in good condition. Pictures, Christmas items, any and all holiday items. Call Mike @ 276-5767.

Kountry Kitchen Booth—looking for cakes, cupcakes, muffins, homemade jams and jellies and anything else related to a Country Kitchen. Call Ann @ 638-7952, June @ 638-1478 or Mike @ 276-5767.

Plant Booth—accepting donations of plants, flowers and gardening related items. Call Anita Stephens @ 413-7742.

Silent Auction Booth—looking for new, unused items; tickets to sporting events, the Muny, vacation rentals, electronics, etc. Also looking for helpers to put together baskets throughout September. Call Mimi @ 359-1588 for questions or pick up.

Wine & Spirits Booth—Now collecting all new, unopened alcohol and alcohol related items. Call Anna Cantoni @ 807-7167 or Jo Nell Russo @ 894-7808 for information or pick up. Please leave a message.



Pray for Our Sick

Derek Abeln	Marie Gorczyca	Patrice Martin	Juanita Scotino
Mary Althage	Helen Grill	Grace Martise	Mike Seevers
Stephanie Ayers	Judi Growe	Bud Mashowski	Richard Semar
Tim Becker	Melissa Happe	Jane Matoushek	Marian Serra
Virginia Berding	Eileen Happold	Rose Mayer	Rose Sheedy
Ellie Bisher	Brett Haubrich	Rita McAdams	Bruce Short
Rosemary Blase	Richard Hegger	D. Meissner	Carolyn Smith
Karen Blatchford	Karen Henson	Rob Myers	Veronica Smith
Mike Boehm	Lisa Hincklin	Steve Michalski	Kerry Staats
Susan Borosh	Grace Hoeflinger	Josh Miller	Cathy Staten
Marie Brambilla	Ann Holdman	Ruth Mintner	Kelly Stewart
Mary Jane Brasier	Ted Holzem	Angelo Nebuloni	Pat Stock
Dorothy Bugel	Lea Huckabee	Liam Niemira	Kelli Stout
Pat Buschmann	Mary Ingram	John Nolan	Rich & Kate
Dorothy Carron	David Jenneman	Judy O'Hare	Tappella
Carol Capkovic	Larry Jenneman	Kathleen O'Shea	Amy Terhaar
Linda Cardenas	Mary Jensen	Jack Overturf	Karen Thaman
Tom Cherry	Barbara Kerber	Jacquelin Parson	Edna Tirre
Carol Coughlin	Dolores Kertz	Tom Patania	Laverne Valenti
Michael Cox	Ted Klages	Jody Pfeiffer	MaryJo Varchetti
Ryder Curcuru	Fran Kohlmann	Mary Phillips	Marie Venezia
Scott Drennan	Matthew Kraus	Michael Pieri	Joyce Vierling
John Earley	Bob Lally	Bryant Pines	Bill Walters
Brenda Edleson	Emma Lauer	Francis Polasky	Ann Ward
Chris Farrell	Margie Leonneke	Joseph Regan	Nathan Weber
Barbara Finan	James Lewis	Joshua Rubel	Ellen Werner
Mary Fischer	Louise Linsin	Rosetta Saputo	J. Werstein
Ann May Freise	Betty Lloyd	Joann Schaub	Marie Williams
S. Gianfrancesco	Darlene Mahar	Meghan Schmitt	Randy Wood
Elizabeth Gilbert	Terri Malen	Rita Schnorbus	Karen Wright

God's Plan For TITHING Church Support

August 2, 2015

Envelopes	\$14,340.00
Online Giving	2,610.00
School Support	1,127.00
Loose	851.61
Clothing Donation	841.34
Total	\$19,769.95
—Avg. Weekly Operating Expenses	15,000.00
Final Total	\$ 4,769.95
Latin America	\$ 892.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! PRINCESS DANCE CLASSES

for St. Mark Parish—Begins September 8th & 10th
Dance classes are held in St. Matthias Parish Center at
5:45 pm, 796 Buckley Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125
Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater,
& Hip Hop to ages 3 thru 18

Dance Director Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified
with a BA in Dance from Webster University

Tuition - \$40 per month
Please contact Ms. Tina for more information
at 314-680-2613

50+ CLUB NEWS

Monday, August 10th—Membership meeting in
Hambrough Hall at 7:00 pm. Entertainment is *Music by
Elizabeth*. We will have election of officers.

Tuesday, August 18th—Trip to Fairmount Park
Racetrack. \$25 for bus; \$15 for buffet, making the total
\$40. Meet at St. Mark parking lot at 10:15 am and leave at
10:30 am. Arrive back at 4:30 pm. Call Mike at 276-5767
or Fran at 892-1779. Cut off is August 11th. All
parishioners are invited.

Fall Festival Parade 2015 Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now - We're On The Move!

The parade is the kick off to a great day of festival fun!
Please join us as we travel through the neighborhood and
let our neighbors know that we are celebrating! We are
inviting **ALL** to participate in the parade - drive your car,
truck, float, etc.

Please contact Kelly Goersch at 314-504-5397 or
thefours@live.com if you or your group would like to join
the parade. Additional parade details will follow as we get
closer to the parade.



Many Thanks

*St. Mark's brought in 1,477 items and \$528.00 for the
"Fill the Van" project! The pantry has never looked
this full in August before. Our thanks to you for your
generosity.*

Affton Christian Food Pantry



Reminder that all school families are asked to purchase
\$3000 in **Together We're Better** gift cards over a 10-
month period, starting **July 1st**. If any parishioners are
buying on behalf of a school family, please make sure
you give the school family name at the time of purchase.
"Thank you" to all who are faithfully participating in this
program; it helps to purchase many non-budgeted items
for the school. If you have any questions, please contact
Diane Little at 743-8602.

Have you said
your Rosary today?

LIFETEEN

Angels, Demons & Spirits, oh my! Attention all highschoolers – have you ever wondered what the Church says about these things? Watched one too many scary movies? Come and join Saint Louis Life Teen on **Wednesday, August 12th** from 7:00-9:00 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School where we will hear from Fr. Mason, rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, about this and more! Questions? Contact Lauren at 314-288-8873 or lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org.

St. Matthias Tailgate Sale and Electronic Recycling

Saturday, August 22

796 Buckley Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125
Tailgate Sale from 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Spaces available for \$25

Call Pat at 440-8622 for reservations/information

Electronic Recycling from 8:00—11:00 am

Electronics and accessories recycled at no cost
Old tube type TVs accepted at a cost of \$15 per TV
Call 314-892-5109 for recycling information



You Are Invited!

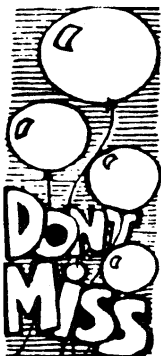
St. Mark Youth Ministry Kickoff Barbeque/ Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 23rd

Join us for 11:30 Mass or meet in
Hambrough Hall at 12:30

Hot dogs & burgers served at 3:00 pm
Pickup at 4:30 pm

Getting to know you ~ Ice breakers
Discussion of youth ministry



Food, Fun, Fellowship

RSVP by August 16th
to Jane Brown
at 743-8604.



Community News

REGULAR DRIVER(S) NEEDED—A regularly scheduled driver is needed to drive from South County, Buckley Road and Barracks View to South Grand and Carondelet Park on Tuesday and Thursdays, starting **August 4th**, pick up time around 12:00 to 12:10 PM. The ride takes between 10 and 15 minutes. The driver will be compensated for gas. This can be divided between multiple drivers if needed. PLEASE contact Jessica Gerth, South County Senior Ministry Coordinator if you are interested at 314-346-6620 or jessica.gerth@missionstl.org.

Experience CBC for Yourself!—CBC is now accepting appointments for the 8th Grade Junior Cadet Shadowing Program. Shadowing allows a young man the opportunity to experience a day at CBC, while meeting current CBC students and teachers. This program is by reservation only. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Ryan at (314) 985-6095 or ryanm@cbchs.org to reserve your day in CBC's Junior Cadet Shadowing Program.

RETIREES!—The Senior Companion Program is in need of individuals age 55 and older who have the heart to visit the sick and shut-in in our community. This program is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Each person who volunteers will receive a free physical, background check and training so that they can participate. After training, they will receive a token of \$2.65 for every hour they visit someone. They will also receive 56¢ per mile if they drive. The program provides a monthly bus pass for those who need to ride Metro to their visits. Is the **Senior Companion Program** for you? www.seniorcorps.gov Contact Samantha Ferguson @ (314) 627-1243 for more information.

Marriage Encounter—Take a vacation from the world's plan for you and see what God's plan might be for your marriage. Rekindle the spark and romance of your honeymoon on the Marriage Encounter weekend of **September 25-27 or December 4-6**; a renewed excitement awaits you and your spouse. More information is available by calling 314-469-7317 or click on www.stl-wwme.org.

Forming Men for Christ: A monthly conference with Father James Mason—Reverend James Mason, J.D., President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, is inviting all men for a Mass, talk and refreshments at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 106 N. Meramec in Clayton, MO, every second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 13th**. Mass will be in the church at 6:30 am, with coffee, refreshments and Father Mason's talk from 7:00 am until 7:45 am in the church basement. Participants are welcome to attend any part of the morning. Plenty of free parking is available on the church lot. Use the stairs at the entrance nearest the church parking lot to go up to Mass or down to the basement for the talk and refreshments. For more information, visit www.Kenrick.edu/FormingMenForChrist.



RCIA

Our Journey in Faith

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St. Mark Catholic Church is a Journey in Faith in which men and women become full members of the Catholic Church. St. Mark Church also offers these classes for children past the age of 7 years who have not been previously baptized.

Each parish is challenged to share and spread the "Good News." It is essential for the Church —*YOU and ME*— to accept the responsibility of inviting both new members and not-so-new members into a life of faith.

RCIA is not a set of memorized instructions. It is not educational schooling for adults. Father doesn't come and question you to see if you know the right "stuff."

Rather, the RCIA is a process in which we look at ourselves, tell our stories, and figure out how God fits into our lives. We ask questions and we search for truth.

Journey in Faith is NOT for people who know all the answers and have everything they need in life. It IS for people searching for something more, seeking truth, wondering what God is really like. ALL are welcome to join us as we journey together.

Is it for you? It could be....it depends on what you are hungry for.
Classes begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

For more information, contact: Jane A. Brown, OPA at St. Mark Catholic Church, 8300 Morganford, St. Louis, MO 63123. Call at 314-743-8604.