

December 6, 2015

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song--"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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Join the St. Mark school kids for their Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 10th at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to share in the joy of the Holiday!

Mass Schedule

Sundays—7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am
 Weekdays—6:30 am (church) & 8:15 am (chapel)
 Saturdays—8:15 am (church) & 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 6:30 am Mass to 9:00 pm

Bulletin Announcements

deadline is Monday at noon
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Pastor's Notes



After many years of dedicated service Roy & Karen Thompson are stepping away from their responsibilities in running the pull-tab portion of our Tuesday night Bingo. Their commitment has been exemplary. Now, St. Mark's needs a person or a group of people to volunteer to take their place, especially Karen's, who is present every Tuesday to manage the sale of pull-tabs. Whoever volunteers will have to be there every week from approximately 4:00-9:00 p.m. That's why it would be easier if a group of people came forward, four perhaps. Then a person would only be responsible for one week a month.

It is very important for volunteers to come forward. Each year St. Mark's makes at least \$60,000 from Bingo and in some years the net profit has been over \$100,000. Our parish needs this money. If you carefully look at the Sunday collection totals in this bulletin you will see that in many weeks we are short of our goal of \$15,000. If we don't get the money to meet our financial obligations through our weekly collections then we need to do it via fundraising. As you know, we have many fundraisers each year; Fish Fry's, Fall Festival, Together We're Better gift card sales, Breakfast with Santa, bake sales, etc.....None of them comes close to matching the profit we make from Bingo. As things stand now our parish and school simply cannot afford to forgo the profits from Bingo.

Think about this. Talk to your friends about this. Get together and figure out a way to help St. Mark's out. Most importantly, pray about this. Is God calling you to this service? Are you the one (or group) that God is asking to make a sacrifice so that others may be helped? God, and I, know the next manager of pull-tabs is out there. Will he, she, they say yes to this call to serve?

Many people have sent in their RSVP for the celebration of Msgr. Forst's 70th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. We need to let Orlando Gardens know how much food to prepare. Know that you are all welcome to come and enjoy this special celebration. Very few priests make it to their 70th anniversary. We are blessed that one of them is among us.

If you plan on going to Mass tomorrow night to celebrate the Immaculate Conception holyday of obligation please remember that the Mass will be in the **St. Mark School Chapel**. On Monday night, don't go to the church. On Tuesday you may go to the church. Please use the holyday to seek the grace necessary to follow the sterling example of faith given to us by our Blessed Mother.



May God bless all of you.
Father Hambrough



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday, December 7, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation.

PLEASE NOTE, the Monday night Mass for this feast will occur at the **school chapel**.

Masses on Tuesday, December 8 will be at 6:30 am, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm at the main church.

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who recently received sacraments.
On November 23 our 8th graders received from Bishop Hermann the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation



- Joshua Andrews
- Christina Adams
- Dustin Askew
- Eric Bauer
- Laura Bockwoldt
- Sophia Bornefeld
- Patrick Branca
- Bridget Burgoon
- Grace Duong
- Sean Dwyer
- Hailey Durst
- Olivia Haubrich
- Melissa Hanak
- Steven Heaghney
- Joseph Holdman
- Andrew Hoyt
- Michael Johnson

- Jacqueline Lewis
- Liam Llewellyn
- Rachel McCloskey
- Nolan Meyer
- Cole Miller
- Abigail Murphy
- Timothy Muxo
- Grace Newcombe
- Dominic Nguyen
- Kayla Rieke
- Abigail Saito
- Lauren Stephens
- Matthew Sullivan
- Clair Vollet
- Katherine Vollet
- Katelyn Walker

On November 30, our 2nd graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for all these youngsters that they continue to grow in faith.

CELEBRATE MSGR. FORST'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

Sunday, December 20th at 11:30 a.m. Mass

St. Mark Church
Luncheon to follow at
Orlando Gardens
4300 Hoffmeister Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125
from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

RSVP by Monday, December 14th by sending in this form or by calling Diane Little @ 743-8602.

Family Name _____

Attending _____

Mass Intentions For The Week



December 6—13

Sunday

7:00 People of the Parish
 8:30 Mary Ann Farrell-birthday
 10:00 Harold Trunk
 11:30 Angelo Nebuloni

Monday

6:30 Peter Linzmeyer
 8:15 (chapel) Frances Hodgkin
 7 pm (chapel) Ronnie Smith

Tuesday

6:30 Eugene Zerbarini
 9:00 Ronald A. Seper
 7:00 pm Camilla McDermott

Wednesday

6:30 Vivian Tinervia
 8:15 (chapel) Philip & Donna Fischer

Thursday

6:30 Stanley J. Ferguson
 8:15 (chapel) Kathleen Gilchrist

Friday

6:30 Angelo Mucci
 8:15 (chapel) Georgia Arnold

Saturday

8:15 Willard Hart
 5:00 Marie Schneider

Sunday

7:00 St. Louis City Police Dept.
 8:30 People of the Parish
 10:00 Rose Mana
 11:30 Brian Pollihan

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners who died last week, Veronica Smith and Geraldine Buerke. Also for Joan Johnson, sister of Gerri Betz and Herman Wecke, father of Chris Wecke. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

The 2016 St. Mark church calendars are here and can be picked up in the church vestibule.

Liturgical Roles

December 7 & 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

7:00 pm **Lectors:** PSR kids
 Ministers: K. Vaughn, K. Waeckerle
 Hospitality: L. & L. Meier

9:00 am **Lectors:** Donna Stanger
 Ministers: S. Carosello, E. & L. Waugh

7:00 pm **Lectors:** Tom Bast
 Ministers: K. & K. Maloney, K. Martinez, J. Rooney
 Hospitality: A., H., S. & T. Bast

December 12 & 13

5:00 **Lectors:** Pat Garland
 Ministers: M. Cass, A. Hammerschmidt, P. O'Rourke, M. White
 Hospitality: D. Benz, D. Bollwerk, R. Flynn, C. Micciche

7:00 **Lectors:** Donna Stanger
 Ministers: S. Chambers, J. Johnson, K. Koehler, C. Kothe
 Hospitality: D. & J. Carey, R. Gion, V. Slama

8:30 **Lectors:** Sally Landro & Mitzi Mallette
 Ministers: M. Boehm, L. Malone, G. Puricelli, M. Terhaar
 Hospitality: E. Klages, D. Nauman, D. & J. Stukenberg

10:00 **Lectors:** Tom & Amanda Bast
 Ministers: S. Bialczak, J. Eveker, J. Fuchs, S. Hentz
 Hospitality: C. & M. Hayden, S., H. & T. Bast

11:30 **Lectors:** Bernadette Williams
 Ministers: L. Hardesty, G. & M. Snodderley, K. Waeckerle
 Hospitality: J. & M. Diethelm, J. Williams, T. Schneider



Poinsettia Sale

December 12th & 13th, after all Masses

The funds raised will help defer the cost for the Pilgrims from IGNITE attending the Pilgrimage to DC.

We will have a few pink poinsettias, and mostly white and red—of all different sizes.



Advent Vespers

All are invited to join us at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, December 13th** for Advent Vespers and a soup supper. Vespers is the evening prayer of the Church. As we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we sit in quiet prayer and anticipation. Join us for prayer through song and scripture and fellowship in Hambrough Hall afterwards. Bring a salad or dessert to share. We will have soup. To RSVP, call Jane Brown, opa at 314-743-8604.



December 7—13

Monday

6:30 K. Polette, E. Micciche-Griffin
 8:15 J. Andrews, W. Risk
 7:00 pm T. & H. Bast

Tuesday

6:30 V. Semar, A. Linkogel
 9:00 M. Schindler, C. Brinkley
 7:00 pm P. Branca, D. Davis

Wednesday

6:30 T. Joseph, C. Maloney

Thursday

6:30 R. McCloskey, S. Zinn

Friday

6:30 A. Little, N. Meyer

Saturday

8:15 L. Llewellyn, B. Farmer
 5:00 N. Nguyen, J. Andrews

Sunday

7:00 J. Davis, C. Schelling
 8:30 J., T. & L. Buganski
 10:00 N. Harashe, B. Burgoon
 11:30 M. Lotspeich, E. Follen, B. Moreno

Schedule

December 7—13

Monday	9 am—HSEC—Hamb. Hall 10 am—Canasta—St. Martha 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 6:30 pm—PSR class—school
Tuesday	NO Adoration 6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall 6 pm—Girl Scouts—Hanlon 6:30 pm—Men's Club—St. Martha
Wednesday	8 am—Quilters 9 am—Bible Study—St. Paul 9 am—50+ Club Board mtg.—Patrons 9 am—HSEC—Hamb. Hall 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 7 pm—Boot Camp—cafeteria 7 pm—Young Adults—St. Paul
Thursday	10 am—Christmas Concert—Parish Center 6:30 pm—Choir—St. Cecelia 7 pm—Christmas Concert—Parish Center 7 pm—Ignite—St. Paul
Friday	6 pm—Boy Scout Lock-In—Parish Center
Saturday	10 am—Basketball—Parish Center 3 pm—Private Party—Parish Center 5 pm—Ignite poinsettia sales—church
Sunday	8 am—Ignite poinsettia sales—church, after all Masses 12 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 4 pm—Advent Evening Prayer/Soup Supper—church & Hamb. Hall

Second Sunday of Advent

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 4 will work Tuesday, December 8

Denise Smith	April Pinckard
Mary Miller	Paul Russo
C/T Buescher	Stacey Hulsey
Jill Burkett	Paul Mori
Debbie Kinard	Teresa Taylor
Kathy Harangozo	Trish Brasier

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

December 7—13

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Christmas Party

ST. MARK LADIES GUILD

Christmas Party will be held on
Monday, December 14, 6:00 pm at Genesis.
 Cost is \$15. Reservations can be made by calling
 Martina Ragain at 314-650-8823.

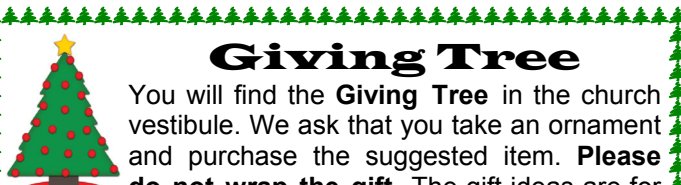
Sts. Peter & Paul Soup Kitchen December 13th

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

Containers can be picked up this week and be returned along with baked goods by 10:00 am next Sunday, December 13th in St. Martha's room.

2016 SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

If you are currently a Baker, Cook or Server for St. Peter and Paul monthly Soup Kitchen and will **NOT** be able to be on the schedule for 2016, please let **Barb Haaser** know as soon as possible. You can call and leave a message at **314-845-8986**. Thank you. Schedules for 2016 will be mailed the end of the first week of January.



Giving Tree

You will find the **Giving Tree** in the church vestibule. We ask that you take an ornament and purchase the suggested item. **Please do not wrap the gift.** The gift ideas are for those items that **Feed My People** is most in need of for their clients. The Giving Tree Room will be open to their clients to choose from the donated gifts that best suit their family members' needs. You may also donate wrapping paper and scotch tape so that clients can wrap their chosen gifts. All gifts must be returned and under the tree by **December 13th**. If you have any questions, please call Diane Little at 743-8602. Thank you!

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



OFFERING	11/22/2015	11/29/2015
Envelopes	\$10,300.00	\$ 7,721.00
Online Giving	1,040.00	1,460.00
Loose	580.90	513.18
School Support	144.00	155.00
Total	\$12,064.90	\$ 9,849.18
—Weekly Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00
Final Total	\$ 2,935.10	\$ 5,150.82
Human Development	\$1,069.00	

Thanks for your support!



From the Desk of Msgr. Forst

On November 23, 2015 some of our 8th graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sometimes this sacrament is celebrated at the Mother Church, The Cathedral. It was a very special occasion since it was celebrated at St. Mark Parish. Ordinarily a Bishop administers the sacrament, and this time Bishop Hermann did the honor. Parents, grandparents, relatives, friends and sponsors witnessed the occasion. Refreshments were served afterwards in Hambrough Hall. What I want to mention is that I did not have a "scheduled" Mass on Friday, November 27. (I try to celebrate Mass every day and I needed an altar server to serve in the school chapel that day at 6:30 am.) Josh Andrews had just received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday evening and his family was with him. I told them that I needed an altar server to serve for me that coming Friday. They graciously and whole-heartedly agreed and said they would be there and I was confident that they would. We have some of the best altar servers around and would really like to add to our team. They serve at all Masses on Sunday and the 6:30 am and 8:15 am weekday Masses. Please get in touch with Diane Little, our parish secretary, at 743-8602 if you are interested.

50+ CLUB NEWS

Wednesday, December 9—Board meeting at 9:00 am in Patrons room. We will finalize our Christmas party.

Thursday, December 17—Christmas party at **Genesis**. Doors open at 5:00 pm, open bar at 5:15 pm, dinner at 5:45 pm. The cost is \$15.00. **Cut-off date is December 3rd**. We will also have December birthdays and a 50/50 drawing. John and Doe will be our entertainment. Questions? Call Fran at 314-892-1779 or Mike at 314-276-5767.



We are trying to get in touch with **Judy Anson**. She has a cheesecake order from the 8th grade fundraiser waiting at the church. If she can call the church at 743-8602 to arrange for pickup, we'd appreciate it!

St. Mark Directory Update

Does our Church database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual **Guide Book & Directory**. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. You can call Diane Little at 743-8602. Thank you!

CHRISTmas

Presents and Presence

—Our December 4F Night Series—
7:00-9:00 PM in the St. Paul Room

December 10th – We all know the story of the birth of Christ. We will be discussing why then and how it happened.

December 17th – IGNITE Christmas Party—more info to come—night of fellowship and food.

IGNITE's door is welcoming of any high-schooler whose faith life may be burning ablaze or just getting kindled. So invite your friends and join us as we through God IGNITE each other's fire within.

MORE INFO: about IGNITE & our **CHRISTmas** Series

In the church vestibule or online:

http://www.stmarkstl.com/youth-ministry; join us on
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IGNITEYMSTL
Questions? Email Matt Stuckel-Lead Team Lead
Member at igniteysaintmark@gmail.com.





Pro-life Christmas Cards

The Pro-Life committee of St. Marks will again be selling Christmas cards on **December 5th & 6th**, to raise funds for the pro-life billboard on Hwy 55 presently just South of Reavis Barracks, educating the public that:

“FACT: In 2013, 5,063 Missouri Unborn Babies <9-19 Weeks Were Dismembered Alive During An Abortion” (per Missouri Department of Health)

Card samples are displayed in foyers. If you do not send cards, consider making a tax exempt donation for the cause. All non-purchasing checks must be made out to Missouri Right to Life Education Fund.

Cards are again \$12.00 for 18 cards (one style is \$12.00 for 20 cards).

LIFETEEN

What does it mean to wait well? How can we make the most of our Advent season in order to be able to wait well and welcome Jesus at Christmas? Join us on **Wednesday, December 11th** from 7:00-9:00 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School to find out. As always, prayer, community, and food are promised! Questions? Contact Lauren at lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org.

8TH GRADERS – Save the date! Luke 18 will be **February 12-14, 2016** at Bishop DuBourg High School. More information will be available as the date gets closer, but please mark your calendars! Additionally, we will be in need of families to host teens and serve as a **sleep house for Luke 18**. Please contact Lauren at (lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org) if you are interested.

Athletic Association News

St. Mark Athletic Association would like to **congratulate** the 8th grade Girls Soccer team on a great season, as they were crowned the *South County Champions of 2015!* These girls are so deserving of this trophy—they have had to play up a division in the years past and were finally able to compete on their own level year! They came together with 8th grade girls from St. Simon and St. Martin of Tours to form a team and won this Championship! We would also like to thank and recognize the coaches for this team; Keith McCune who was kind in coaching these girls (even though he no longer has any children playing on the team) and Angie Newcombe who takes time to coach three teams. Both coaches should be applauded for the dedication to these kids!

Congratulations to the 6th grade girls who played soccer this season with St. Simon and won the Archdiocese Championship! Great job Julia Gamble, Ella Grebing and Abby Thompson!

Congratulations to the 4th grade girls soccer team who were undefeated this season! Great job ladies! Way to go to the girls volleyball teams, both 5th and 7th grade who won their divisions this season. Way to go girls!

As we move on to the basketball season, we would like to remind our fans—we can be great fans as well as players!

Sportsmanship is what we at St. Mark are really about, winning is just a bonus!



Catholics Returning Home—Have you been away from the Church and Sacraments and feel like you want to come back? We've missed you too. Please come back. For more information, please call Mary Lafata at 314-544-1376 or Kim Martinez at 314-351-5223.

Financial Literacy Workshop—Alexian Brothers, The Lodge, 4005 Ripa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125. **Tuesday, December 9th** at 1:30 pm. **Identity Theft: Who's Got Your Number?** Find out what identity theft is, how crooks get your personal information, when you have to give your Social Security number, how to minimize risk of ID theft, the warning signs that you are a victim, what to do if you are a victim and tips to help protect yourself. No cost, but RSVP desired. Call 314-763-7300. Light refreshments. Sponsored by Electro Savings Credit Union.

Fr. Earl Meyer Homilies, Year C— is now available in book form, Kindle and Nook. Fr. Meyer, OFM, Cap. was formerly Associate Pastor at Mary, Queen of the Universe and now resides at St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria, Kansas. Don Hazlett writes “it is important to reflect that these homilies have come from the heart of a dedicated servant of the Lord.” For more information, please call Carol 314-638-3521.

Give Yourself the Gift of Learning—Join the Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study on **Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:20 am**. Please visit, relax, be comfortable among friends, grasp an idea about The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke. This Cornerstone group meets every Wednesday through April, 2016 (except holiday breaks). There will be a Visitor's Day at Mary, Mother of the Church (Hwy 55 to Butler Hill Rd exit and then left on Kerth Rd) from 9:30-11:20 am on January 13, 2016. For more information about Visitor Day, please call Ed Lewandowski at 314-894-1373.

Sunday and Christmas TV Mass for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in the coming of our newborn Savior.

Christmas TV Mass:
KTVI channel 2.2 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday TV Mass:
KTVI channel 2.2 at 9:00 a.m.
WRBU channel 46 (ION) at 5:30 a.m.

Mass is online at <http://www.HeartoftheNation.org>. For those who **can** get to church, the TV or online liturgy does **not** fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.



Giving a Gift Card for the Holidays?

Save time & money by using St. Mark's TWB Program!

Department Stores/Retailers

Aeropostale -\$25
 American Eagle -\$25
 American Girl -\$25
 Banana Republic -\$25
 Barnes & Noble -\$10 & \$25
 Bass Pro Shop -\$25
 Bath & Body Works -\$10 & \$25
 Bed Bath & Beyond -\$25
 Best Buy -\$25 & \$100
 Brooks Brothers -\$25
 Build-A-Bear -\$25
 Cabela's -\$25
 Claire's Boutique -\$10

Crate & Barrel -\$25
 CVS -\$25
 Dick's Sporting Goods -\$25
 Dillard's -\$25
 Dress Barn -\$25
 Express -\$25
 Finish Line -\$25
 Footlocker -\$25
 Game Stop -\$25
 GAP/Old Navy -\$25
 Gordmans -\$25
 Gymboree -\$25
 Hallmark -\$25
 Home Depot -\$25 & \$100
 iTunes -\$15 & \$25
 JCPenney -\$25 & \$100
 Joann Fabric -\$25
 Kohl's -\$25 & \$100

Kmart -\$25
 Limited -\$25
 Lowe's -\$25 & \$100
 Macy's -\$25
 Marshalls -\$25
 Michaels -\$25
 Pier One -\$25
 Sears -\$25
 Sports Authority -\$25 & \$100
 Target -\$10, \$25, \$100
 The Children's Place -\$25
 TJ Maxx -\$25
 Toys R Us -\$20
 Walgreens -\$25 & \$100
 Walmart -\$10, \$25, \$100



Applebee's -\$25
 Arby's -\$10
 Baskin Robbins -\$2
 Bob Evans -\$10
 Buffalo Wild Wings -\$10
 Burger King -\$10
 Cheesecake Factory -\$25
 Chili's -\$25
 Chipotle Mexican Grill -\$10
 Chris Pancake -\$10
 Chuck E. Cheese's -\$10
 Cold Stone Creamery -\$10
 Cracker Barrel -\$10
 Dairy Queen -\$10
 Dave & Buster's -\$25
 Denny's -\$10

Restaurants

Hometown Buffet -\$25
 Honey Baked Ham -\$25
 IHOP -\$25
 Imo's Pizza -\$20
 Jack in the Box -\$10
 Landry's Seafood -\$25
 Little Caesar's -\$20
 Longhorn -\$25
 Noodles & Co. -\$10
 O'Charley's -\$25
 Olive Garden -\$25
 Outback Steakhouse -\$25
 Papa John's Pizza -\$10

Pasta House -\$10
 Pizza Hut -\$10
 Qdoba -\$25
 Red Lobster -\$25
 Red Robin -\$25
 Ruby Tuesday -\$25
 Starbucks -\$10
 St. Louis Bread Co. -\$10 & \$25
 Steak 'n Shake -\$10
 Subway -\$10
 Sweet Tomatoes -\$25
 Taco Bell -\$10
 Texas Roadhouse -\$25
 TGIFriday's -\$25
 Wendy's -\$10

Orders can be placed after all weekend Masses, at the school office between 8:00 am & 3:00 pm, at the parish office, room 108 between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm and by sending it through school. Last day to order for Christmas delivery is **Monday, December 14th**, by 10:00 am.

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