

# December 13, 2015

## CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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### 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  
 BULLETIN—[dianelittle@archstl.org](mailto:dianelittle@archstl.org)  
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## From the Pastor's Desk

We are blessed at St. Mark's to have many great young men and women who do a terrific job serving at the altar of God at Mass. They learn to serve in the latter half of their 4<sup>th</sup> grade year and, as the one who trains them, I can assure you they approach this special task with a great deal of enthusiasm. And nervousness. They want to get it right and not make any mistakes in front of a large congregation so they have a lot of questions. A whole lot of questions! Eventually, though, they learn their task well and perform it with due diligence.

Things change, however, when we have Mass that differs in ways large or small from the usual Mass. For instance, a Wedding Mass, a funeral, the Mass of Confirmation, or the Mass of Holy Thursday. Then, the servers revert to the days of many questions. "Where should I stand during the vows?" "When should I bring the incense to you?" "Do we still kneel at the same time?" A lot of questions! And, I can't blame them. They just want to get it right.

So do the people in today's Gospel. Three times different groups of people query St. John the Baptist, "What should we do?" St. John is telling them to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. John assures them that he is not the "one who is to come." John is not worthy to untie the Savior's sandal. But the Messiah is on the way and the people are nervous. "What should we do?"

That's a question each of us must ask as we continue our journey through Advent. Like the altar servers, we get used to things, our day-to-day existence becomes routine. We know how things are supposed to go, now, something different, something special, is happening and we want to get it right. We don't want to make a mistake in front of everybody or in front of God. So we cry out, "What should we do?" St. John's answers are very practical. Be kind, be fair, and share with others. That's 2,000 year old advice that we can follow today.

We pray to do so. We pray to be alert and watchful for the coming of the Lord. Christ is on the way. And when He gets here we'll be ready. We'll know what to do.

I want to thank the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of St. Mark School and their parents for hosting last week's Breakfast with Santa. Everybody had a great time. Even Santa was impressed with the job well done.

May God bless all of you.  
Father Hambrough



### *Many Thanks*

We would like to thank everyone for their generous response towards the Thanksgiving Day collection of food and funds for St. Vincent de Paul. We appreciate all the support the people of St. Mark's continue to give to this ministry!  
*SVDP Committee*

## keep Christ in Christmas

### CELEBRATE MSGR. FORST'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> by sending in this form or by calling Diane Little @ 743-8602.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.



#### Confessions:

Tuesday, December 22  
from 6:00-7:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 23  
from 4:00-5:00 pm

#### Masses:

Thursday, December 24 at 8:15 am and 5:00 pm  
(Please note: There will **not** be a 6:30 am Mass on Christmas Eve and the 8:15 am Mass will be at the **church**, not the school chapel.)  
Friday, Christmas Day at midnight and  
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

#### New Year's Schedule

Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm  
Friday, January 1 at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

**The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## MASS INTENTIONS



### December 13—20

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 8:15 (chapel) Charlene Piper

#### Tuesday

6:30 Eleanor Helfrich  
 8:15 (chapel) Bob Bieg

#### Wednesday

6:30 Job George & family  
 8:15 (chapel) Special Intention—Healing

#### Thursday

6:30 Rose Mana  
 8:15 (chapel) Lottie Williams-Simpson

#### Friday

6:30 Harold Mall  
 8:15 (chapel) Jeanine Gaal

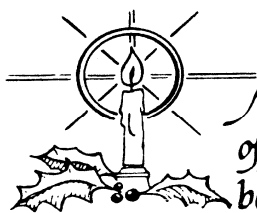
#### Saturday

8:15 Ronnie Smith  
 5:00 Steve & Mary Arentsen

#### Sunday

7:00 People of the Parish  
 8:30 Henry, Robert & Edith Orr  
 10:00 Philip & Donna Fischer  
 11:30 Mary Berra

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



*May the blessings  
 of this Holy Season  
 be with you always.*

## Liturgical Roles

### December 19 & 20

**5:00** **Lectors:** Nancy Borders  
**Ministers:** M. DeHekker, P. O'Rourke,  
 B. & M. Schmidt  
**Hospitality:** C. & R. Hamilton, D. & M. Kolnik

**7:00** **Lectors:** Marsha Griffin  
**Ministers:** C. Fleming, E. & K. Koehler, C. Kothe  
**Hospitality:** S. Chambers, R. Leiber, V. Slama,  
 D. Webb, T. Wright

**8:30** **Lectors:** Jean Kertz & Marian Wobbe  
**Ministers:** D. Kopff, N. Matteuzzi, T. Reilly, M. Terhaar  
**Hospitality:** L. & R. Ablen, R. Bird, M. Hogrebe

**10:00** **Lectors:** Bob Horas & Keith Maloney  
**Ministers:** J. & W. Gemmer, E. & L. Waugh  
**Hospitality:** M. Kramper, A., A. & A. Martinez

**11:30** **Lectors:** Joyce Williams  
**Ministers:** D. Brauer, C. Coerver, K. Gillman, B. Terry  
**Hospitality:** B., L. & T. Schneider, D. Brauer

## LUKE 18

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## RETREAT

### March 4-6, 2016



Luke 18 is a retreat held for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and will be led by a team of high school youth and young adults. So that is where we begin. Calling any high school youth or young adults—interested in ministering via a retreat team?

Contact IGNITE via Facebook or email:  
<https://www.facebook.com/IGNITEYMSTL>  
 Lead Team Lead Member—Matt Stuckel  
[igniteymsaintmark@gmail.com](mailto:igniteymsaintmark@gmail.com)

MORE INFO TO COME:

<http://www.stmarkstl.com/junior-high>

## Advent Vespers

All are invited to join us at 4:00 pm **today, Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 14—20

#### Monday

6:30 E. Micciche-Griffin  
 8:15 T. & H. Bast

#### Tuesday

6:30 J., K. & C. Vollet

#### Wednesday

6:30 K. Polette, W. Risk

#### Thursday

6:30 M. Schindler, C. Brinkley

#### Friday

6:30 V. Semar, A. Linkogel

#### Saturday

8:15 D. Davis, B. Farmer

5:00 P. Branca, N. Nguyen

#### Sunday

7:00 K. & R. McLeod

8:30 L. Llewellyn, J. Andrews

10:00 E. Follen, M. Lotspeich,  
 B. Moreno

11:30 J., T. & L. Buganski



# BULLETIN BOARD

**December 14—20**

<b>Monday</b>	9 am—HSEC—Hamb. Hall 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 6 pm—Ladies Guild Christmas Party—Genesis 6:30 pm—PSR class—school
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 am to 9 pm—Adoration—church</b> <b>6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall</b> 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 7 pm—Boot Camp—Hamb. Hall 7 pm—Boy Scout Comm. mtg.—Patrons 7 pm—RCIA—St. Paul
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 am—Quilters 9 am—Bible Study—St. Paul 9 am—HSEC—Hamb. Hall 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 7 pm—Boot Camp—cafeteria 7 pm—Christ's Journeymen—St. Paul
<b>Thursday</b>	5 pm—50+ Club Christmas Party—Genesis 5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center 6:30 pm—Choir—St. Cecelia 7 pm—Boys Club—Hamb. Hall 7 pm—Ignite—St. Paul
<b>Friday</b>	5 pm—Basketball—Parish Center
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am—Basketball—Parish Center
<b>Sunday</b>	11:30 am—Msgr. Forst's 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration—church & Orlando Gardens 11:30 am—Children's Choir—church 4 pm—Girl Scouts—Hanlon

## Third 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 5 will work Tuesday, December 15

Joyce Williams	April Pinckard
Laura Wells	Brian Schindler
Kimberly Spencer	A/B Buganski
Meredith Fallert	Jack McCune
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.

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**December 14—20**

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Early Bulletin Deadline—All notices/articles for the December 27<sup>th</sup> bulletin need to be into the Parish Office by December 15<sup>th</sup> and those for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin need to be in by December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!**




### From the Desk of Msgr. Forst

On Monday, November 30, the children in the second grade made their First Reconciliation. We older folks used to call it "going to confession." Most of the children were very properly dressed and well prepared. Accordingly all went well, some parents also went to confession. This event takes me back to the days we made our "First Confession." Basically all was the same. We were able to confess our sins and be forgiven in the secrecy of the confessional. (Some churches had several confessionals, even as many as four.) As a priest I remember hearing the whole school on the Thursday before the first Friday every month. This was exhausting. Then there was the time when I was on a retreat given by a bishop. I do not remember his name, yet there still sticks with me this wise saying, "Be a lion on the pulpit and a lamb in the confessional." Now, as I am about to complete my 70<sup>th</sup> year of ordination I still am glad that I am able to be the penitent and the confessor. This happens now and then and requests for confession come at unusual times and in strange places. For example, the door bell rings. One never knows what to expect. It is a great joy when someone wants to "go to confession." On other occasions the phone rings and the voice says, "Charlie, are you home?" Providentially, I am home. "When can I come?" It might be anywhere from ten minutes to half an hour. Wonderful. Sometimes one will just come and sit next to me in church. Perhaps you have either heard of Regina Cleri or have visited there. It is a very fine retirement home for priests. On the third Thursday of every month they have Happy Hour at 5:00 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm there. Also, around 4:00 pm Father Joseph Weber is available for confessions. There was one month I knew that he would not be there. I called Nancy Bryant, the manager of the home and asked, "Would it be possible for me to confess and also be the confessor?" She was delighted and accordingly I was able to get there at 4:00 to be the confessor and to confess. My prayer is that Catholics will go back to the practice of frequent confession. Families will grow in goodness and the world will be better when the family is the strength of the nation. Praying to the Holy Spirit to make this possible.

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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
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Ann May Freise	Darlene Mahar	Joann & Bill	Nathan Weber
S. Gianfrancesco	Terri Malen	Schaub	Ellen Werner
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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	



## Church Support

December 6, 2015

Envelopes	\$ 14,659.00
Online Giving	2,670.00
Christmas Flowers	1,242.00
School Support	951.00
Loose	610.68
Immaculate Conception	467.00
Christmas	400.00
Solemnity of Mary	85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,084.68</b>
—Avg. Weekly Expenses	15,000.00
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,084.68</b>

Thanks for your generosity!

## 50+ CLUB NEWS

**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. 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.

### 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.

### 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 PARTY

7:00-9:00 pm  
December 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul Room  
ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun. Bring a \$5 wrapped, gender-neutral gift for "Rob Your Neighbor". You can also bring wrapped gag gifts. We will have the snacks and other fun games for the evening.

IGNITE's door is welcoming of any high school youth 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 [igniteymsaintmark@gmail.com](mailto:igniteymsaintmark@gmail.com).

### NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Joint evening with IGNITE  
and St. Mark Young Adult Group  
6:30-9:00 pm on December 30<sup>th</sup>

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. This will be a night for our young adults and high school teens to meet and fellowship—over food!! Bring a few dollars to chip in for pizza dinner.

Study up on your Christmas trivia!!  
Also for each canned good (non-perishable item) you bring—you will get points toward our evening's epic game!!

Please let us know you are attending via email or Facebook.

And more info online  
<http://www.stmarkstl.com/yag>  
<http://www.stmarkstl.com/high-school>  
Questions email Matt Stuckel—Lead Team Lead Member  
[igniteymsaintmark@gmail.com](mailto:igniteymsaintmark@gmail.com)

## Bishop DuBourg High School Trivia Night

Come enjoy a fun evening of Trivia!  
All proceeds benefit the Class of 2016 for  
Project Graduation!

**January 30, 2016**

**Doors open 6:30/Play begins 7:30**

Cash prizes! Attendance prizes! Mulligans!  
Tables of 10 available - \$20/person

Table Reservations:

Denise Buck (314) 566-0561

Joni Jordan (314) 586-1619

Ruth Kayser (314) 578-3596

Contact Sandy Leibrecht for more information:  
[sleibrecht@bishopdubourg.org](mailto:sleibrecht@bishopdubourg.org)



**New Bible Class: Deuteronomy**—Seven Holy Founders on Tuesday mornings, 9:00-10:30 am, we'll read *only* highlights and discuss. For more information, please call Linda Virga at 631-4488.

**FATIMA EUCHARISTIC VIGIL: Friday, December 18**—When Our Lady appeared at Fatima she requested that we pray the rosary every day, make sacrifices for sinners and offer prayers of Eucharistic Adoration. In this troubled world our response to her request is more urgent now than ever. Please join us in this last vigil of 2015. In this way you will respond to Our Lady's request to pray for the conversion of sinners. Our vigils are normally held each last Friday of the month at George's Church but due to the Christmas holiday we will have the vigil a week early. The vigil starts at 9:00 pm and Mass is said at 10:00 pm and another Mass at 12:00 midnight. Confessions are heard before or after Mass. There is a Eucharistic procession and various prayers are said throughout the night. The vigil ends at 4:45 am. For more information call 314-562-5927.

**Our Lady's Inn Trivia Night**—Super Hero theme to benefit Our Lady's Inn, being held on **Saturday, January 16, 2016** at Chaminade College Prep School Atrium, 425 South Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63131. Doors open at 6:30 pm., trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person /\$200 per table of 8. Price includes 2 free drinks per person! Light snacks will be provided. Mulligans, raffle items and silent auction. For more information or to register visit: [www.ourladysinn.org](http://www.ourladysinn.org) or call Amy Rager @ 314-736-1544. All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Lady's Inn, an emergency shelter for homeless pregnant women and their children.

**Variety Trivia Night**—Variety, the Children's Charity of St. Louis **Trivia Night is Saturday, January 23, 2016** at St. Louis University High School hosted by Curt Copeland of 96.3. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Tables of ten with complimentary beer, wine, and soda are \$300. VIP tables are \$400 and include pizza pack, waiter service, and setups. Register at [bitly.com/varietytrivia](http://bitly.com/varietytrivia). Sells out fast! **All proceeds go to help kids with disabilities, and that's not trivial at all.**

**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.

## RETRouvaille

**YOU Can Help Your Marriage** — 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is **Retrouvaille**. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of **January 29-31, 2016**.

## ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on **Thursday, December 17**, at 7:00 pm, at Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. We will have our annual Mass at 6:30pm followed by food and Christmas entertainment. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. For more information please call Jan Inman at (314) 892-6933 or Bill DeCoursey at (314) 322-2764.

## LIFETEEN

Attention highschoolers! Join Saint Louis Life Teen for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party! We will meet on **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-9:00 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. After an Advent prayer service, we will vote on who has the ugliest Christmas sweater! Questions? Email Lauren at [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org).

8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org) if you are interested.



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 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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