

PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS & SAINT MARK

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1, 2024

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit articles to csanders@stmarkstl.com
at least 10 days prior to desired publication date.
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday

6:30 AM *at St. Martin*
8:00 AM *at St. Mark* (livestream)

Saturday Morning 8:00 AM
at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Evening Vigils
4:00 PM *at St. Martin*
5:00 PM *at St. Mark*

Sunday Morning
7:00, 9:00 (livestream) & 11:00 AM
at St. Mark
10:00 AM *at St. Martin*

Next Holy Day of Obligation
December 9 - Immaculate Conception
6:30 AM & 6:30 PM *at St. Martin Church*
8:00 AM (livestream) & 6:30 PM
at St. Mark Church

CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to each Vigil or
Sunday Mass beginning at the quarter hour.



Saturday, November 30 *1st Sunday of Advent*

4:00PM @ St. Martin People of the Parishes
5:00PM @ St. Mark Marlene Pietroburgo+

Sunday, December 1 *1st Sunday of Advent*

7:00 @ St. Mark Joseph Metherd+
9:00 @ St. Mark George+ & Celeste+ Ottoline
10:00 @ St. Martin Mary Ann Farrell+
11:00 @ St. Mark Maryann Becvar+

Monday, December 2

6:30 @ St. Martin Joel George+
8:00 @ St. Mark Ray & Vera Bernhard

Tuesday, December 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

6:30 @ St. Martin Puricelli & Bauer Families+
8:00 @ St. Mark Jim Rooney+

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 @ St. Martin Joseph Hentschel+
8:00 @ St. Mark Wil Kroener+

Thursday, December 5

6:30 @ St. Martin John George
8:00 @ St. Mark Brian Davis, Jr. & Families

Friday, December 6 *St. Nicholas*

6:30 @ St. Martin Ruth Gay
8:00 @ St. Mark Worcester (MASS) FD 6

Saturday, December 7 *St. Ambrose*

8:00 @ St. Mark Peter & Caroline Bernhard

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TODAY'S READINGS
1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will raise up for David a just shoot.

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

May the Lord strengthen your hearts
at the doing of our Lord Jesus.

Luke 21:25-36

But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2ND - 8TH

Monday: **Isaiah 2:1-5**
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: **Isaiah 11:1-10**
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: **Isaiah 25:6-10a**
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: **Isaiah 26:1-6**
Matthew 7:21-27

Friday: **Isaiah 29:17-24**
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: **Isaiah 30:19-26**
Matthew 9:35—10:1-8

2nd Sunday of Advent:
Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-11
Luke 3:1-6

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

He came from another world — a seminarian from West Africa — and he saw the world darkening, freezing and seemingly dying before his eyes — and nobody seemed to share his concern and despair.

It took a kind priest on the faculty to explain to him that this was part of the cycle of new life here in North America.

This experience is one that our ancestors in faith, the people of Israel, knew as they seemed to face a hostile and destructive world.

They knew they needed someone to make a new start for them — someone anointed by God to be messiah, a rescuer, a sign of hope in the midst of very real despair.

This is what Advent seeks to teach by reaching into our heart of hearts to reveal a desperation, and deep longing arising from desperate times.

Jesus, now called the Christ, God's heaven-sent Son, our Rescue and our Hope for a new beginning is the answer to our yearning and prayers.

He was the fulfillment of all God's prophetic messages of hope sent to those in Israel willing and able to embrace Him, His Gospel, and His Way of Sacrificial Love — and He is all that for us in this time and place when we can be beset by division, fear, and doubt.

It is my prayer this Advent that we all can open our hearts to Our Lord Jesus Christ in deeper prayer, both personal and communal, a more sincere sacramental reconciliation, and a generous charity to those in need!

Father Bob Burkemper

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Census Results, as of November 21, 2024:

**187 Households have registered in St. Martin
&
353 Households have registered in St. Mark**

This Week

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Monday, December 2

Seniors Exercise Class

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

Parish School of Religion

6:30 PM St. Mark School

Tuesday, December 3

Devotion to the Mother of Perpetual Help

After 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM Mass

Prayer Shawl Ministry

9:00 AM Pastoral Office

Quilting 9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 113

Quilting 10:00 AM St. Martin Runge Hall

Wednesday, December 4

Bible Study 9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 101

Quilting 9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 113

Cards 12:30 PM St. Mark Rm 114

"The Chosen" Viewing & Discussion Group

6:00 PM St. Martin Runge Hall

Thursday, December 5

Eucharistic Adoration After 8:00 AM Mass
to Adoration by Candlelight ends (see page 5)

Seniors Exercise Class

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

Quilting 10:00 AM St. Martin Runge Hall

Bulletin Articles for Dec. 15 & Dec. 22

Due by Noon to csanders@stmarkstl.com

Adoration by Candlelight

6:30 PM St. Mark Church

Choir Practice

6:30 PM St. Mark Rm 101

Legion of Mary 7:15 PM St. Mark Rm 115

Friday, December 6

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

After 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM Mass

Devotion to Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary

7:00 PM - Midnight Mass St. Mark Church

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

7:30 PM St. Andrew School
(Hoffmeister Entrance)

Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8

Christmas Cookie Sale At All Masses

St. Mark & St. Martin

Giving Tree Gift Cards returned

At All Masses St. Mark & St. Martin

Sunday, December 8

Bandwagon Hall Bingo (Volunteer Team 2)

2:30 PM Doors Open 5:30 PM Games Begin



PRAYER REQUESTS

For Those Who Have Died, especially:

Kevin Long & John Pleimann

*May They and All the Faithful Departed
Rest in the Peace of Christ*

For All the Sick, especially:

Chuck Marty & Rosetta Saputo

*May They experience God's Healing Power,
& be returned to the Community of Faith!*

Prayers and Congratulations to

Ray & Karen Kraus

on their
50th Wedding Anniversary.

*May God's blessing
grow abundantly in their lives.*

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PRAYER LIST

If you have a seriously ill loved one,
or someone has recently passed away,
please contact the Pastoral Office
so your intention may be included
in this Pastoral Bulletin.

The names of the sick are printed
for four consecutive Sundays.

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SEEKING NAMES OF ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL

We wish to acknowledge loved ones
in upcoming Pastoral Bulletins to
encourage prayer for all serving in the
US Armed Forces during
this Christmas Season.

By next Sunday, December 8th, please share
the name, military branch, & rank
of those you wish to include here
with Sandy Bast at 314.941.9074
or sbast1066@gmail.com.

MASS SCHEDULES FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception

Next Monday, December 9th

6:30 AM & 6:30 PM at St. Martin
&

8:00 AM & 6:30 PM at St. Mark

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Christmas

The Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

at Both St. Mark & St. Martin

The Day, Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 AM at St. Mark &

10:00 AM at St. Martin

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New Year's

Mary, The Mother of God


The Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

4:00 PM at Both St. Martin & St. Mark

The Day, Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 AM at St. Mark &

10:00 AM at St. Martin



parish census

—**During December:** A mailing of the same Census Form will be sent to parishioners formerly registered as a member of any of our parishes who have not responded.

—**During January:** A second mailing will be sent to encourage anyone yet to respond to do so by the end of February.

After this, those who do not choose to respond will be placed on a list of inactive members.



The DeSmet Council of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will offer their annual ...

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

NEXT WEEKEND

December 7th & December 8th

Before & After All Masses

At St. Martin of Tours & St. Mark

Donations & proceeds benefit our Councils of the St. Vincent De Paul Society & other Auxiliary charities.

Cookie plates are \$5, cash/checks only.

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them to St. Mark's cafeteria at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 7th.

Any questions?

Please contact Lynn Sibley at 314.517.3157.



ATTENTION!

ST. MARK LECTORS, & HOSPITALITY & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The November 30, 2024 - April 13, 2025 Mass Ministries Schedule has been printed.

If you did not receive a copy via e-mail, please pick up a paper copy in the cafeteria or vestibule.

If you have any questions, contact:
Ed Schneider - edmschneider@yahoo.com
or 314.885.4418

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

MEALS PROGRAM



TEAM 4

Will Cook, Bake & Serve on December 15th

Cooks: Next weekend pick up your Mostaccioli containers from St. Mark's Cafeteria.

Questions? Call Pat - 314.631.1118.

THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to all who donated food on the weekend of November 16th and 17th.

More than 400 items were collected at **St. Martin** for Thanksgiving Food Baskets, and another 1000 items were donated at **St. Mark** for Affton Christian Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOOD DRIVE

Over the next few weekends, both St. Vincent DePaul Conferences will be gathering non-perishable food items.

Please place your items in the boxes in the vestibules, and if you are writing a check, make it out to SVDP at **St. Martin** or Affton Christian Food Pantry at **St. Mark**.

Needed Items include:

meat & fish & chili & beef stew... (canned)

fruit - applesauce, peaches... (canned)

Veggies/potatoes, corn, peas, mixed...(canned),
please no green beans

cake, cookie, & pancake mixes, cereal...
(boxed)

icing/frosting (boxed) & sprinkles...

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Adoration by Candlelight

St. Mark Church, Dec. 5th, 7-8 PM

Prepare for the Coming of the King with
a Holy Hour spent in Adoration.

Inspirational music begins at 6:30 PM.

At 7:00 PM we will have opening prayer followed by
a scripture reading, a reflection, and time spent
with Jesus in a darkened church lit with
candles. Sure to be quality
time amidst the bustle
of Christmas preparations.

A reception with light snacks
will be offered at the conclusion.

Hallow

Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

JOIN HALLOW THIS ADVENT

Journey closer to Christ with *Hallow*, the #1 Catholic prayer app.

Hallow provides daily prayers, meditations, and reflections to help deepen your faith.

If you are not already on *Hallow* unlock premium access for only \$1 at archstl.org/pray (brought to you by the ACA).

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

This wonderful practice of Advent charity is part of our tradition at both St. Mark and St. Martin Parishes.

Until Sunday December 1st, you can pick up an ornament from the Giving Tree in the Church vestibule to purchase gift cards for our neighbors in need.

On December 8th the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul from each both parishes will collect the gifts cards deposited in the vestibules of St. Martin and St. Mark.

These gifts are a source of very special blessing to all who participate in this communal act of Christmas love.



During Advent, Frs. Burkemper & Boedeker will offer an expanded schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Weekend Confessions

From an hour prior to Vigil or Sunday Masses until the three quarter hour at both Churches.

Extra Evening Confessions

Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19

From 5:00 PM until all are heard at St. Mark.

An Evening Penance Service

Correct Dates is *Tuesday, December 17*

7:00 PM until all are heard at St. Martin.

This night three priests will be available.



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WHAT WOULD DECEMBER BE WITHOUT CHRISTMAS PARTIES?

Wednesday, December 4th

The **CATHOLIC SENIORS CLUB** gathers at ANDRE'S BANQUET CENTER at 11:00 AM.

Wednesday, December 11th

The **LADIES GUILD** gathers for dinner at ANDRE'S at 5:30 PM

Tickets (\$22) must be purchased by *Sun., Dec 1.*
Call Laura at 314.229.7200

Wednesday, December 18th

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** gather for dinner at ANDRE'S at 7:00 PM. For reservations call Dave at 314.478.6220
Non-Members & Spouses are welcomed!

Friday, December 20th

The **MEN'S CLUB** gathers at ANDRE'S from 6:00 to 11:00 PM
For Reservations call Apollo at 314.486.4399
Tickets are \$35 (*apps, open bar & dinner*), & are also offered at both churches at weekend Masses until Dec. 15th & DuBowl Lanes Dec 10th & 17th at 6:00PM.

MONTHLY ORDINARY INCOME REPORT

FOR OCTOBER 2024

	ST. MARK	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
FOR PARISH SUPPORT:	\$ 73,276.76	\$ 19,298.25
FOR NON-PARISH SUPPORT:		
Hurricane Relief	\$ 5,564.00	\$ 884.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$ 2,401.00	\$ 437.00
World Missions	\$ 1,572.25	\$ 309.00
Local St. Vincent DePaul Societies	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 245.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 20.00	
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 10.00	
Retired Religious	\$ 10.00	
TOTAL AUGUST COLLECTIONS	\$ 84,044.01	\$ 21,173.25