

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

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2024

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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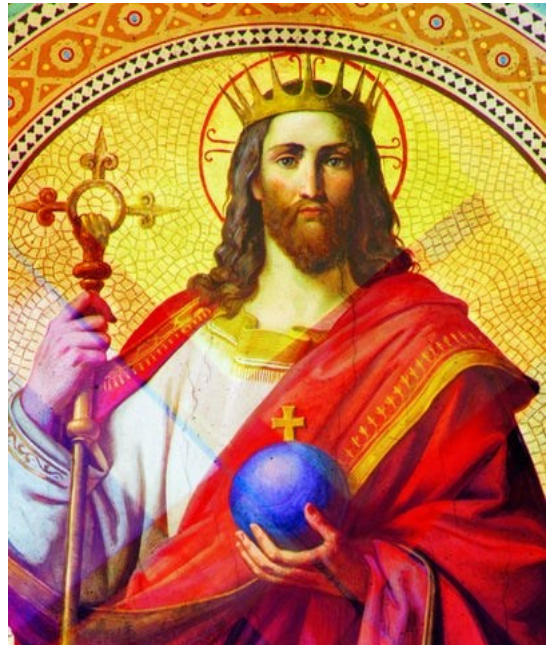
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 23

Solemnity of Christ the King

4:00PM @ St. Martin Jeannine Belosi+
5:00PM @ St. Mark Dorothy M. Tetreault+

Sunday, November 24

7:00 @ St. Mark Henry & Elizabeth Borgmeyer
9:00 @ St. Mark Woodson+ & Dolores+ Mabry
10:00 @ St. Martin People of the Parishes
11:00 @ St. Mark Eddie R. Jones, Sr.+

Monday, November 25

6:30 @ St. Martin Tom Perkins+
8:00 @ St. Mark John Landro+

Tuesday, November 26

6:30 @ St. Martin Debbie Goulden+
8:00 @ St. Mark John & Janet Anvender

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 @ St. Martin Winkelman Family+
8:00 @ St. Mark Edward Harsticka+

Thursday, November 28 *Thanksgiving*

9:00 @ St. Martin Al Desrosiers+

Friday, November 29

6:30 @ St. Martin Roxanne Astroth+
8:00 @ St. Mark Nowak Family

Saturday, November 30 *St. Andrew*

8:00 @ St. Andrew Peter Konradi+

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Please Remember

**on Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM Mass
is celebrated at St. Martin's Church**

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**on Saturday 8:00 AM Mass
is celebrated at St. Andrew's Church.**



**SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
*The Solemnity of Christ the King***

Daniel 7:13-14

The Son of Man's dominion is everlasting.

Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the first born of the dead,
the ruler of the kings of the earth.

John 18:33b-37

Jesus answered Pilate,
"You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came
into the world, to testify to the truth."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

November 25 - December 1

Monday: **Revelation 14:1-5
Luke 21:1-4**

Tuesday: **Revelation 14:14-19
Luke 21:5-11**

Wednesday: **Revelation 15:1-4
Luke 21:12-19**

Thursday: **Revelation 18:1-23; 19:1-9
Luke 21:20-28**

Friday: **Revelation 20:1-11—21:2
Luke 21:29-33**

Saturday: **Romans 10:9-18
Matthew 4:18-22**

1st Sunday of Advent:
**Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-36**

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Repetition often dulls our sense of the deeper truths found within the Holy Mass—and as our national day of gratitude approaches, I've been nudged by the Holy Spirit to share a reflection.

Every day, as a priest, in the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, I initiate and lead what should be beautiful dialogue between God and His People—reminding us all that thanksgiving is the primary motive and emotion that should always arise in our hearts, to be expressed in our thoughts, words and deeds.

As you read these words, recall how their meaning could change our outlook on life.

“The Lord be with you.” — This is not merely a pious wish, but a firm reminder of the central truth that truly God is with us always!

“Lift up your hearts.” — Again shouldn't we be jolted by this phrase which calls us beyond our complacency, doubts, fears, and even sins, —to set our sights for the fullness of God's will for us each day?

“Let us give thanks to the Lord our God” — Shouldn't this overwhelming invitation cause us to marvel at the magnitude and multiplicity of all God has provided?

“It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation always and everywhere to give you thanks Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.” — I then speak directly to God, not just on one Thursday in November but throughout time to voice our unending gratitude for us all.

How often have we allowed our prayer to settle into a common litany of understated complaints or dissatisfaction with one thing or another?

A deeper reflection, appreciation, gratitude and thanksgiving is what we need to be rightly grounded as sincere believers.

So, brothers and sisters, enjoy the coming holiday, but remember Thanksgiving needs to be our daily goal in order to do justice to God, Our Father, as Jesus, Himself teaches.

This Week

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Monday, November 25

Seniors Exercise Class

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

Parish School of Religion

6:30 PM St. Mark School

Tuesday, November 26

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, November 27

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, November 28

Pastoral Office is Closed.

There is no Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 29

Pastoral Office is Closed.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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

Saturday, November 30

Family Potluck & Game Night

6:00 PM St. Mark Cafeteria

Sunday, December 1

Bandwagon Hall Bingo (Volunteer Team 1)

2:30 PM Doors Open

5:30 PM Games Begin

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

GIVE THANKS
TO GOD

FOR HE IS GOOD!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray...

God our Father,
graciously accept our thankful hearts.

Everything we have
and all we share with others
ultimately comes from the Love
You show to all your creatures.

Keep us from thinking of ourselves
as the source of blessing,
and help us to embrace
the Truth that You as Creator of All Good
and Benefactor for All Peoples.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Please join us for a **FAMILY**
POTLUCK DINNER
GAME NIGHT™

This Coming Saturday, November 30th
After 5:00 PM Mass
at St. Mark Cafeteria

Join other parishioners and families

Please bring a food item to share
(salads, chips & dip, turkey leftovers, desserts ...)
along with games to play.

For more info, call Glenn at 314.803.6475.



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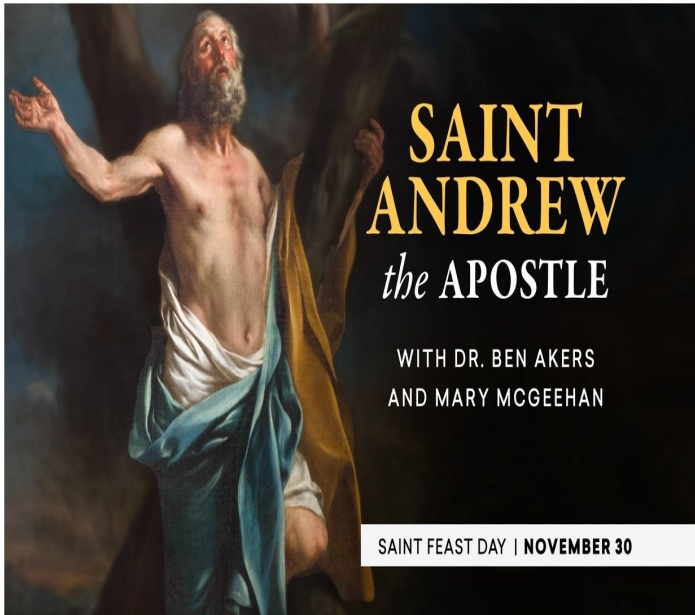
—**Until the End of November:** Copies of the Census Form are available in the vestibules of both Churches for anyone who may still need to fill out the form.

Please return the completed form in the collection basket or to the Pastoral Office.

—**During December:** A mailing of the same form will be sent to parishioners formerly registered as a member of any of our parishes who has not responded by that time.

—**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.



**SAINT
ANDREW**
the **APOSTLE**

WITH DR. BEN AKERS
AND MARY MCGEEHAN

SAINT FEAST DAY | NOVEMBER 30

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



If you need help accessing FORMED offerings — whether you have a free account or need to register for one — email Christina Sanders at csanders@stmarkstl.com for instructions.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Due to the Holy Days & the publisher’s deadlines, bulletin announcements are due as follows:

Sunday Bulletin Date	Bulletin Submission Date by Noon to csanders@stmarkstl.com
December 15	Next Thursday, December 5
December 22	Next Thursday, December 5
December 29	Thursday, December 19
January 5	Thursday, December 19

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For Those Who Have Died:

May all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God 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!

**MASS SCHEDULES
FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

The Immaculate Conception

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 School of Religion

This Year our shared Parish School of Religion (PSR) has five students preparing for First Reconciliation in December.

Please keep these children and all our entire PSR community in your prayers.

If you are interested in enrolling a child in the our Parish School of Religion or for more information about sacramental preparation, please contact the program director Joyce Williams at psr@stmarkstl.com or by calling at 314.743.8602.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Adoration by Candlelight

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

**Prepare for the Coming of the King with
time spent in Adoration.**

This Holy hour will offer inspirational music, a meditative prompt 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.



During Advent, Frs. Burkemper & Boedecker 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

Wednesday, December 18

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

This night three priests will be available.



The Ladies Auxiliary of the DeSmet Council 742 Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual ...

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Saturday, December 7th

&

Sunday, December 8th

Before & After All Masses

At St. Martin of Tours & St. Mark

Donations & proceeds will benefit St. Vincent De Paul & 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 - 314.517.3157.



Looking for the perfect greeting cards to send to friends & family this Christmas?

New 2024 Christmas Cards are \$10/pack (10 cards per pack), order NOW!

Special Deal! Grab 2023 design for \$7/pack (10 cards per pack) while supplies last.

Reach out to Cecilia Jones at cjones@birthrightstl.org or 314.962.5300.

For your Christmas mailings, please consider purchasing and using Madonna and Child postage stamps. This is just another way to keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas!



WHAT WOULD DECEMBER BE WITHOUT CHRISTMAS PARTIES?

Wednesday, December 4th

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

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Wednesday, December 11th

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

For Reservations call Laura at 314.229.7200
Tickets are \$22

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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!

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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*)

Tickets are also offered at both churches at weekend Masses until December 15th & DuBowl Lanes December 10th & 17th 6PM
(*See Apollo or Kevin*)

**And A Very Merry Christmas to All
And to All A Good Night
Or Afternoon !**