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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2024**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED  
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD  
WOULD BE FULFILLED."**

**—LUKE 1:45**

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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**

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS**

May be scheduled at St. Mark, St. Martin,  
St. Andrew, St. Bernadette, or St. Matthias  
Churches by calling the Pastoral Office.

**CONFESSIONS**

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



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Christmas 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus was born into the world so that we could become His disciples, and through Him, we become sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. By His grace, we are equipped by the Holy Spirit to continue His mission in the world, sharing the Good News and living as witnesses to His love.

At this moment in our Archdiocese, I am compelled to remind all of us that we are called to be a Church of disciples who make disciples. Each one of us, in our own particular way is invited to actively participate in this mission of spreading the Gospel. By our words and actions, we have the ability to form others in the faith, helping them draw nearer to Christ.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support not only inspires the seminarians but also strengthens our efforts to build a community of disciples in St. Louis, where we can continue to form future priests who walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during this sacred season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis



**Saturday, December 21** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

4:00<sup>PM</sup> @ St. Martin Sean Verbeck+  
 5:00<sup>PM</sup> @ St. Mark People of the Parishes

**Sunday, December 22** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

7:00 @ St. Mark Corey Vitale+  
 9:00 @ St. Mark Bob+ & Kevins+ Dooley  
 10:00 @ St. Martin Michael Maes+  
 11:00 @ St. Mark Judith A. Hof+

**Monday, December 23**

6:30<sup>AM</sup> @ St. Martin Pat VanDerHaar+  
 8:00 @ St. Mark Andrea Norris+

**Tuesday, December 24**

6:30 @ St. Martin The Mall Family  
 8:00 @ St. Mark Janet Hickey+  
*Vigil Masses of Christmas*  
 4:00<sup>PM</sup> @ St. Martin Dorothy Schmerbauch  
 4:00<sup>PM</sup> @ St. Mark Lorenzo+ & Letetia+  
 Gianfrancesco  
 10:00<sup>PM</sup> @ St. Martin People of the Parishes  
 10:00<sup>PM</sup> @ St. Mark Jim Rooney+

**Wednesday, December 25** *Christmas Day*

9:00 @ St. Mark Family of Shirley Orr:  
 Henry+, Robert+, & Evie+  
 10:00 @ St. Martin Nunn-Bauer-Bovino &  
 Meyer-Sanders Families

**Thursday, December 26** *St. Stephen Protomartyr*

6:30 @ St. Martin Cyrilda Schlatt+  
 8:00 @ St. Mark Laverne Mueller+

**Friday, December 27**

6:30 @ St. Martin Janet Hickey+  
 8:00 @ St. Mark Ted+ & Marie+ Nowak

**Saturday, December 28** *The Holy Innocents*

8:00 @ St. Mark Ben Barber+



**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Micah 5:1-4a**

From you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to be ruler in Israel.

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

**Luke 1:39-45**

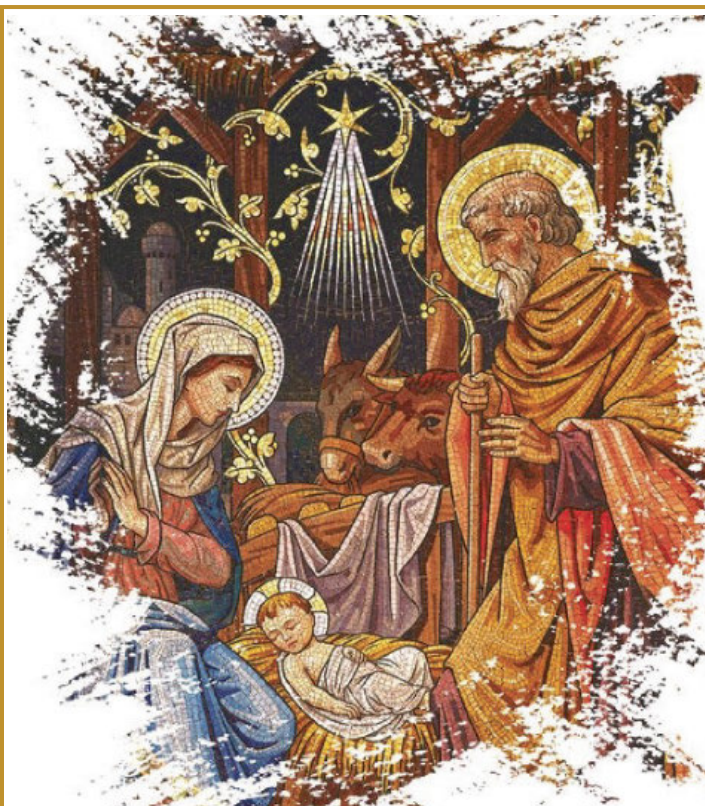
And Mary said,  
 "How does this happen to me,  
 that the mother of my Lord  
 should come to me?"



**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 22<sup>RD</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Monday: **Malachi 3:1-24**  
**Luke 1:57-66**  
 Tuesday: **2 Samuel 7:1-14a, 16**  
**Luke 1:67-79**  
 Wednesday: *Christmas*  
**Isaiah 52:7-10**  
**Hebrews 1:1-6**  
**Luke 2:1-20**  
 Thursday: **Acts 6:8-10—7:59**  
**Matthew 10:17-22**  
 Friday: **1 John 1:1-4**  
**John 20:1-8**  
 Saturday: **1 John 1:5—2:2**  
**Matthew 2:13-18**  
 Sunday: **1 Samuel 1:20-28**  
**1 John 3:1-24**  
**Luke 2:41-52**





**MASS SCHEDULES  
FOR  
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

**Christmas**

**The Eve, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM & 10:00 PM**

**at both St. Mark & St. Martin**

**The Day, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM (livestream) 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 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**The Day, Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 AM (livestream) at St. Mark**

**& 10:00 AM at St. Martin**

*Fr. Bob Burkemper,  
Fr. Allen Boedeker,  
Our Deacons,  
&  
Pastoral Staff  
of  
Saint Mark & Saint Martin  
Welcome*

*&  
Wish a Blessed Christmas  
to all who come  
to worship with us  
in this Holy Season of Christmas.*

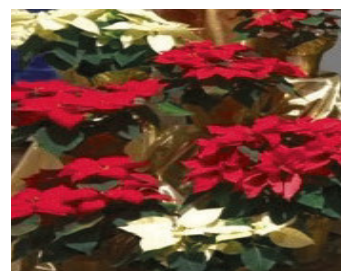
**A PRAYER AT THE MANGER**

**Eternal Father,**

**Help Us To Follow With Faith-filled Love,  
The Tenderness Of Mary and Joseph  
In Sharing Jesus, Your Word Made Flesh,  
With Our Waiting World.**

**May We Make His Gospel The Foundation  
Of Our Lives Now And Forever.**

**Amen.**



**The beautiful flowers and decorations**  
which will fill our Sanctuaries  
are made possible through the donations  
of many of our parishioners.

Please consider making use of the envelopes  
marked Christmas Flower Offering.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

God is famous for using seemingly insignificant folks to accomplish his will and we ought to be very careful not to dismiss how he can use us.

On this final Sunday of Advent, the Lord God employs a serious personal crisis to bring about His Will for the World's Salvation.

Joseph was a good guy who didn't know what to make of the news of Mary's pregnancy, much less its origin, so he just laid down.

This righteous man must have loved his betrothed very much, and now the LORD let him know his affection was not misplaced for he had been chosen to claim the child and name him Jesus — meaning "God Saves".

The divine message revealed that Joseph's predicament was necessary to fulfill the ancient prophecy of Emmanuel — "God Is With Us".

When Joseph awoke he didn't have answers to all his questions, but he obeyed God, showing his faithful love, by taking Mary into his home.

It was for this that Joseph had been born.

Look closely at your life to see how God has used your obedience to his prompting to bless and perhaps save the life of another.

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*As of December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Census Forms Returned Thus Far  
Stood At A Combined Total  
of 619 Catholic Households In Our Area*

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*With 225 in **St. Martin of Tours** Parish  
& 394 in **St. Mark** Parish*

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*An invitation to participate by registering  
will be mailed next week to  
all former parishioners.*

# This Week

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## Monday, December 23

*Seniors Exercise Class*

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

## Tuesday, December 24

*Devotion to the Mother of Perpetual Help*

After 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM Mass

## Wednesday, December 25

*The Pastoral Office Reopens on December 27*

## Thursday, December 26

*Eucharistic Adoration* After 8:00 AM Mass  
until 6:45 PM Benediction

*Seniors Exercise Class*

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

*Quilting* 10:00 AM St. Martin Runge Hall

*Choir Practice* 6:30 PM St. Mark Rm 101

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

## Friday, December 27

*Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)*

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

## Sunday, December 29

*Bandwagon Hall Bingo* (Volunteer Team 5)  
2:30 PM Doors Open 5:30 PM Games Begin

## The Jubilee Year 2025 Will Begin On Christmas Eve



"May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
the yearning for heavenly treasures  
and pour over all the earth  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer.  
To you God blessed in eternity,  
be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen."



**For Those Who Have Died:**

*May All the Faithful Departed  
Rest in the Peace of Christ.*

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**For All the Sick,**

*May Those Suffering in Body, Mind, or Spirit  
experience God's Healing Power,  
& soon be restored  
to their Faith Communities!*

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**For parents anticipating their child's birth,**

*With Mary and Joseph  
may they cherish and protect  
God's wondrous gift of this new life  
with loving gratitude!*



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**or**  
**Christmas Day.**



God bless all military, first responders, health workers, and  
all those who can't be with their families on Christmas Day.

May the joy of our Savior's birth be with you,  
**WHEREVER YOU MAY BE.**



*We ask your prayers for parishioners and  
parishioners' family members  
serving in the United States Military.*

- Nicholas Auck - ROTC Army
- Staff Sergeant Kyle Bean, - Army Ranger
- Lt. Elizabeth Bereswill, RN, BSN - Army
- Major Chad Carlton - Air Force
- E-6 Steven E. Eddy - Navy
- PFC Judah Fisher - Army National Guard
- Samuel Hentges - Air Force
- LTLG Andrew Hessi - Navy
- Sergeant Donald Keener - Army National Guard
- PFC Philip Laurenti - U.S. Army
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jack Laury - ROTC
- Capt. William Miles - Army Engineer Corp
- A1C Guy Qualls - Air Force
- Specialist Richard Reilly - TX Arms Natl. Guard
- E-5 Joseph Wiedner - Navy
- Specialist Christopher Wolf - MO National Guard

*If there are any changes or you would like to add names to  
this list, please contact Sandy Bast at 314.941.9074.*

**MONTHLY ORDINARY INCOME REPORT  
FOR NOVEMBER 2024**

	<b>ST. MARK</b>	<b>ST. MARTIN</b>
<b>FOR PARISH SUPPORT:</b>	\$ 58,645.69	\$ 23,606.60
<b>FOR NON-PARISH SUPPORT:</b>		
Retired Religious Sisters & Brothers	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 236.00
Local St. Vincent DePaul Societies	\$ 2,759.00	\$ 1,615.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 218.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00
Kenrick/Glennon Seminary	\$ 15.00	
Permanent Diaconate	\$ 12.00	\$ 50.00
World Missions	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00
<b>TOTAL NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 65,931.69</b>	<b>\$ 25,870.60</b>

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