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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit articles to csanders@stmarkstl.com
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

—LUKE 3:4-5

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, December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00PM @ St. Martin Neoma Daake
 5:00PM @ St. Mark Lowell+&Dorothy+Hofmann

Sunday, December 8

7:00 @ St. Mark Debbie Goulden+
 9:00 @ St. Mark Ronald Seper+
 10:00 @ St. Martin People of the Parishes
 11:00 @ St. Mark Susan Boever+

Monday, December 9

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30AM @ St. Martin Alice Hammerschmidt+
 8:00 @ St. Mark Celene Hanley+
 6:30PM @ St. Martin People of the Parishes
 6:30PM @ St. Mark Larry Waugh+

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 @ St. Martin Ernie George
 8:00 @ St. Mark Leo Ablen+

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 @ St. Martin Carm Grimi
 8:00 @ St. Mark Barbara Klasek+

Thursday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

6:30 @ St. Martin Roxanne Astroth+
 8:00 @ St. Mark Alice Hammerschmidt+

Friday, December 13

6:30 @ St. Martin Celene Henley+
 8:00 @ St. Mark Brian Pollihan+

Saturday, December 14 *St. Ambrose*

8:00 @ St. Mark Peter & Caroline Bernhard



TODAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

God leads Israel in joy
 by the light of His Glory.

Philippians 1:4-11

I am confident
 the One who began the good work in you
 will bring it to completion.

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist
 went through the whole region of the Jordan
 proclaiming a baptism of repentance
 for the forgiveness of sins.



READINGS FOR DECEMBER 9TH - 15TH

Monday: **Genesis 3:9-20**
Ephesians 1:3-12
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: **Isaiah 40:1-11**
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: **Isaiah 40:25-31**
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: **Zechariah 2:14-17**
Luke 1:26-47

Friday: **Isaiah 48:17-19**
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: **Sirach 48:1-11**
Matthew 17:9-13

Sunday: **Zephaniah 3:14-18a**
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Our Pastoral Council, representing the Catholic Community of our area, was originally drawn from members of Sts. Andrew, Bernadette, Mark, Matthias, and Martin of Tours.

This Council meets to offer me advice on current questions of pastoral concern.

We hold three *joint meetings* in February, June and October each year, when members of both St. Mark and St. Martin Parishes come together to share insights and concerns.

There are also three *parish specific meetings* held in April, August, and December.

This Thursday and next, the Council will meet for its first set of parish specific topics.

On Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 PM
*The Pastoral Council will meet
in St. Mark's Cafeteria.*

On Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM
*The Pastoral Council will meet
at St. Martin's Runge Hall.*

The business agenda for the Council will cover:

- Current census information for the parish
- Outreach to registered parishioners who have not yet responded to the census
- Patterns of ordinary & extraordinary income for the parish
- Pending capital improvements to the parish
- Upcoming social events

Following the business portion of these meetings there will be a brief time scheduled for general questions from any parishioners in attendance.

Current members of the Pastoral Council include: *Frank Speck, Jan Sorth, Mike Starnes, Pat Meyer, Stephanie Parker, Steve Compas, Fr. Boedeker, and our Deacons Rick Rosenkoetter, Jesse Gatmaitan, and Greg Hrbacek.*

Current Census Count:

As of December 2, 2024 the parish census for St. Martin stands at 217 Households, and the parish census for St. Mark stands at 371.



GLPI

Monday, December 9

The Pastoral Office Will Be Closed

Seniors Exercise Class

9:00 AM St. Mark Rm 112

Parish School of Religion

6:30 PM St. Mark School

Tuesday, December 10

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

Men's (Card) Club 6:30 PM St. Mark Rm 114

Wednesday, December 11

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

Ladies Guild Christmas Party

5:30 PM Andre's

"The Chosen" Viewing & Discussion Group

6:00 PM St. Martin Runge Hall

Thursday, December 12

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

BUNCO 6:30 PM St. Martin Runge Hall

Choir Practice

6:30 PM St. Mark Rm 101

Pastoral (St. Mark) Council

7:00 PM St. Mark Cafeteria

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

Friday, December 13

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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

Sunday, December 15

Bandwagon Hall Bingo (Volunteer Team 3)
2:30 PM Doors Open 5:30 PM Games Begin

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Those Who Have Died, especially:

**Kevin Long, Maurice Power,
Helen Schneider, & John Williams**

*May they and all the Faithful Departed
rest in the Peace of Christ.*

For All the Sick, especially:

Sharon Kerber & Chuck Marty

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

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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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the intention of offering prayer and comfort to
the recipient. If you wish to receive a blessed
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SEEKING NAMES OF ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL

We wish to acknowledge loved ones
in upcoming bulletins to encourage prayer
for all serving in the U.S. Armed Forces
during this Christmas Season.

*By Today, Sunday, December 8th, please share
the name, military branch, & rank
of those you wish to include here
with Sandy Bast at 314.941.9074.*

MASS SCHEDULES FOR THE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow 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



At the end of December: A letter will be sent to parishioners previously registered in any of our parishes who have not yet responded.

At the end of January: A final letter will be sent to encourage those who are unresponsive to please do so by the end of February.

After this, those who choose not to respond will be listed as inactive members.



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 12 & 19

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

An Evening Penance Service

The Corrected Date is

Tuesday, December 17

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

*On this night
three confessors will be available.*

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**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...

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Parish School of Religion (PSR) meets on Monday evenings for those students who do not attend a Catholic day school.

At this time, we have five students preparing for First Reconciliation in December; and, we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Anyone with a child wishing to receive their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025-2026 must be enrolled in this year's PSR *before the end of next Friday, December 20th*.

For more information, please contact Joyce - psr@stmarkstl.com or 314.743.8602.

WHAT WOULD DECEMBER BE WITHOUT CHRISTMAS PARTIES?

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*)

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



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

POTLUCK DINNER & GAME NIGHT Celebrate the New Year!

Tuesday, December 31st
beginning after 4:00 PM Mass
St. Mark Cafeteria

Join other parishioners & families.

Please bring a food item to share (like a main dish, chips & dip, fruit and salads, & desserts) along with games to play.

This is a family-friendly alcohol-free evening.

For more information,
call Glenn - 314.803.6475.



CONSIDER MAKING AN END OF THE YEAR GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

For **St. Martin Parish** go to:

- ❄️ osvhub.com/stmartinoftours/giving/funds or
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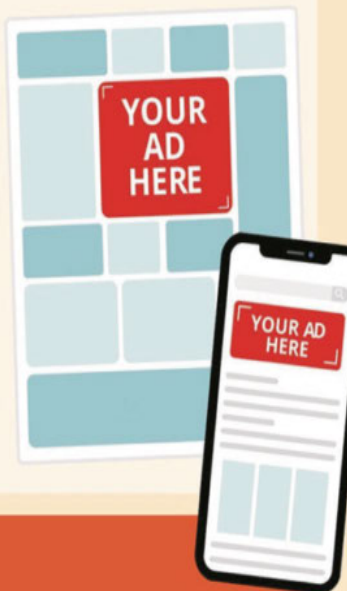
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If you are looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit, please consider volunteering for one or more shifts during the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' *Way of Lights* from now through Dec. 31st.

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