



Fourth Sunday of Advent
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Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Confession:

Saturday - 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Chapel Open for Prayer:

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM
First Friday Exposition: 9:00AM-12:00Noon

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Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Church office is closed on Monday.
Emergency: Father Culotta: 980-1810, #2 or 408-2766

Marriage Requirements:

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2 at least six months in advance.
Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

Baptism Requirements:

Baptism Preparation Class. Call Anne Hane @ 410-0692
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Parish Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Helen Trabits, George James, Patricia Sheehan, Kathy Matuszak, Jeanette Larsen, Jane St. Denis, Don St. Denis, Santo Vizzina, Brennan Simkins, Elbert Bell, Ronnie Romano, Ronnie DeFalco, Peyton Abernathy, Brad Lembcke, James Trabits, Brent Sparkman, Donald David, Kevin Camp, Sam Culotta, Julie Seigle, Gary Weitekamp, Jenny Lyn Pair, Michael Pair, Joan Van de Veer, Marietta Molay, Mary Catherine Schroeder, Shari Grantham Robie Bencho, Henry Pitre, Jackie Tevendale, Elena Sain, Tom Smith, Betty Quinlivan, Dean Arrington, Buster Brandino, Hays Ziemann, Brad Rosenwald, Delfina Urrutia, Brooke Wallace, Craig Pearce, Cheryl Shader, Stephen Lanzi, Bootsie Porter, Jeanne Welsh, Cindy Troha, Bobbie Keith, Robert Dillard, Joseph Lanzi, William Morgan, Carolyn Westrich, John Elkourie, Samuel Belcher, Isabella Belcher, Jim Meggs, Cedric Webber, Vester Webber, Patsy Evans, Gertrude Sgroi, Richard L. Swetonic, Mary Ann Stith, Rosa Butera, Jim Charles, Vincent Angrisano, Kevin Glandon, Peggy Devenisha, Wendy Wilkens, Jon Montgomery.

Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 23 – 6:00 PM.....**Sr. Terry Bretthauer(S.I.)**
Wed. Dec. 24 – 4:00 PM.....**Lisa Glancies**
Wed. Dec. 24 – 8:00 PM..**Danielle & Thomas Diliberti(S.I.)**
Thurs. Dec. 25 – 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**
Fri. Dec. 26 – 8:30 AM.....**No Mass**
Sat. Dec. 27 - 4:00 PM.....**Patrick Bunn**
Sun. Dec. 28 – 7:45 AM.....**Sandra Steele**
Sun. Dec.28- 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8a-d; Lk 1:46-56
Tues.: Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10,14; Lk 1:57-66
Wed.: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Thurs: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Fri.: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc,17; Mt 10:17-22
Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:2-8
Sun.: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
Sir:3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Financial Information

December 14, 2014

(Budgeted) (Actual) (YtD Budget) (YtD Actual)

Collection: 55,834 33,345 1,429,765 1,457,240

Faith Direct: 16,723

Flowers: 2,645

Current Parish Debt

3,310,207

Christmas Week Schedule

Sunday, December 21st – Confessions 3-5PM
Tuesday, December 23rd – Mass 6PM
Wednesday, December 24th – Masses at 4PM & 8PM
(Office Closed)
Thursday, December 25th – Mass at 10:30AM
(Office Closed)
Friday, December 26th – No Mass
(Office Closed)

* Please note the earlier time this year for Christmas Eve mass at 4PM. **There will be overflow seating for this mass in the Parish Life Center's Social Hall.**

End of Year Stock Donations

Information regarding the process of donating stock to Saint Mark's is available in the Church Office as well as in the Narthex of the Church and in the hallway near the Chapel. The directions will walk you through the steps to insure that the Diocese properly credits Saint Mark with your donation. Thank you for remembering Saint Mark's in your end of the year charitable contributions.



Christmas Decorating

The plans are made, the trees are here, the poinsettias are ordered...We invite all parishioners to come and help put the flowers in place and set up the manger for our Christmas celebrations at Saint Mark's. We will be decorating this Sunday, December 21st at 3:00PM. Please come join us!

Thanks!

Thank you to all the Youth who participated in the various Youth events and activities this fall. I also want to thank all of the Adults who have volunteered their time to help me chaperone these events and activities. These couldn't have happened without you! We're off to a great start, and I look forward to continuing the Youth Ministry in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Daniel

Choir News

On Christmas Eve, our Youth Choir will bring you the sounds of Christmas at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve mass. The Adult Choir will be singing at the 8:00PM Christmas Eve mass. Come 30 minutes prior to mass to listen to our wonderful and talented choirs play and sing traditional and contemporary sounds of Christmas.

Nursery News

There will not be any nursery provided on the following dates due to the holidays:

Sunday, December 28th

Sunday, January 4th

Youth Pecan Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased pecans this past weekend at our Youth Pecan Sale. We appreciate your support in helping us to fund our upcoming activities for the new year.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are selling Keep Christ in Christmas magnets. To order, send an email to KofC13446@aol.com.

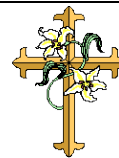


Have a Car to Donate?

As the end of the year approaches, and you consider your yearly donations, please know that the donation of a used car is always welcome. The parish seeks good, used cars, in working condition, to offer to those in need. Please contact the Parish Office at 980-1810 if you have a car you would consider donating.

FOSM Tickets!

Tickets for the 2015 FOSM Italian Food Festival would make great Christmas gifts! The Festival is on April 25th this year. Tickets will be on sale after all masses this weekend and also available in the Church Office.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Barney Cook on the death of his brother, Ray Cook, to Stephanie Glandon on the death of her mother, Erica Little and to Gene Kelly on the death of his wife, Rose Mary Kelly. May their souls rest in the presence of the Lord.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Community, Asher Eoin Henninger, son of Aisling and Daniel Henninger, who was baptized recently at Saint Mark's.

e-Giving

Please consider signing up for e-Giving through Faith Direct. Information and instructions on how to participate in this new alternative way to support our parish offertory can be found on line. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely. Our parish code is AL414.

Did You Know?

Bulletins are available on our website for several weeks if you are out of town.

Women's Retreat

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a Women's Retreat on January 9-11, 2015 entitled "Get 2015 Off to a Joyful Loving Start". The presenter, Melanie Rigney, is the author of *Sisterhood of Saints: Daily Guidance and Inspiration*. Through the example provided by some of our blessed and saintly women, guided meditations, journaling and discussions, this retreat will help get 2015 off to a joyful, loving start. For registration information, call 334-855-4474.

Liturgical Schedule: December 24th & 25th, 2014

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Wednesday: Jenny Camp, Les Currie, Ana Hall, Theresa LoMonaco,
Diana Moreno, Joe Scotch, Christian Short, Deacon Varner
(8:00) Sr. Terry, Tom Chauffe, Ruth Cook, Marsha Floyd,
Vincent Lovoy, Susan Webb, Ginny Willis, Sharon Zaleski

Thursday: Tony Inzinna, Bonnie Murphy, Ann Penton, Larry Swetonic,
Ray Morin

Mass Coordinator:

Wednesday: Theresa & Sammy Romano
(8:00) Ginny & John Willis

Thursday: Heidi & Len Mueninghoff

Altar Linens: Lou Inzinna

Ushers:

Wednesday: Terry Spitzer
(8:00) Jim Smith, Kurt Friend, Wayne Gwaltney, Bill Webb

Thursday: Ray Morin

Cantors:

Wednesday: Alex Slocum, Susan Richards(PLC)
(8:00) Kathryn Garaca

Thursday: Amy Hains

Lectors:

Wednesday: Darlene McCulloch, Cathy Johnson
Lisa Arrington, Pat Armitage

Thursday: Ree Morin, Dolorene Sackman

Altar Servers:

Wednesday: Tracy Pflaum, Adam Pflaum, Levi Hardegree,
(8:00) Matthew Pflaum, Brianna Braden Isabel DiGuglielmo
Jonathan Zaleski, Anna Arrington, Tilly Gwaltney,
Troy Gwaltney, Elizabeth Zaleski, Hampton Floyd

Thursday: Diana Fernandez, Jessica Heberlein, Elliot Marrero,
Maria Elliott, Robert Marquet, Dominic Pautler

Liturgical Schedule: December 27th & 28th, 2014

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Rebecca Blythe, Ruth Cook, Tom Huddleston,
Cathy Johnson, Eva Shepherd, Jeanne Welsh

Sunday: Tony Inzinna, Vincent Lovoy, Katherine Rall, Christian Short
(10:30) Tom Cahuffe, Keri Eitzen, Janet Haines, Sarah Hebert,
Bonnie Murphy, Ann Penton, Steve Shoemaker,
Tom Slonneger, Heidi Swanson

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Jeanne & Bill Welsh

Sunday: Cindy & Joe Evans
(10:30) Janet & Randy Haines

Altar Linens: Diane Stith

Ushers:

Saturday: Mike Burns, Thom Berry, Brandon Moseley

Sunday: Kurt Friend, Amos Mitchim, Bobbie Mitchim
(10:30) George Juneman, Jay Aycock, Nancy Collis, Milene Panzica

Cantors:

Saturday: John Floyd

Sunday: Ken Jannot, Alex Slocum

Lectors:

Saturday: Darlene McCulloch, Dolorene Sackman

Sunday: Ginny Willis, Nancy Ladshaw
(10:30) Geri Elkourie, Lisa Arrington

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Sam Lynch, RJ Spencer, Elizabeth Mitchim,
Grace Spencer

Sunday: Elliot Marrero, Isabel DiGuglielmo, Jessica Heberlein,
(10:30) Lia DiGuglielmo, Mary Keithleen Favela
Hampton Floyd, Christina McLaughlin,
Amalia Trujillo Valino, Jackson Shields, Lauren Shields

Greeters:

Saturday: Jayne Day, Linda Grainger, Karen Kapp, Rae Sarver

Sunday: Marie & Ken Lorek
(10:30) Laura Hughes, Kate Seifert, Tom Slonnega,
Bill Tevendale



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