

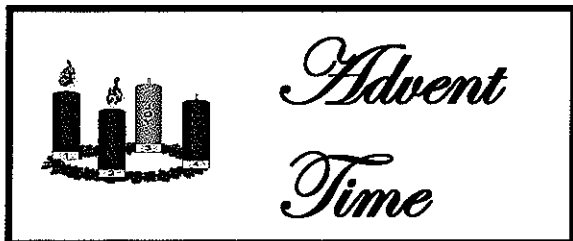


Saint Mark
the Evangelist Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016
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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 and Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Office Hours:

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

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Monday through Thursday: 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday: 6:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance:

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2
Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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	Cecilia Ragusa	

Let's extend a warm welcome to Fr. Jon Chalmers, President of Cristo Rey School who is celebrating all Masses this Saturday and Sunday.

Knights of Columbus



Our next meeting will be on Sunday Dec. 4th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. All Members are encouraged to attend to discuss upcoming events, celebrate the success of our most recent events, and for fellowship. If you are not currently a member but wish to join or have questions about the Knights of Columbus, contact us kofc13446@aol.com

Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec 5- 10:30 A.M. - at Somerby Retirement
Tue. Dec 6- 12:00 P.M. - Ronnie DeFalco
Wed. Dec 7- 6:00 P.M. - Kathleen Linahan
Thurs. Dec 8 - 7:00 A.M. - Bernardette Marino
Thurs. Dec 8- 6:00 P.M. - Arrian Lovoy Henson
Fri. Dec. 9 - 8:30 A.M. - Jean Funk
Sat. Dec 10- 4:00 P.M. - Bud Kuester
Sun. Dec 11- 7:45 A.M. - Marvell Brusich
Sun. Dec 11- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish

Weekly Readings

5 Mon - Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 6 Tue - Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 7 Wed - Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
 8 Thu THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 9 Fri - Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 10 Sat - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 11 SUN - Is 35:1-6a. 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Financial Information November 27th, 2016

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtDBdgt)	(YtDActual)
Collection:	\$25,921	\$29,757	\$1,385,770	\$1,432,468
Current Parish Debt	\$1,834,337			

Sympathy

Let us pray to the Lord for all who have died, especially ... Frank Caterinicchia, husband of Annette Caterinicchia

Attention: wonderful opportunities for a volunteer/stipend position to:

1. Duplicate and folder the parish bulletin every Thursday afternoon (should take about 2 hours per week)
2. Transport bulk mailings to the downtown post office (about 7 times a year)

Contact Fr. Joe or JoAnne if interested or to obtain more details.

Pastoral Council Meeting

The last Pastoral Council Meeting was held on November 6, 2016. During the meeting:

- Chuck Trierweiler presented the Steering Committee update on the proposed Parish Life Center to the Parish Council
- Ken Reimann presented the Financial Update to the Pastoral Council
- JoAnne Rixey presented the new Parish Software update
- David Porco presented an update on the Youth Study/Work Committee.

Adult ED

Adult Education and Formation continues next Sunday in the PLC from 9-10:15. Sr. Terry will lead the Advent reflection on the upcoming Scripture readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Please join as we continue our Advent journey to the Feast of the Incarnation.

Youth



On Sunday December 11th there will be a 5:00 pm Youth Mass with the Youth Choir before our annual Youth Christmas Party. The party will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 with a pot luck dinner and a gift exchange game. Please look for a signup sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Church Narthex over the next few weeks to sign up to attend and bring a Christmas Food Item. Gifts for the game need to cost around \$10.

The Annual Youth Pecan Sale Fundraiser will be the weekend of December 10 and 11th sponsored by Magoosa Pecans. These Pecans are very good and make excellent Christmas gifts, are great for baking or just a treat for you. There will be a variety of Pecans available with a cost between usually between \$5 and \$25 depending on the type and amount.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Knights of Columbus for generously buying Catholic Extension 2017 Calendars. This year the lovely pictures and quotes for "Rejoice O Earth" theme focus on the encyclical: On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si'). This is the new appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.



Thank you to the generous, anonymous donor who paid for the new Mass Prayer Cards.



We are always open to special donors who wish to provide for items on Parish "Wish List" by making a contribution or giving a memorial. Please talk to Fr. Joe if you would like to offer - big or small.



A Morning with MARY in ADVENT

The Women of Saint Mark invite all to join them in prayer and reflection on Mary and her call to be the Mother of God.

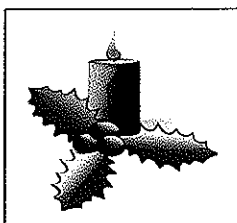
Tuesday, Dec. 6th

10-11:30 am

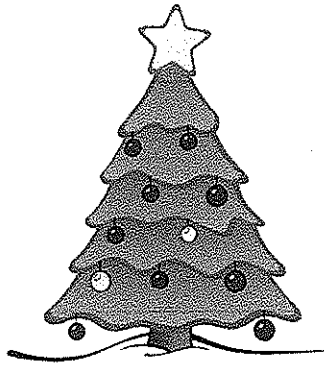
in the parish Chapel

Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon

Advent Time!



- Help needed setting up **Christmas Trees** Dec. 11 after the 10:30 Mass (for about an hour)
- **Decorating the Church** on Sunday Dec. 18th at 1:00 PM
- **Children's Advent Program** Dec. 11th (Sunday) 2-3:30 PM in the Parish Hall
- **Children's Pageant Practice** on Dec. 4, 11, 18 after the 10:30 Mass (only 1 hour)



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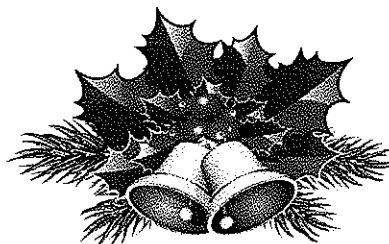
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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that one of our own has been selected to formation studies as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. Phil Boettcher has been a member of Saint Mark since 1999. He works part-time with our Parish Staff coordinating R.C.I.A., Adult Education, and Liturgy. If you have recently become Catholic or received training as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, then you already know Mr. Phil. He received his Masters of Theological Studies and Certificate of Spiritual Direction from Spring Hill College. He has been a wonderful resource for me and our parish community.

Phil began his discernment and formation for the diaconate in 2014. This year, Bishop Robert Baker accepted the petition of thirty men from the diocese to continue their pathway towards candidacy and ordination. In the coming year, the Liturgical Ministries of Reader and Acolyte will be administered. These steps are part of the ministry of a Permanent Deacon who serves the Church preaching and assisting at the altar during the Eucharist. Phil has my full support and prayers as he continues his monthly formation studies at Saint Bernard Abbey. If all goes as planned, he and others will be ordained December 2018.

Having recently retired from Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Phil now has additional time and freedom to prepare for his future ministries in the Church. In fact, he has enrolled in a four-unit Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program at UAB Hospital. This program will assist him in better serving the poor, the sick, and the homebound, which is also an essential part of Diaconate Ministry.

We thank Mr. Phil for his generous spirit and willingness to serve God's people. Let us pray for him and all who search how best to live life and vocation.

Hope and Joy,

Fr. Joe

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Stock Donations

2016

As a good stewardship of what God has entrusted, you may want to consider the advantages of donating stock to Saint Mark. If you own appreciated stock, it is almost always better to contribute stock rather than cash. By donating appreciated stock to our parish, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock. Furthermore, your gift is tax deductible for the market value of the stock on the date that it is gifted.

If you plan to donate securities to Saint Mark, the Diocese has specific procedures for accomplishing this. Please notify Tana Bisch, Bookkeeper, at 205-980-1810, ext. 8, or email stmarkfi@bellsouth.net. The procedures can also be obtained from the church office and church narthex.

Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Dec 2016 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>Angel Tree Return (SH)</p> <p>2nd Week of Advent 7:45am - Mass 9am - Adult Ed (SH) 9am - PSR Classes 10:30am - Mass / Nursery 12pm - Pageant Practice 5pm - BLAST/6:30 JCrew 7pm - KofC Mtg (SH)</p>	<p>7pm - RCIA (RCIA Room/Chapel) 7pm - Scouts (downstairs)</p>	<p>10am - Women/Saint Mark - SH 12pm - Mass Advent 12:30pm - Grief Support (Conf)</p>	<p>4:30pm - Lectio Divina (Conf) 4:30pm - PSR Classes 6pm - Mass 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>Immaculate Conception 7am - Mass Holy Day 4pm - First Light Dinner 8pm - Mass Holy Day</p>	<p>8:30am - Mass First Friday 12pm - Exposition Blessed</p>	<p>2nd Week of Advent 9am - Mass First Saturday 4pm - Mass / Youth Choir 5:30pm - Supper Club (off)</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>3rd Week of Advent Youth Pecan Sale (table) 7:45am - Mass 9am - Adult Ed (SH) 9am - PSR Classes 10:30am - Mass / Nursery 11:45am - Pastoral C (RCIA) 12pm - Children's Pageant 1pm - Set-up Trees/Status 2pm - Children's Program (SH) 5pm - Youth Mass/Youth Party</p>	<p>7pm - RCIA (RCIA Room/Chapel) 7pm - Scouts (downstairs)</p>	<p>12pm - Mass Advent 6:15pm - SVdeP (Conf) 7pm - Advent Reconciliation</p>	<p>4:30pm - Lectio Divina (Conf) 4:30pm - PSR Classes 6pm - Mass 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>Daniel Henninger Youth Minister's Last Day 8:30am - Mass / Rosary</p>	<p>4th Week of Advent 10am - 12N Instrumental 4pm - Mass</p>	<p>3rd Week of Advent Youth Pecan Sale (table) 4pm - Mass</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>4th Week of Advent 7:45am - Mass 9am - Adult Ed (SH) 9am - No PSR Classes 10:30am - Mass / Nursery 12pm - Pageant Practice 1pm - Decorate Church 3pm - Adult Choir 5pm - No Youth</p>	<p>7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - RCIA (RCIA Room/Chapel) 7pm - Scouts (downstairs)</p>	<p>12pm - Mass Advent 4:30pm - No PSR 6pm - Mass 8:30pm - Confessions</p>	<p>8am - KofC Set-up Chairs 8:30am - Mass / Rosary 12pm - Parish Office Closes 3pm - KofC Hams Pick-up</p>	<p>Christmas Eve No Confessions 2pm - Luminaries - 4pm - Mass / Youth Choir 8pm - Mass / Adult Choir</p>	<p>Christmas 7:45am - No Mass 9am - No PSR/Ad Ed 10:30am - Mass 10:30am - Mass / No Nursery 5pm - No Youth</p>	<p>Christmas Eve No Confessions 2pm - Luminaries - 4pm - Mass / Youth Choir 8pm - Mass / Adult Choir</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Christmas 7:45am - No Mass 9am - No PSR/Ad Ed 10:30am - Mass 10:30am - Mass / No Nursery 5pm - No Youth</p>	<p>8am - KofC Remove Chairs</p>	<p>4:30pm - No PSR 6pm - Mass 7pm - No Choir</p>	<p>8:30am - Mass / Rosary 12pm - Parish Office Closes</p>	<p>8:30am - Mass 12pm - Parish Office Closes</p>	<p>8:30am - Mass / Rosary 12pm - Parish Office Closes</p>	<p>New Year's Eve 4pm - Mass</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday, Dec 10 th 4:00 pm	Sunday, Dec 11 th 7:45 am	Sunday, Dec 11 th 10:30 am
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Kelly Ferrell Pat Kantaris JoAnne Rixey Theresa Romano Sharon Zaleski 2 VOLUNTEER NOW	Eleanora Castagnetta Sonny Jones Jose Marrero Bonnie Murphy Katherine Rall	Mary Beth Crumly, Geri Elkourie John Elkourie, Marsha Floyd Ana Hall, Chris Keller Vincent Lovoy, Heidi Swanson Susan Webb
Mass Coordinators	Mike & Pat Kantaris	David & Eleanora Castagnetta	Coley & Richard Robichaux
Lectors	Barbara Varner - 1 Daniel Henninger - 2	Milton Davis - 1 Darlene McCulloch - 2	Karen Thatcher - 1 Chuck Trierweiler - 2
Ushers	Sammy Romano, Connie Bailey Thom Berry VOLUNTEER NOW	Kurt Friend, Caleb Moore Chris Moore, Jonah Moore	Bill Webb, Kevin Camp Rachel Camp, Paul Jones Milene Panzica
Altar Servers	Emma Zaiontz Elizabeth Zaleski, Jonathan Zaleski Brianna Braden, Levi Hardegree	Jonathan Chestang Bella Garza, Elizabeth Mitchim Nicholas Foster, Emelia Mitchim	Emma Stephens Jonathon Porco, Skyhler Schaffer Jacob Porco, Anja Trierweiler
Greeters	Zuseth Fernandez, Karen Kapp Tom Lager, Pat Smith	Anthony Cuicchi Diane Cuicchi	Sandee Rhodes, Paul Roche Bill Tevendale
Altar Linens	Tracy Pflaum		
Cantors	John Floyd	Ken Jannot	Kathryn Garaca

Holy Day: Immaculate Conception of Mary

A reminder that Thursday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in the United States of America.
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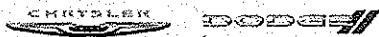
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