



Third Sunday of Advent
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Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
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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.

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Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM
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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

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Parish Prayer List

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

Helen Trubits, 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, Sue Akers, James Trubits, 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 Zieman, 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, Erica Little, Vincent Angrisano, Kevin Glandon, Peggy Devenisha, Wendy Wilkens.

Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 16 – 6:00 PM.....**Gena Taylor**
Wed. Dec. 17 – 6:00 PM.....**Natalina Vallelunga**
Thurs. Dec. 18 – 8:30 AM.....**Michael Centanni**
Fri. Dec. 19 – 8:30 AM.....**Harold Sheehan, Jr.**
Sat. Dec. 20 - 4:00 PM.....**Marcel Courtois**
Sun. Dec. 21 – 7:45 AM.....**James McCulloch**
Sun. Dec.21- 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tues.: Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23; Mt 21:28-32
Wed.: Gn 49:2,8-10; Ps 72:3-4,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17
Thurs: Jer 23:5-8;Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Fri.: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sat: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4b,5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sun.: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16;Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

Financial Information

December 7, 2014

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtD Budget)	(YtD Actual)
Collection:	55,834	32,181	1,373,931	1,404,527
Flowers:		458		
Immaculate Conception		1,128		
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.

Thank You Bishop Foley

We welcome Bishop David Foley who is celebrating our 7:45AM mass this weekend with us. Bishop Foley will also be speaking on next week's Advent readings in the Adult Ed session at 9:00AM this Sunday. Thank you Bishop Foley for all that you contribute to us here at Saint Mark's!

Advent Reconciliation Service

Please join us this Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00PM for our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service. There will be six priests available after the service for individual confessions. Please see the insert in this bulletin for a guide you can use for an Examination of Conscience. Please join us for this Advent opportunity.

Youth Group News!

The Youth Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 14th from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will gather in the Social Hall for a light party snack meal and fellowship time together as a large group and then separate into BLAST and JCrew groups for a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Everyone attending should plan to bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$10.

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin and available at the Greeters' Desk for those wishing to make contributions towards the Church Christmas flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please have your donation returned to the Church Office or to the collection basket by the weekend of Dec. 13th & 14th.

Pecan Sale!

The Saint Mark's 8th Annual Youth Group Pecan Sale will be December 13th & 14th after all masses in the Narthex. Please support our Youth Groups and buy pecans! They make wonderful gifts for family, friends, and teachers!



I give thanks to my God each time I think of you... (Phil.1:3)

Early on Wednesday morning, two cargo vans were loaded with piles of presents and envelopes with gift cards.

Gifts for over 300 children were sent, along with over \$7,000.00 in gift cards and over \$6,000.00 to the Consolata Sisters for future help with families' utility bills. THANK YOU for all those who helped distribute the cards, buy the presents, move the gifts to the hall and finally, sort and tie up the packages. THANK YOU ALL!

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.

Lectio Divina to Begin

Lectio Divina, (Bible Prayer) led by Sr. Terry, has begun again on Thursdays. We meet at 9:15 AM in the Social Hall. Please join us.



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 next Sunday, December 21st at 3:00PM. Please come join us!

Youth Choir News

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



Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to Francis Dsa for being awarded the Knight of the Month for November from Saint Mark Council 13446. Francis is a true role model for his giving of his time and talent in service to the church and community, especially in his leadership role as chairman of the Knights of Columbus American Wheelchair Mission Campaign.

Congratulations to the Tom Chauffe family for being awarded the Knights Family of the Month for November. The Chauffe family sponsored and promoted a public gathering and prayer service on the front lawn of the Chelsea City Hall to pray for our nation and its leaders. The Chauffe family is very involved and committed in service to Saint Mark's parish.

Nursery News

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

Sunday, December 28th

Sunday, January 4th

Hams for Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for our Smoked Hams for your Christmas feast! A 9 pound bone-in ham, fully cooked, is \$40. Call 866-622-7865 or send an email to KofC13446@aol.com to place your order. The last day to order is Sunday, December 14th. Curbside pick-up is Saturday, December 20th from 4-6 PM at the Parish Life Center.

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 give to those in need. Please contact the Parish Office at 980-1810 if you have a car you would consider donating.

Catholic Singles

The Catholic Singles of Birmingham will meet for dinner this Monday Night, December 15th at Legacy BBQ at 2943 John Hawkins Parkway in Hoover. The group meets at 6:30PM. For more information, you may email Jerry Robinson at jjerryrob@bellsouth.net

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 beginning on Tuesday, December 16th.

KofC Wheelchair Mission

The Knights of Columbus Council 13446 would like to express our sincere thanks for the generosity displayed this past weekend in the donations made for the Wheelchair Mission. With your donations, and others coming in, we are able to sponsor at least 13 wheelchairs at this point, and are hoping to get to 15, for those that need them. If you would still like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please send your check in any value to the parish office, marking the envelope "Wheelchair Mission". The mailing address for the Office is P.O. Box 380396, Birmingham, AL 35238. Once again, we thank you for your generosity and may God continue to Bless you and your families."

Liturgical Schedule: December 20th & 21st, 2014

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Pat Armitage, Rebecca Blythe, Ruth Cook, Les Currie, Pat Kantaris, Christian Short

Sunday: Jose Marrero, Theresa & Sammy Romano, Ginger Scalici, Jim E. Smith, Jr.
(10:30) Sr. Terry, Geri & John Elkourie, Ana Hall, Rosemary Johnson, Theresa LoMonaco, Len Mueninghoff, Tom Slonneger

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Pat & Mike Kantaris

Sunday: Phil Boettcher, Theresa Romano
(10:30) Heidi & Len Mueninghoff

Altar Linens: Nena Robinson

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Connie Bailey, Mike Kantaris, Terry Spitzer

Sunday: Larry Swetonic, Kurt Friend, Michael Rall, Faye Valencia
(10:30) Bill Webb, Paul Roche

Cantors:

Saturday: Alex Slocum

Sunday: Ken Jannot, Allison Creel

Lectors:

Saturday: Chuck Trierweiler, Darlene McCulloch

Sunday: Ruth Breipohl, Milton Davis
(10:30) Susan Webb, Marilyn Chiamonte

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Paris Malensek, Diana Fernandez, Emma Zaiantz, Kate Leslie McOmber, Anja Trierweiler

Sunday: Dominic Pautler, Justin Chestang, Jessica Heberlein, Mary Keithleen Favela, Elizabeth Mitchim
(10:30) Chandler Perrigo, Michael Kelly, Julianna Perrigo, Matthew Marquet, Rover Marquet

Greeters:

Saturday: Rose Burns, Becky Green, Tom Lager

Sunday: Diane & Anthony Cuicchi
(10:30) Peter Bibbo, Ercelle Burrus, Carlos Godinez, Al Lupenski



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