



**First Sunday of Advent**  
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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:**

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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

**Baptism Requirements:**

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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, Sue Akers, 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, Tom Barret, Gertrude Sgroi, Richard L. Swetonic, Mary Ann Stith, Rosa Butera, Jim Charles, Erica Little, Vincent Angrisano, Kevin Glandon, Peggy Devenisha.

### Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 2 – 6:00 PM....**Providence D'Alessandro (S.I.)**  
Wed. Dec. 3 – 6:00 PM.....**Paulette Curry**  
Thurs. Dec. 4 – 1:30PM (Danberry).....**Rev. Robert Fiol**  
Thurs. Dec. 4 – 9:00 AM.....**Nancy Fleming**  
Fri. Dec. 5 – 8:30 AM.....**Jean Funk**  
Sat. Dec. 6 – 9:00 AM.....**Bishop Raymond Boland**  
Sat. Dec. 6 - 4:00 PM.....**Anna Lee Ferlisi**  
Sun. Dec. 7 – 7:45.....**Deceased KofC Council 13446**  
Sun. Dec.7 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

### Next Week's Readings

**Mon:** Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tues.:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:7-8,12-13,17; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wed.:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thurs:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9,19-21,25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Fri.:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Sat:** Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a,6-8  
**Sun.:** *Second Sunday of Advent*  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pty 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### Financial Information

**November 23, 2014**

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

Collection: 21,374 19,865 1,296,722 1,340,873  
Beacons of Hope: 1,792

**Current Parish Debt**  
3,368,758

### Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series, "What Does It Mean To Be Church?", continues next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> with our Sunday series looking at the Advent readings. Fr. Joe will be our speaker. Please join us at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center. Refreshments provided.



### Little Children's Advent Celebration

For children ages 4 to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade...a special celebration on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us for Mass at 9 AM followed by refreshments and Advent/Christmas activities. Please pre-register by December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Greeters' Desk or by email to [stmarkpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkpa@bellsouth.net)

### Youth Group News!

There will be no BLAST meeting on November 30 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. On December 7th the JCrew will have a Campfire. Come enjoy Hot dogs, sausages, s'mores and campfire fun. December 14th is the Youth Christmas Party. We will begin at 6 pm with party snacks and fellowship, and finish with a White Elephant gift exchange.



### Christmas Pageant

All children ages 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade who wish to be in the Christmas Pageant this year at the Christmas Eve 4:00PM mass, please sign up by November 30<sup>th</sup> in the back of the church or email Sr. Terry at [stmarkpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkpa@bellsouth.net)

### Pecan Sale!

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

### Pictorial Directory

Please sign up for the pictorial directory on Saint Mark's website, [www.stmarkrc.org](http://www.stmarkrc.org). If you have any problems, you can call Pat Smith at 298-1855 and she can help you make an appointment. Sessions are the first two weeks in December, and portraits will be ready for Christmas! We have added sessions on December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for the convenience of those families with college age students who may be in town by then for their Christmas break. You will receive 20% off of any portraits you wish to purchase during this time, and \$10 additional off if you register online. We are hoping for everyone's participation for the Pictorial Directory!

### Nursery News

There will not be any nursery provided on the following dates due to the holidays:  
Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

## Cultural Arts Club

The Saint Mark's Cultural Arts Club will be offering several excellent shows over the next few months.  
*Norton Dill's Old Time TV Show Christmas Showcase-12/21 Sunday Matinee- Virginia Samford*  
*RMTC Holiday Spectacular-12/7 Sunday Matinee- Red Mountain Theatre Company*  
*Alabama Symphony Annual New Year's Eve Concert – 12/31 Alabama Theater*  
*The Producers – 2/8 SunMatinee-Virginia Samford*  
*The Book of Mormon-2/22 Sunday Matinee- BJCC*  
In addition, children's shows are available:  
*Disney's Peter Pan, Jr.-2/25-3/1-Virginia Samford*  
*Shrek, The Musical- 7/30-9/9 Virginia Samford*  
If you are interested in any of the above performances, contact Marilyn at 637-5356 or [glassygal@yahoo.com](mailto:glassygal@yahoo.com)

## Attention Seniors!

St. Francis Xavier Parish will hold its monthly activity for Catholic Senior Adults of the Birmingham area on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The day will begin with Mass in the chapel at 11:00AM, followed by a luncheon and bingo.  
A donation of \$7 is asked to defray costs. Please call the Parish Office at 871-1153 no later than noon on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for reservations.



## Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Ana White on the death of her mother Raquel Martin. May her soul rest in the presence of the Lord

## Liturgical Schedule: December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

**Saturday:** Eleanora & David Castagnetta, Les Currie, Cathy Johnson, Darlene McCulloch, Christian Short, Sharon Zaleski

**Sunday:** Pat Kantaris, Vincent Lovoy, Jose Marrero, Katherine Rall, Jim E. Smith, Jr.  
(10:30) Marsha Floyd, Sarah Hevert, Rosemary Johnson, Diana Moreno, Bonnie Murphy, Joe Scotch, Steve Slonneger, Susan Webb

### Mass Coordinator:

**Saturday:** Eleanora & David Castagnetta

**Sunday:** Pat & Mike Kantaris  
(10:30) Heidi & Len Mueninghoff

**Altar Linens:** Tracy Pflaum

### Ushers:

**Saturday:** Jim Smith, Thom Berry, Gail Sanson

**Sunday:** Tom Perlich, Wayne Gwaltney, Nicholas & Sarah Rose Perlich,  
(10:30) Larry Swetonic, Jay Aycock, Brandon Moseley, Milene Panzica, Scott Rillely

### Cantors:

**Saturday:** Alex Slocum

**Sunday:** Raul Gomez, Allison Creel

### Lectors:

**Saturday:** Philip Troha, Tom Baydala

**Sunday:** Jim Montour, Nancy Ladshaw  
(10:30) Bill Webb, Marilyn Chiramonte

### Altar Servers:

**Saturday:** Mary Keithleen Favela, Sam Lynch, Skyhler Schaffer, Nathan McOmber, Jared Schaffer

**Sunday:** Catherine Clark, Elliot Marrero, Adam Pflaum,  
(10:30) Tilly Gwaltney, Troy Gwaltney, Isabella Aldana, Jackson Shields, Lauren Shields, Kaitlyn Shields, Emma Stephens

### Greeters:

**Saturday:** Connie Bailey, Jayne Day, Karen Kapp, Pat Smith

**Sunday:** Diane & Anthony Cuicchi  
(10:30) Paul Roche, Myrna Scotch, Tom Slonneger, Bill Tevendale



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