



Saint Mark
the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015
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Advent Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 P.M. – 6 Priests Available

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 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

Chapel Open for Prayer

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 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

Baptism Requirements & Preparation Class:

Contact Anne Hane 410-0692 or ahane@bellsouth.net

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PRAYER LIST

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Samual Belcher	Joseph Lanzi	Patricia Sheehan
Elbert Bell	Brad Lembcke	Brennan Simkins
Robie Bencho	Paul Maniscalco	Patti W. Smith
Stephen Bencho	Nunzia Massaro	Tom Smith
Thaddeus Bismark	Jack Masterson	Jane St. Denis
Bustoer Brandino	Kathy Matuszak	Don St. Denis
Rosa Butera	Jim Meggs	Vita Stamba
Kevin Camp	Angie Meshad	Mary Ann Stith
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Jan Cavaleri	William Morgan	Luke Swetonic
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Dave Henderson	Brad Rosenwald	Jeanne Wright
Dung Hoang	Kent Russell	Sr. Cecelia Zamboni
George James	Elena Sain	Hays Ziemann

Mass Intentions

- Tues. Dec. 15 - Rose DiChiara*
Wed. Dec. 16- 6:00 P.M. - Sharon Henderson
Thurs. Dec. 17 - 8:30 A.M. - Shirley Charles
Fri. Dec. 18 - 8:30 A.M. - Jean Funk
Sat. Dec. 19 - 4:00 P.M. - Michael Contanni
Sun. Dec. 20 - 7:45 A.M. - Mr. /Mrs. Mario Vicenzi
Sun. Dec. 20 - 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish

Weekly Readings

- 14 Mon - Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 15 Tue - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 16 Wed - Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 17 Thu - Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 18 Fri - Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 19 Sat - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
 20 Sun - Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Pss IV

CONGRATULATIONS

Adam Kings, son of Danny and Jennifer Kings, made his First Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass Dec. 13.

Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Hope DeFalco on the death of her husband, Ronnie DeFalco.

Thank you

Appreciation from the entire Parish extended to the Knights of Columbus Council 13446 for providing 2016 Pope Francis Calendars Catholic Extension Publication

Stock Donation 2015

When donating stock to Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, it is important that you follow the procedures established by the Diocese of Birmingham. See flyer with details on bulletin board.

Holy Year of Mercy

What Happens?

On December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis opened a Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica that remains sealed except during jubilee years. When he crossed the threshold, this door became a "Door of Mercy." In the weeks that follow, Holy Doors will be opened by cardinals and bishops in basilicas, cathedrals, and shrines all over the world, such as Saint Paul's in Birmingham on Sun., Dec. 13.

On November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King, Pope Francis will close the Holy Door of Mercy, marking the end of the jubilee year.

Pastoral Council

Sunday, December 6, 2015 highlights:

- Doug Stephens presented an update of the Needs Assessment Committee. Subcommittees Education, Youth, Social, Office/Adult Education are soliciting input for the proposed construction of a new building and the reconfiguration of the Parish Life Center. Doug presented a conceptual rendering of the new building from the architect. The proposed building will evolve from the input of the various subcommittees and the parish community.
- The chapel will be open for extended hours starting in January. New hardware is being added to the portico door for easy and safe access. Additional hours soon to be announced.
- The book, Rediscovering Catholicism, by Matthew Kelly of the Dynamic Catholic Institute will be available to interested parishioners in December.

Financial Information

December 6, 2015

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtDBdgt)	(YtDActual)
Collection:	\$59,901	\$25,972	\$1,467,882	\$1,477,740
Current Parish Debt				
\$2,603,553				



Christmas Pageant

December 24th

4 PM Mass

Children ages 4 years to 3rd grade
Practices December 13 and 20
Immediately after the 10:30 Mass
for 1 hour (11:45-12:45)

Knights of Columbus

Hams for Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are offering Smoked Hams \$35 each and Arnone's Italian Sausage \$25 for 5 lb box. Call KofC voicemail at 866-622-7865 or email KofC13446@aol.com to place your order with contact info. All orders need to be placed and confirmed by Tuesday, Dec. 15. Pick up at the Parish Life Center on Friday, Dec. 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm."

"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets are \$5...email KofC13446@aol.com. These are great addition to car for Advent and Christmas!

Congratulations to Scott Berg - Knight of the Month award for November. Scott's Dedicated Service to our Church, Council and Community serves as a Role Model for all Knights and Catholic men to follow.

Youth

SUNDAY DEC. 13.

4:00 PM: help prepare the church by getting trees out of storage and putting lights on the Christmas trees.

5:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PROVIDING MUSIC FOR YOUTH MASS

6:00-8:00 PM: Youth Christmas Party: games, White Elephant Gift exchange, and potluck dinner. Contact Daniel Henninger to sign up to bring a food item.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Invitation to Decorate Our Church

Dec. 13 3:30-4:45 PM

....Putting up the trees

Dec. 18 1:30-3:30 PM

....Putting the lights on

Dec. 20 immediately after the 10:30 Mass

....Moving the statues

Dec. 20 1:30 - 3:00 PM

....Putting out the poinsettias,

....Arranging the Crib and final flowers.

OLV Catholic School Tours

Go to www.olvbirmingham.com, or call 991-5963.

Liturgical Schedule: Dec. 19th & Dec. 20th, 2015

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Rebecca Blythe, Beverly Huddleston, Tom Huddleston, Larry Swetonic, Bill Welsh, Sharon Zaleski

Sunday: Annamaria DiCihara, Tony Inzinna, Pat Kantaris, Nancy Ladshaw, Jim E Smith Jr
(10:30) Sr. Terry Brethauer, Mary Beth Crumly, Ana Hall, Rosemary Johnson, Theresa LoMonaco, Leonard Mueninghoff, Bonnie Murphy, Ann Penton, Joe Scotch

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Bill & Jeanne Welsh

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

Altar Linens: Judi Mathews

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Connie Bailey, Ray Morin, Brandon Moseley

Sunday: Wayne Gwaltney, Caleb Moore, Chris Moore, Jonah Moore
(10:30) George Juneman, Jay Aycock, Milene Panzica, Paul Roche

Cantors:

Saturday: Allison Creel

Sunday: 7:45-Susan Richards; 10:30-Kathryn Garaca

Lectors:

Saturday: Ruth Breipohl, Ree Morin

Sunday: Michael Matlock, Darlene McCulloch
(10:30) Marilyn Chiamonte, Chuck Trierweiler

Altar Servers:

Saturday Abby Ferrell, Ethan Lee, Daniel Ospina, Emma Zaiontz, Elizabeth Zaleski

Sunday: Catherine Clark, Tilly Gwaltney, Troy Gwaltney, Jessica Heberlein, Matthew Pflaum
(10:30) Cooper Gray, Mary Caroline Gray, Tanner Gray Anja Trierweiler, Amalia Trujillo Valino

Greeters:

Saturday: Joanne Angeli, Larry Angeli, Jayne Day, Pat Smith

Sunday: Ken & Marie Lorek
(10:30) Peter Bibbo, Ercelle Burrus, Carlos Godinez, Bill Tevendale

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Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM
An Examination of Conscience

My Life with God:

Do I think of God during the day and talk with Him in my own way?
Do I pray each day?
Do I make a sincere effort to participate in Mass?
Do I try to learn about God by reading or attending educational programs?
Do I have confidence in God in the midst of troubles?
Do I see God and love Him in other persons?

My Life with Others:

Am I honestly and sincerely able to say I love my neighbor as myself?
Do I love those around me, especially my family and my classmates?
Am I selfish in my love, trying to monopolize others, fearing that their love for others diminishes their love for me?
Do I willingly share what I have with others, especially with my own family?
Do I respond to the needs of others in my family?
Am I honest in conversation with others, willing to appear in a bad light rather than deceive them?
Am I respectful of others? Of the poor? Of members of other races? Of the people who do not agree with me?
Do I look upon others as images of God and brothers and sisters in Christ? Do I respect their body and

their person? Do I take advantage of their need for love and acceptance for my own pleasure?
Do I talk too much about myself and not really listen to what others have to say?
Do I honor my parents and others who carry the burden of leadership?
Am I honest in my business dealings, in my payment of debts, in my shopping habits?
Am I understanding of the faults and oddities of others?
Do I feel real anguish with the sufferings of others?
Have I talked idly and indiscreetly about the faults of others?

My Life within Myself:

Do I accept being the person I am, realizing that I am the very best of God's creation?
Have I mistreated my own body, through improper use of drugs or alcohol?
Am I developing the talents God gave me? Do I study, read, pray?
Do I let discouragement overpower me and become morose and depressed?
Am I trying to make friends with others?
Have I excused myself from guilt because "everyone is doing it"?

- **Six priests will be available following the Scripture service in the Church.**

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