



Saint Mark
the Evangelist Catholic Church

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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 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.
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Chapel Open for Prayer

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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Mass Intentions

- Tues. Feb. 16 - 12:00 Noon - Dick Chamberlain*
Wed. Feb. 17 - 6:00 P.M. - Raquel Martin
Thurs. Feb. 18 - 8:30 A.M. - Charles, O'Neill, & Moore Families
Fri. Feb. 19 - 8:30 A.M. - Donna and Don Gels
Fri. Feb. 19 - 6:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross
Sat. Feb. 20 - 4:00 P.M. - Vincent Jake Tomburello
Sun. Feb. 21 - 7:45 A.M. - Margaret Tevendale
Sun. Feb. 21 - 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish

Weekly Readings

15 Mon -Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
 16 Tue -Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 17 Wed -Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 18 Thu -Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 19 Fri -Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 20 Sat -Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 21 Sun -Second Sunday of Lent -Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Financial Information

February 7, 2016

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtDBdgt)	(YtDActual)
Collection:	\$24,372	\$20,542	\$161,008	\$186,408

Current Parish Debt

\$2,368,550

Sympathy

Let us pray to the Lord for all who have died especially
 ...Sam Ferlisi
 ...Lorraine Hauswirth,, mother of Diana Hauswirth and Carolyn Boggs
 ...John Paradise, father of Michelle Mickwee

Dear Parishioners,

The cost of reserving (purchasing) a niche in the Saint Mark Columbarium Garden will increase approximately 10% **effective February 22, 2016.**

Parishioner Rate: **Single \$3,000**
 Double \$3,500

Non-parishioner Rate: **Single \$3,700**
 Double \$4,200

The yearly increase assures perpetual care of current facilities and construction funds for the expansion of the Columbarium Garden when needed in the future. The Columbarium is located to the right of the Church behind the Chapel.

Hope and Joy,
Fr Joe

Feast of Saint Mark Italian Festival

Get your discounted tickets now through March 14 --
 \$20.00 Adult "Early Bird" and Children (ages 6 - 12)
 \$10.00 tickets will be available after all Masses the weekends of February 20-21, March 5-6 and March 12-13. Tickets may also be purchased via the website www.FeastofSaintMark.com or in the Church Office. Children ages 5 and under, free. Adult tickets increase to \$25.00 March 15.

Want a free ticket? - Be one of the first 250 volunteers to sign up at www.FeastofSaintMark.com

Women's Club

The Women of St. Mark are sponsoring a Lenten Morning of Prayer for all women of the parish on Tuesday, February 16 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Chapel. The featured speaker will be Sister Janet Marie Fleming, O.S.B. on the theme of "a new look at Mary and Martha" (Luke 10:38-42). The morning will conclude with Mass at Noon.

Adult Ed

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Adult Education/Formation meetings will focus on the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel of God's Mercy. This study has been an involved and interactive approach to Luke's Gospel enthusiastically appreciated by all. Next week, Sunday Feb. 21, will be facilitated by our youth minister, Daniel Henninger. Please join us in the PLC from 9-10:15 AM

Chapel Hours Extended

"This is the door of God... open the doors of justice."

With those words, Pope Francis pushed open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and officially inaugurated a special Year of Mercy.



Saint Mark the Evangelist has extended the hours our Chapel will be open during the week. The "door" to the Chapel will be open

**Monday through Thursday: 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
and Friday: 6:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Lights in the Chapel will be on and if needed lights in the parking area near the Chapel.

This is an invitation to all to come and spend five minutes, a half hour or more on your way to work or when coming home. There, in the presence of the Eucharistic Jesus in the tabernacle, you can pause in adoration giving thanks for blessings and expressing your needs.



During Lent, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a wonderful goal to try to extend some of the changes we make in our lives beyond the liturgical season.

Signing up with *Faith Direct* is a great way to focus on almsgiving throughout the year. It is secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful ministries.

To enroll securely online go to www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is **AL414**. If you have any questions or need help enrolling, contact the parish bookkeeper at 980-1810, ext. 8

Feast of Saint Mark Italian Festival – WE WANT YOU!

The position of Chairperson for our Feast of Saint Mark Italian Festival will be open to potential candidates for FOSM2017. We are looking for individuals with good leadership and communication skills as well as a passionate desire to keep building on this highly successful and important Parish event. The selected candidate will work alongside the current Chairperson for 2016 to ensure a smooth transition. The time is now to step and be part of something significant and meaningful for our Parish. Please contact Robert Sbrissa at 205-937-8610 or fosmRS@aol.com for more information. "To those whom much is given, much is expected".

Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6:30 P.M. followed by a Meatless Meal



On February 19, Sr. Terry will lead the Stations

followed by the Bereavement Ministry's baked potatoes.

Special thanks to First Light for providing a meal of veggie soup on the 12th.

Liturgical Schedule: Feb. 20th & Feb. 21st, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Beverly Huddleston, Tom Huddleston, Pat Kantaris, Ann Penton, Eva Shepherd, Sharon Zaleski, 3 Positions Needed

Sunday: Paul Albano, Sonny Jones, Nancy Ladshaw, Vincent Lovoy, Katherine Rall
(10:30) David & Eleanora Castagnetta, John & Geri Elkouri, Marsha Floyd, Ana Hall, Sarah Hebert, Chris Keller, Steve Shoemaker

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Mike & Pat Kantaris

Sunday: Joe & Cindy Evans
(10:30) Tom & Mary Ann Stith

Altar Linens: Diane Stith

Ushers:

Saturday: Mike Burns, Connie Bailey, Francis Dsa, Ray Morin

Sunday: Kurt Friend, Giovanni Garza, Wayne Gwaltney, Elizabeth Mitchim
(10:30) George Juneman, Jay Aycock, Paul Jones, 2 Positions Needed

Cantors:

Saturday: Allison Creel

Sunday: 7:45--John Floyd; 10:30--Anna Vaughn

Lectors:

Saturday: Cathy Johnson, Ree Morin

Sunday: Phillip Troha, Darlene McCulloch
(10:30) Chuck Trierweiler, Sandy Fleury

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Jonathan Chestang, Justin Chestang, Mary Keithleen Favela, Abby Ferrell, Emma Zaiantz

Sunday: Tracy Pflaum, Bella Garza, Jessica Heberlein, Ethan Lee, Matthew Pflaum
(10:30) Maissa Ospina, Matthew Marquet, Robert Marquet, Daniel Ospina, Ella Sciara, Emma Stephens

Greeters:

Saturday: Larry & Joanne Angell, Linda Grainger, Karen Kapp

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

Youth

No youth on Sunday February 14 due to the President's Day weekend.

The Youth Groups will meet on Sun. Feb. 21 for a current event discussion. The current 5th Graders are invited to come for the Middle School BLAST time (5-6:30 pm) for games, a short talk, and dinner. The current 8th Grade Students are invited to join the High School JCrew from 6-7:30 pm. This will help these groups to get to know the youth that will be joining them the next summer and fall.

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Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met on Sunday, February 7, 2016.

- Ken Reimann of the Finance Council presented the finalized 2016 budget for the Parish. After a review of the details, the Council voted to approve the 2016 budget as written. Ken presented the Finance Council's summary of assumptions vs. facts regarding the construction of a new building. Their findings conclude the construction of a new building is very feasible.
- The Pastoral Council discussed the formation of committees to move forward in the next phase for the possible construction of a new facility.
- The Council is inviting Susan Webb to the March meeting to present an update of the PSR program.
- Parishioners who are interested in serving as members of the Pastoral Council, or know someone who should serve will have an opportunity to submit their names for discernment April 9-10 and April 16-17.

Knights of Columbus

Our next meeting will be on Sunday Feb. 14th 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.

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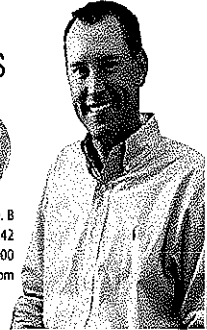
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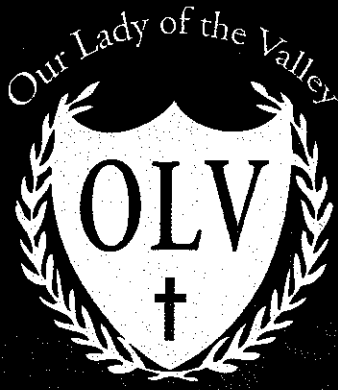
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