

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.  
Thursday, Friday: 8:30 A.M.  
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

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Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

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

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### Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec. 8 – 7:00 AM.....Helen Serra  
Mon. Dec. 8 – 10:30 AM (Somerby).....Margaret Bunn  
Mon. Dec. 8 – 6:00 PM.....Gena Taylor  
Tues. Dec. 9 – 6:00 PM.....Communion Service  
Wed. Dec. 10 – 6:00 PM.....Claire Crow (S.I.)  
Thurs. Dec. 11 – 8:30 AM.....Jean Funk  
Fri. Dec. 12 – 8:30 AM.....Brendan Armitage  
Sat. Dec. 13 - 4:00 PM.....Harold Sheehan  
Sun. Dec. 14 – 7:45.....Mary Alice Schwarz  
Sun. Dec.14- 10:30 AM.....People of the Parish

### Next Week's Readings

**Mon:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tues.:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10ac,11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wed.:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thurs:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13b; Mt 11:11-15  
**Fri.:** Zec 2:14-17; (ps)Jdt 13:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38  
**Sat:** Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13  
**Sun.:** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
Is 61:1-2a,10-11; (ps)Lk 1:46-50,53-54; 1Thes 5:16-24;  
Jn 1:6-8,19-28

### Financial Information

November 30, 2014

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

Collection: 21,374 17,806 1,318,096 1,370,759  
Faith Direct:: 12,080

**Current Parish Debt**

3,310,207

### Mass for Deceased K of C Members

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the 7:45 AM mass was offered for the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 13446. Please remember to pray for James W. Key, Jr., Keith N. Wade, Sr., William Edgar Wilder, Jr., and Dr. James R. Heitz.

### Schedule Correction

Please note that the Sunday date for Individual Confessions printed in the Advent and Christmas schedule is incorrect. Fr. Joe and Bishop Foley will hear confessions on the Sunday before Christmas, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3:00-5:00 PM.

### Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series, "What Does It Mean To Be Church?", continues next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with our Sunday series looking at the Advent readings. Bishop Foley will be our speaker. Please join us at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center. Refreshments provided.

### Youth Group News!

JCrew will have a campfire in the Saint Mark's field from 5-7 PM tonight, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will cook hotdogs and sausages, roast s'mores, and just have fun around the fire!

The Youth Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](mailto:KofC13446@aol.com) to place your order. The last day to order is Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Curbside pick-up is Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM at the Parish Life Center.

### Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mass times are at 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

## **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!

## **Lectio Divina to Begin**

Lectio Divina, (Bible Prayer) led by Sr. Terry, will begin again on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will 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 on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00PM. Please come join us!

## **Pictorial Directory**

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the pictorial directory on Saint Mark's website, [www.stmarkrc.org](http://www.stmarkrc.org). A few sessions are still available 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. We are hoping for everyone's participation for the Pictorial Directory!

## **Women of Saint Mark**

Advent is a time of anticipation and waiting...

Join us for a holy hour of quiet prayer, reflection and rosary in the Parish Chapel at 3 PM this Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by refreshments in the Social Hall and a demonstration on making a Christmas wreath. All women of Saint Mark are welcome!

## **Peer Society**

Saint Mark's will host a meeting of the local chapter of the Peer Society, an interfaith religious forum, on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30PM in the Chapel. All are invited!

## **Youth Choir News**

Come sing and praise with our Youth Choir on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Youth Mass at 5 PM in the Chapel. We would love for you to join us in prayer and song. How great is our God!

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**

Brother Knights, please note that our next meeting will be this Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss many of the upcoming activities. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact us at [k0fc13446@aol.com](mailto:k0fc13446@aol.com)

## **Feast of Saint Mark Italian Food Festival**

We are well into the planning for your FOSM2015. This will mark our fourth year and we are excited about what we will have for all to enjoy. You can look forward to a new approach to the food served. We will feature a broader range of chefs and restaurants that will be sure to wow any palate. There will also be a surprise entertainment line-up to be unveiled as we get closer to the date. We will also feature many of the popular elements of past Feasts like games for young and old, selection of desserts and souvenirs, and a variety of beverages for all ages. FOSM2015 will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The hours will vary slightly beginning at 3:30pm and ending at 10:00pm. Tickets will again be limited to only 3,000 so don't wait to get them once they go on sale.

We are always looking for individuals with public relations/ marketing, website, social media, food service, and volunteer management experience. We are all busy but you can play a big role in the success of this key Parish event. Take the first step and contact Robert Sbrissa at 937-8610. There are also excellent new sponsorship opportunities for businesses to get great exposure as well as ensure this event continues to thrive. Please call/ email [RobertSbrissa@aol.com](mailto:RobertSbrissa@aol.com) for more information and don't forget to check out the FOSM2014 on our website at [www.FeastofStMark.com](http://www.FeastofStMark.com) under the "videos" tab.

## **Nursery News**

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

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

## Come To The Stable

The Pastoral Council at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is organizing its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Come to The Stable display to be held Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The many and varied depictions of Our Savior's birth lead us to a place of stillness and peace during the busyness and distractions of the holiday season. Fr. Kelly has hand-selected several beautiful items to be raffled at the event. Refreshments will be served.

## Wheelchair Mission 2014

The Knights of Columbus Council 13446 are raising funds to support providing wheelchairs to those in need. We will be in the Narthex after each Mass this weekend soliciting donations and your support will be appreciated. Our goal is to fund 5 wheelchairs, and we would be ecstatic if we could do more. Please see the insert in this bulletin. Complete the donation form if interested in a donation, but are unable to donate after mass this weekend, and return it to the Church Office. Your kindness, as always, is greatly appreciated.

## Liturgical Schedule: December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

**Saturday:** Rebecca Blythe, Beverly & Tom Huddleston,  
Darlene McCulloch, Eva Shepherd, Jeanne & Bill Welsh

**Sunday:** Paul Albano, Mike Kantaris, Jose Marrero,  
Darlene McCulloch, Ginny Willis  
(10:30) Eleanora Castagnetta, Tom Chauffe, Keri Eitzen,  
John Elkourie, Janet Haines, Chris Keller, Diana Moreno,  
Bonnie Murphy, Joe Scotch

### Mass Coordinator:

**Saturday:** Jeanne & Bill Welsh

**Sunday:** Pat & Bill Roach  
(10:30) Eleanora & David Castagnetta

**Altar Linens:** Nena Robinson

### Ushers:

**Saturday:** Mike Burns, Chris Moore, Jonah Moore, Ray Morin

**Sunday:** Tom Perlich, Pat Kantaris, Nicholas, & Sarah Rose Perlich  
(10:30) George Juneman, Nancy Collis, Rob Haley, Michael Rall,  
Scott Riley

### Cantors:

**Saturday:** Susan Richards

**Sunday:** John Floyd, Anna Vaughn

### Lectors:

**Saturday:** REe Morin, Philip Troha

**Sunday:** Jim E. Smith, Jr., Christa Sligh  
(10:30) Geri Elkourie, Tom Greene

### Altar Servers:

**Saturday:** Skyhler Schaffer, Diana Fernandez, Jared Schaffer,  
Dolan Wilson, Emma Zaiontz

**Sunday:** Matthew Pflaum, Cooper Gray, Tanner Gray,  
(10:30) Elliot Marrero, Sara Sligh  
Ella Vaughn, Robert Marquet, Emma Stephens,  
Jack Marquet, Jane Vaughn

### Greeters:

**Saturday:** Rose Burns, Linda Grainger, Becky Green, Rae Sarver

**Sunday:** Marie & Ken Lorek  
(10:30) Peter Bibbo, Carlos Godinez, Laura Hughes,  
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