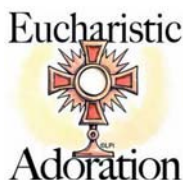


January 15, 2012

Second Sunday in Ordinary

Eucharistic Adoration in 2012

Happy New Year! What a great time to start that Holy Hour you have been thinking about. And it just so happens that St. Marks has an unlimited supply! There are times available to meet any type of schedule, but below are a few that are more urgent-



- Sundays at 8am
- Tuesdays at 5am
- Saturdays at 12am
- Plus numerous nighttime adorers need a partner

Please call Linda at 954-7513 to discuss the time that is perfect for you!

New Translation of the Mass

At the Invitation to Prayer, Father says, "Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father".

At this point, the Bishop has asked that the congregation STAND and respond.....

"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church"

Greeter Training

Training for new greeters will take place on Sunday, January 22 as follows:
 9:30 AM
 12:00 Noon
 4:00 PM



Pastoral Council Election



Pastoral Council Nominations

It is time, to prayerful discern nomination for the elections of the new representatives to St.

Mark's Pastoral Council. Nominees must be active members of St. Mark's Parish, at least 18 years old, be Confirmed in the Catholic Church and have a current Stewardship renewal form on file in the office. Please submit your nominations to Phyllis in the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 23rd.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed next Monday, January 16, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.



If you are looking for ways to respond to questions about your Catholic Faith.....

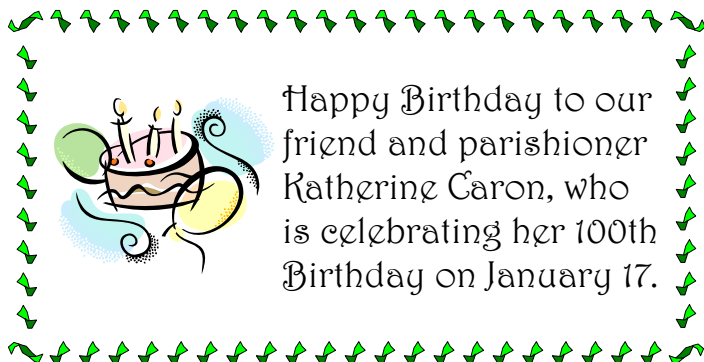
Join us at the Sunday **APOLOGETICS** classes beginning, Sunday, January 22nd, 1 – 2 PM

Resurrection Room

This class is designed to provide participants with short, answers in an informal setting.

All ages are welcome!

Grade school children require parent participation/supervision.



Happy Birthday to our friend and parishioner Katherine Caron, who is celebrating her 100th Birthday on January 17.

St Mark's = Stewardship Parish

Lots of "Thank You's" in all sizes...

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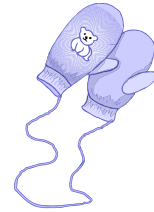


Beautiful Masses
Watering altar flowers
Supporting St. Mark's
Parish Food Bank

Prayers, thoughts, cards, and treats
for the parish office

Sharing your gifts of:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Scarves
Hats
Mittens
Coats
Socks
Stuffed Animals
Toys
Bunk Beds



Love
Prayer
Peace

- *Giving to the Parish Giving Tree
- *Magnificent Advent and Christmas music
- *Preparing and Purchasing baked goods and Christmas gifts at the Noel Boutique
- *Sharing your Manger Scenes
- *Advent/Christmas Decorations
- *Assisting with African Refugee Christmas Celebration



Social Mission
is alive and well at St. Mark's

LAZARUS

Lazarus will be starting the next session on Funeral Planning after the 8:30 Mass, in the Faith Formation on the following dates:

Estate Planning	January 29, 2012
Funeral Planning	February 5, 2012
Don't Be Afraid	February 12, 2012
Hospice 101	February 19, 2012

Sacramental Preparation

Required Parent Meeting for First Communion January 18, in Church, 6:30-8pm. Before the meeting is over, we will sign up for one of the four Masses on the weekend of May 5 & 6.

Our first and second graders are reviewing this week all the prayers and scripture verses that have been assigned for their memory work this year. They will be receiving awards for their achievement in March.

Teen Confirmation (8-12 gr) meet for class January 22, 4:30-6pm, "The Gifts and Charisms of the Holy Spirit."

St. Mark's CCW 31st Annual Fashion Show!

Although it is early it is time now to mark your calendars for St. Mark's 31st Annual Spring Fashion Show! The fashion show is April 14, 2012. Tickets go on sale starting January 22nd at Market Days. Tickets must be purchased in advance. All tickets bought before February 20th will include one free raffle ticket.

Anyone interested in donating raffle items or silent auction baskets, please contact Lou Brown at 345-2723 or email

stmarkscwffashionshow@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour Schedule

January 15	CCW
January 22	Living for Him Small Faith Community
January 29	Latino Ministry



Fasting and Prayer On Fridays

This Friday please join us in fasting and prayer for all Families

(fasting = one full meal and two snacks)
(prayer = Mass, Adoration, Rosary, etc)

Food Bank

The St. Mark's Food Bank volunteers assisted **2,212 individuals** with food and other essential items during December. This is an increase of over 200 individuals from December 2010!

During 2011, **27,029 individuals** were given food and other basic necessities. This is an increase of nearly 1,000 individuals from 2010!

Special Thanks to: The St. Mark's Food Bank volunteers, who generously volunteered many hours during 2011 to help those in need! The operation of the food bank could not be accomplished without your help!

Many Thanks to the following men, for spending many hours loading and unloading heavy cases of food at the food bank: Jeff Allen, Jim Barclay, Jerry Bresina, Mike Cannon, Don Dempster, Fred Florence, Ray Ineck, Jim Ineck, Bryan Johnson, Kent Little, Joe Lucero, George Weisbeck and the St. Mark's Knights of Columbus ministry.

Thanks to all who generously provided the food bank with food and monetary donations throughout the year. You are the reason we are able to help so many people in need!

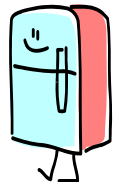
Available for Purchase

As we prepare the old kitchen to be converted to a classroom, we must remove several items.

1. Stove: works well
2. Commercial Convection Oven
3. Freezer: Frost free
4. Freezer

China Cabinet: Located in administration hallway (glass doors are removed for safe keeping)

If you are interested in these items, please contact Diana in the parish office at 375-6651 x102



Bible Study of James

Started on Friday, January 13, at 9:30 AM
Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00 AM

Materials are available in the Parish Office or can be purchased at the first class.

There is still time to join!

Voices of Joy Chorus Members and New Members

Rehearsals will resume Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 in the conference room. If you weren't able to join in the fall, consider joining us for the spring months!

The chorus is open to singers grade 2 - 8. We rehearse most Sundays after the 11:00 Sunday mass from 12:30 - 1:30. For more information contact Katie Pape 377-8985 or Kris Foster 377-0131.

St. Mark's Library

A librarian's dream this year is for peace—a peaceful world, unity within families, harmony among folks. A St. Mark's library book that embodies this theme is, *The World's Religions* by Huston Smith. Mary describes this book saying, "In this season of 'peace on earth to men of good will' this book opens the mind and heart to the inherent goodness common to so many of the world religions—the basis for world peace and unity." Continuing the peaceful life theme is a recommendation by Kate to read a fiction called *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon. Kate suggests that this book is "a break from daily stress and an escape to a peaceful town where life is simple." So treat yourself, stop by the library and check out one of these books or another of your choice! The library, Room 108, is open before and after Mass as well as during regular office hours Monday thru Friday 8:30 to 4.



RESPECT LIFE - SAVE THE DATES

January 21st - Life Mass as St. John's at 11 am
January 21st - Life March at Julia Davis Band shell at 1 pm

Rides Needed

English-speaking Refugee mother and two daughters (from the Collister/State St. area) need a ride to and from Mass on Sundays.

Please call Betty Brigante



375-7613, if you can help even part of the time.

Job Seekers A New Ministry at St. Mark's

***** LOOKING FOR A JOB? *****

St. Marks parishioners: Are you looking for a new job? Job Seekers Ministry is creating a distribution list of those seeking employment. If you would like to be included on the distribution list, send your email address to:

Tina Carpenter vita34@aol.com, ph322-5209, or Kevin O'Sullivan kos75@hotmail.com, ph 323-0221. There is no charge for this service.

Disclaimer: St. Mark's makes no representations or guarantees about positions listed on its website and is not responsible for safety, wages, working conditions or other aspects of employment. It is the job seeker's responsibility for all necessary precautions when interviewing for or accepting positions and he/she is solely responsible for obtaining necessary information concerning the employer.

***** LOOKING FOR A WORKER?*****

St. Mark's Employers: Are you looking for a qualified worker? Job Seekers Ministry is creating a distribution list of parishioners and their family members who are skilled, educated & seeking employment in a host of fields. We email them with the job opening you or your employer is seeking to fill. Simply email job and contact details to: Tina Carpenter vita34@aol.com, ph: 322-5209. There is no charge for this service.

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Free Throw Contest

St. Mark's Knights Of Columbus is hosting its annual Free Throw Contest later this month. Watch for details coming in this bulletin and at the school. Anyone with questions can contact Patrick Sawyer at sawyer721@cablone.net or Paul Darcy. Winners will compete at District and State levels in February!



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