PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS & SAINT MARK FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT WEEKEND OF MARCH 8 & 9, 2025

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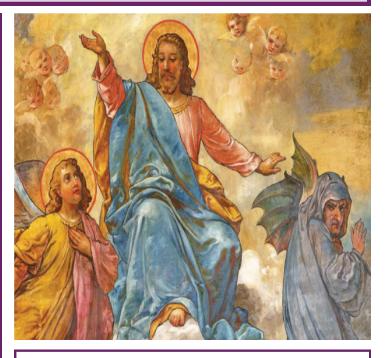
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit articles to csanders@stmarkstl.com at least 10 days prior to desired publication date. Submission dates are subject to change.



SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE DURING LENT

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday 6:30 AM at St. Martin 8:00 AM at St. Mark (livestream) & Wednesday 6:30 PM during Lent at St. Mark

Saturday Morning 8:00 AM at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Evening Vigils 4:00 pm at St. Martin 5:00 pm at St. Mark

Sunday Morning 7:00, 9:00 (livestream) & 11:00 AM *at St. Mark* 10:00 AM *at St. Martin*

CONFESSIONS

One hour prior to each Vigil or Sunday Mass until the three-quarter hour & Wednesdays following the 6:30 PM Mass until all are heard.



Saturday, March 8

4:00PM @ St. Martin 5:00PM @ St. Mark Jenny Maniaci John Hummert+

Sunday, March 9

1st Sunday of Lent

7:00@ St. MarkPeople of the Parishes9:00@ St. MarkGregory Probst+10:00@ St. MartinBob Dedic+11:00@ St. MarkSean Selvaggio+

Monday, March 10

6:30 @ St. Martin Mr. & Mrs. Kuhn 8:00 @ St. Mark Carol Jean Walker

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 @ St. Martin Pat McBryan 8:00 @ St. Mark Dolores Lampe+

Wednesday, March 12

6:30@ St. MartinMr. & Mrs. Haake8:00@ St. MarkKatherine Kirchoff+6:30PM @ St. MarkHelen Schneider+

Thursday, March 13

6:30 @ St. Martin Kathy Duncan
8:00 @ St. Mark George & Celeste Ottoline+

Friday, March 14 Communal Day of Abstinence

- 6:30 @ St. Martin Ann Hagensieker
- 8:00 @ St. Mark Pat McBryan

Saturday, March 15

8:00 @ St. Mark Loyd Kiefer+ 4:00PM @ St. Martin Elizabeth L. Klutho, SSND+ 5:00PM @ St. Mark People of the Parishes

Sunday, March 16

2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00 @ St. Mark No Scheduled Intention

9:00 @ St. Mark Alice Hammerschmidt+

10:00 @ St. Martin Michael Berry+

11:00 @ St. Mark Dolores Lampe+



TODAY'S READINGS 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Confession of faith of the chosen people.

Moses spoke to his people:

"We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry."

Romans 10:8-13

Confession of faith of all believers in Christ.

Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted.

READINGS FOR MARCH 10TH - 16TH

Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Matthew 25:31-46 Isaiah 55:10-11
	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10
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Thursday:	Esther C:12, 14-25
Friday:	Matthew 7:7-12 Ezekiel 18:21-28
Thuay.	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 26:16-19
5	Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday:	Genesis 15:5-18
	Philippians 3:17—4:1
	Luke 9:28b-36

LIVESTREAMING HOLY MASS

Daily 8:00 AM Mass & Sunday 9:00 AM Mass are livestreamed by going to: stmarkstl.com or stmartinoftours.com.

THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

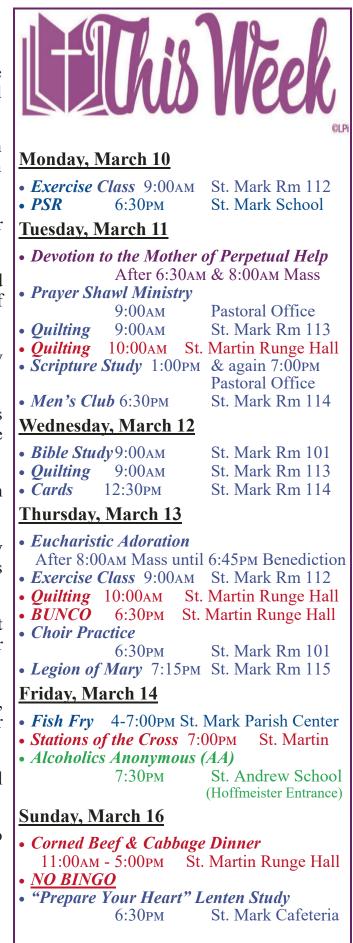
Perhaps during Lent we can focus in on the personal aspects of our sins a bit too much and so forget their communal impact.

Here is a brief examination of conscience which reminds us of our responsibility to our parish family.

- ⊕ Do I see myself and others as parts of a larger family of faith, Christ's Mystical Body?
- Do I seek out opportunities to welcome and encourage others to join me in the practice of the Catholic Faith?
- ⊕ Do I use my gifts and talents to actively benefit my parish community?
- ⊕ Do I participate fully in the various offerings in the parish to become more engaged as a committed and active Catholic?
- ⊕ Do I support my parish financially with regularity and generosity?
- Do I pray for the members of my parish, my neighbors and pastoral ministers in my times of public and private prayer?
- ⊕ Do I avoid the kind of negativity that discourages and divides us, weakening our communal witness to Christ?
- Do I reject the many temptations to gossip, and ask myself if what I say builds up or tears down the parish?
- Do I limit myself to my own clique and fail to engage those I do not yet know?
- ⊕ Am I open to the daily choices I can make to enliven the parish family?

May Christ use us to build up our Parishes!

Father Bob Burkemper



GOD'S HELP IS ONLY A PRAYER AWAY.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ...

All the Faithful Departed:

Richard Lynch, Helen Vogel & Norma Thiesmann

May they through the Mercy of God rest in peace.

All the Sick, especially:

His Holiness - Pope Francis, Rosemarie Abeln, Antonio LaScala, Jody Pfeiffer & Lucy Roberts

May they experience God's Healing Power in body, mind, and spirit!

* MASS MINISTRY

AT ST. MARK SIGN UP & SCHEDULE NEWS

Please consider assisting at Holy Mass in one of our liturgical ministries, as a Hospitality Minister (Usher), an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or Lector in proclaiming the Word of God to the community.

For more information or to volunteer please email or call Ed Schneider: 314.885.4418 or edmschneider@yahoo.com.

The next schedule will be ready the week of April 7th.

FEBUARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

On **February 27th**, eight lay and four clerical members of the **Pastoral Council**, met representing both St. Mark & St. Martin Parishes at the Pastoral Office.

Beginning with prayer, Father Burkemper asked for each member's thoughts on the two **December Council Meetings** (December 12th at St. Mark & the 19th at St. Martin) which were open to any interested parishioners.

The general sense was that this first of our annual open forums (April, August & December) was very well received by those attending, as it offered candid answers to questions and an openness to discussion and suggestions.

Father then addressed:

- The now **Completed Census**, with 675 registered households in St Mark Parish & 346 registered households in St. Martin Parish.
- The Lenten Sacramental, Devotional & Educational Offerings shared between the two parish sites.

- The seemingly constant **Repairs** needed for our five parish properties (HVAC, Parking Lots, Boilers, Leaks, etc.), for which we seek grants from the Archdiocese.
- The request that members help address the **Pastoral Council's Expansion** by suggesting folks from each parish who would be an asset as one of his advisors.
- With the census completed, there is also need for Council Members to consider possible nominations for each Parishes separate **Finance Councils**, with three members for each parish.
- The final **combination of financial assets** from St. Bernadette, St. Matthias & St. Mark Parishes (Parish Endowments).

There was discussion on each of these points by Council Members.

The next Pastoral Council Meetings will be open to parishioners on April 10th, 7:00 PM, at St. Mark in the Pastoral Office Meeting Room & on April 24th, 7:00 PM, at St. Martin in Runge Hall.

PREPARE YOUR HEART Lenten Study



Please join us the first five Sundays of Lent!

St. Mark Cafeteria @ 6:30-8:30 PM March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th

Participate in small-group discussion designed around powerful presentations from the Eucharistic Congress.

Registration requested, but not required, Contact Jill 314-302-7740 Light snacks provided; bring your own beverage * Attendance to all 5 sessions is not mandatory

JOIN THE LENT PRAY40 CHALLENGE



Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with *Hallow*, a Catholic meditation app that can help us find our peace in God.

If you are not already on *Hallow* unlock premium access for only \$1 at archstl.org/pray (brought to you by the ACA).





This program is an opportunity to sacrifice a can of food each day of Lent to help our poor and needy neighbors through our St. Vincent de Paul Society's food pantry and Affton Christian Food Pantry.

Until Sunday, April 13th please drop your canned food in the containers located in St. Mark's vestibule, cry room, and cafeteria or in St. Martin's vestibule.

The Knights of Columbus - Council #742 is grateful to everyone who participates in this program.

A NEW STUDY IN GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

THIS STUDY IN THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES IS LED BY OUR PASTOR

Tuesdays March 11, 18, & 25 & April 1, 8, 15 at 1:00 PM & again at 7:00 PM Pastoral Office Meeting Room 4200 Ripa Avenue

These study sessions will gather for about one hour each week to delve deeper into the Holy Scriptures to be proclaimed in the Sunday Mass.

Fr. Bob hopes this kind of Scripture Study will prove to be an opportunity for prayerful informed instruction, lively discussion, and the thoughtful application of the Word of God for all.

This Week's Texts:

Genesis 15:5-18 Philippians 3:17—4:1 & Luke 9:28b-36

PRACTICAL AIDS FOR OUR LENTEN OBSERVANCE

PUBLIC PRAYER & SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULES

Holy Mass on Weekdays:

- In St. Martin Church at 6:30 AM Monday thru Friday.
- In St. Mark Church at 8:00 AM Monday thru Saturday & Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Holy Mass on Weekends

- Vigil Masses on Saturdays in St. Martin at 4:00 PM & in St. Mark at 5:00 PM.
- Sunday Masses in St. Mark Church at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM.
 & in St. Martin Church at 10:00 AM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

- On hour prior to all Vigil & Sunday Masses until the three-quarter hour at both sites.
- Wednesdays following the 6:30 PM Mass in St. Mark Church until all are heard.
- On Tuesday, April 15
 A Lenten Penance Service offered in St. Martin Church at 7:00 PM.

Public Devotions

- Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion every Tuesday following both Masses.
- Adoration of Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist every Thursday from 8:30 AM until 7:00 PM with Benediction at 6:45 PM.
- Stations of the Cross every Friday in St. Martin Church at 7:00 PM.
- Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on First Friday following both Masses.

COMMUNAL ACTS OF PENANCE

- Ash Wednesday, March 5, & Good Friday, April 18th, are Days of Communal Fasting & Abstinence for all healthy Catholics between the ages of 19 & 59.
- Fasting consists in consuming only one full meal and two smaller meals.
- All Catholics from the age of 14 are required to abstain from the consumption of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Lenten Fridays.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARITY

- What we save by our Fasting & Abstinence may be used to support the Hungry in our area through our local St. Vincent DePaul Societies which support the St. Martin of Tours Food Pantry & Affton Christian Food Pantry.
- Our two parishes will also engage once more in the Knights of Columbus "40 Cans For Lent" to assist those in need.

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SCHEDULES FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

- Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on April 17 at both St. Mark & St. Martin Churches at 7:00 PM.
- Good Friday's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated on April 18 at St. Mark at Noon and at St. Martin at 7:00 PM.
 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be made at St. Martin at Noon.
- Holy Saturday's Vigil Mass of Easter will be celebrated on April 19 at both St. Martin & St. Mark Churches at 8:00 PM.

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Please drop off your sweet goodies in St. Mark's Cafeteria any time after Friday 8:00 AM Mass

Bakers are encouraged to represent their family's ethnic background to offer a unique variety of treats that represent our parish community!

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER & RAFFLE

NEXT SUNDAY, March 16th 11AM to 5PM in St. Martin's Runge Hall



Dinner (All You Can Eat): corned beef (or ham), cabbage, Irish potatoes, & carrots.

Hot dogs, ham sandwiches, & corned beef sandwiches are available. Desserts are included with a dinner.

<u>Tickets For Sale</u> <u>Adults</u>: \$16 in advance & \$19 at the door. <u>Children</u> (13 & under): \$9.

- Weekend Masses this weekend and next at St. Mark & St. Martin churches
- ♣ Fri, March 14th, 9AM 1PM at Runge Hall
- Tues, March 11th 6рм 8рм at Dubowl Lane

HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED Drop Off at St. Martin's Runge Hall

Fri, March 14th: 9AM-3PM Sat, March 15th: 9AM-1PM & 3PM-6PM Sun, March 16th: 8AM-11AM

For more info please call: Kevin - 314.541.8840 or Apollo - 314.486.4399



