

Papal Intention

April: For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at: bible.usccb.org

Monday, April 1-Monday within the Octave of Easter Tuesday, April 2-Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, April 3-Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Thursday, April 4-Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30am Mass......Marie Nahrstedt

Friday, April 5-Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, April 6-Saturday within the Octave of Easter

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass......Connie Surovec

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, April 7-Second Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass......Patricia Keating

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and

St. Mel Parish

Liturgical Ministers April 6 & 7

Saturday, April 6 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: John Levis, Shirlee Toth, Gloria Morin

Lector: Lou Toth

Altar Server: Morgan Adkins, Declan Fitzpatrick, Patrick Sowul

Sunday, April 7 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Mnisters: Kathy O'Malley, Tim Schmidt, Jessica Hanes

Lector: Tim Mohr, Laura Skonce

Altar Server: Bob LoPresti, Kathleen Murray, Grace Schmidt

Sunday, April 7 @11:30am

Eucharistic Mnisters: Michelle Bogins, Annamaria Masterson, Lisa Ditzel

Lector: Deborah Roscoe, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Clare Hurley, Ian McCoy, Dominic Sutcliff

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles **Weekly Intention** March 31 **Connie Surovec**



PRAYER FOR THE SICK
Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who
are facing various illnesses. Give them the
hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

Please Pray for Our Sick



William Adams Gianna Andolina Carol Behnke Jack Behnke Katy Brent Henry Buehner James Coyne Margaret Fadrowski Nicole Foerstner Mary Frantz Theresa Fridrich

Lisa Groh Irene Gurchensky David Kurth Catherine Kutsick Loree Leasure-Poirier Jim McIlwee Mary Miller Maisie Nowlin Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Bill Retzer Mary Stark Nora Sudetic Lena Sunyak George Surovec Herb Tippie Georgieann Treible Joe Wantz Charlotte Whiting Lillian Zahara Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Sunday & Easter Collection

Thank you for your support and generosity of St. Mark Parish. Please see the April 15th bulletin for the Sunday & Easter collections.

Friends.

Christ is risen!

Throughout Lent the prayers of the Mass have mentioned a hope that the Lord will purify our hearts, and that we will come to the Easter Mysteries with true joy. These prayers had become my own in a special way this year, and I truly do hope that the time of Lent gave you many graces and that Easter is a new joy in your heart.

In that firm belief of resurrection and new life, so we continue to pray for Dc. Dave and remember his presence fondly, may he now be an intercessor praying for us.

In Christ.

Fr. Adam

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 5th from 3:30pm-7:00pm. Please come to spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving before the Lord. If you would like to sign up for a specific 1/2 hour of prayer, please contact the Parish Office 216-226-7577.

Family Holy Hour will be from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Children of all ages are invited with their families to come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

There will be singing, reading, and age appropriate contemplation Consider bringing crayons, books, or a children's Bible.



We have been blessed to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with the following candidates:

<u>Celebrated Baptism, First Communion</u> <u>and Confirmation</u>

LuKas Alexander Horton Mae Elizabeth Horton Amara Kae Jerome Sullivan Thomas Pesta Alayna May Vasicek

<u>Celebrated First Communion and</u> <u>Confirmation</u>

John Thomas Heidinger

May God richly bless each of them!

The parishioner-led Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, April 4th at 7pm in the Servers Sacristy. This is a great opportunity to relax, pray, grow in faith, and make a difference in our world. There is a book available near the Sacred Heart Statue in the Church for prayer requests. These will receive prayer by this group. Feel free to share answered prayers here also. Please join us! There is no need to sign up.





St. Mark Holy Name Society

Welcome All
Men and Women Parishioners
18 and Older
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month
at 6:00 in the Social Hall

Interested?

Email jimcocita@gmail.com

THANKS FOR JOINING US AT THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!!

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord,

"My refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our military men and women presently serving and those who have returned home

Jason Bochert, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, Danny O'Malley, Sean P. O'Reilly, Nick Ortiz, Steven Podhradsky, Nico Russo, Tom Sarko, Matthew Shirley, Brady Smith, Montana Stiegelmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH Saturday, March 30-Holy Saturday 10:00 am HNS Easter Egg Hunt G/PL 1:00 pm Food Blessing СН Sunday, March 31-Easter Sunday 8:30 am Mass w/Youth Choir 11:30 am Monday, April 1 School Closed Tuesday, April 2 School Closed April 3 Wednesday, School Closed 6:00 pm Scout Pack #268 SH April 4 Thursday, School Closed 8:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Prayer Group SS 7:00 pm Troop #293 SH Friday, April 5 School Closed 3:30 pm **Eucharistic Adoration** 5:00 pm Family Holy Hour Social SH Saturday. April 6 10:00 am Choir CH 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass **Donut Social** April 7 Sunday, 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary Mass LS 11:30 am 11:30 am Sunday Pre-School CR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed



Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. "The Family that Prays together, Stays together"...Fr. Patrick Peyton

Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass

St. Mark 1966 Class Reunion: A reunion is being planned for 11:00am Saturday, August 10, 2024 in the party room at Gene's Place, Kamm's Corners. Any interested classmate, please contact Diane Carson Teater at stmark66reunion@yahoo.com



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Or:

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:7)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

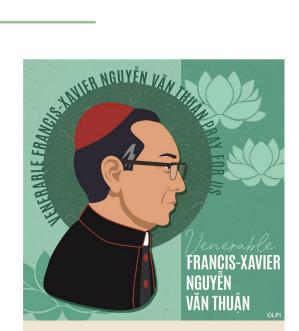
Sunday: Easter Sunday

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Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter;

April Fools' Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Saint of the week

Venerable Francis-Xavier
Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a
cardinal from Huế, Vietnam.
Imprisoned for his faith for 13
years, nine of which were in
solitary confinement, he never
stopped preaching, even from
scraps of prison paper. Once
released, he continued to serve
the Church until his death.

Prayer of Blessing

Dear Lord.

Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 | EASTER SUNDAY

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel MeditationEncourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

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Principal News

Our yearly St. Baldrick *Shave Your Mane* event is scheduled for April 19th. This event is held to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Well over \$500,000 has been raised by the students of St. Mark School throughout the years this event has been held. Some of our school families have been touched directly by childhood cancer which makes it all the more meaningful for not only them, but all of us. You will hear more about this as the event nears; however, to help raise funds for this event, we held our first *Hoops for Hope* competition where students were given the opportunity to donate money for five attempts to make basketball shots into a net. There were over 70 student participants from PreK through Grade 8. Nets were adjusted based on the participants' ages. It was a great community builder for our school! Students were individually cheered on by the student body; it did not matter what grade each student was in! They supported one another for a much larger cause. As in the case of any event, there is always a team of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to attend to the tiniest of details. A special thanks goes out to Julie Andolina, Kirsten Glazier, Maureen Soeder, Jean Berger, and Jessica Koch for all the work put into making *Hoops for Hope* such a successful event.

On behalf of the Faculty, Staff, and Students at St. Mark, I want to wish all of you a Happy Easter! Please take home an Easter greeting made lovingly for you by one of our children. When I think about it, we use our hands for the most wonderful activities and experiences- things like research, writing, art, and music. I am reminded of how Christ's hands healed others by only a simple touch. Our hands, indeed, are very powerful tools. Enjoy the handiwork and creativity of our children, and remember that you are always in our prayers.

Mrs. Cocita

















