



St. Mark Catholic Church

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First SUNDAY of *Advent*

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would
rend the heavens
and come down,
with the mountains
quaking before you,
while you wrought
awesome deeds we
could not hope for,
such as they had not
heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

PARISH / SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION www.saintmarkcc.org
Office Hours: Monday Noon - 3:00pm, Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm
Office closes at Noon 1st Thursday of the month

Mission Statement: St. Mark Parish seeks to generously support its members in their spiritual journey and work faithfully for the spiritual and sacramental welfare of all its members through learning discipleship, outreach for the poor and alienated.

Mass Schedule:

Monday.-Friday **8:30 AM Daily Mass** (Limited Seating)
 NO Anointing of the Sick on the First Fridays
 Mass is back in the church - doors lock at maximum capacity or when mass starts.

Saturday Anticipated Mass 5pm
Sunday 7:30, **9:00** & 11:30am

Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 6:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: at this time no scheduled Adoration

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Mark! Please pick up a registration card from the bulletin rack or go to our website www.saintmarkcc.org print out a registration form, drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. It is important to be a registered and active member for sacrament programs. Please make sure you mark the box if you wish to receive Offertory Envelopes.

Online Offering: St. Mark will now accept Electronic Giving. You can make your donation from any major credit card or checking/savings account. Go to the home page of our website: www.saintmarkcc.org click on the **Online Giving** button and follow the instructions.

Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday's 3:30 - 4:30pm or by appointment

Communion to the Sick / Homebound: Please call Pat Zak ext 117 at the parish office.

Baptism: The celebration of each Sacrament in the initiation process of every child is held as most important in the life of the Church. Parents & Sponsors need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Classes are held every other month on the second Sunday at 1pm in the Church. Pre-registration is required. Baptisms can be celebrated during Fr. Jim's Masses, or on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 1pm.

Marriage: Our policy for marriage preparation is based on Archdiocesan guidelines. To begin the preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, please call the parish office **9-12** months before your planned date.

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Keep in touch with what is happening in the church
Text **StMark** to **84576**
Flocknote.com/saintmarkcc

Fidelis Catholic Credit Union:

303-424-5037
www.fideliscu.org

Formed.org

Parish Code: **427C62**

St Mark Food Bank Currently Closed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 -10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

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Sacred Conversations

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

So much of our lives---the vast majority, really---is lived interiorally. The dreams that speak to us at night, and the thoughts that play in our heads during the day, are all stored inside of us. We don't talk about them, usually. In many ways, except for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our every breath, we live our lives alone.

For me, my interior conversation is with my sweet mom, now too long deceased. I wonder what she thinks of me these days. Is she proud of me? Is she noticing how much better I am with writing thank-you notes? Is she amazed that I actually know how to plant flowers?

Would that she might meet me doing right. That's been my prayer since her death 35 years ago. The hundreds of things we do in a day---the returned phone call, the made bed, the faithfulness in prayer---all speak to the discipline we cultivate in silence through the years. If my mom walked into my home right now, would she meet me doing right?

Fortunately, my mother has always been my stand-in for Jesus. She's "God with skin on." It's Jesus, of course, whom I am really serving when I am conscientious, faithful, a contributing member of society, and unwavering in my defense of the voiceless.

It's finally Advent. It took forever to get here, especially since it's felt like Advent these nine months, prayerfully waiting for the end of the pandemic. We've got a few months to go. My Advent promise is that I will strive every day to ready my heart for Jesus. I intend for him to meet me doing right.

*How will you use these last months
of restrictions to do good?*

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND EVERY ST. MARK PARISHIONER IN NEED

Msgr. Don Huber, Alisa DiGiacomo, Norman Kohlbeck,
Isabel Trujillo, Scharron Bolles, Hector Santastevan,
Sue Chu, Shirley Myers, Marie Nieto, Joe Roybal,
Nancy Gallant, Elvira Barroso, Al Decker, Cheryl Stillely,
Adrian Foltz, Frank Jaime, Stan Kapron,
Terry Ford, Jackie Fabrizio

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE - PRAYER IS POWERFUL
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WILL STAY IN THE BULLETIN FOR 4 WEEKS.

Bulletin Announcement Regarding Hymns:

Due to the pandemic and guidelines from the Archdiocese of Denver regarding congregational singing and the use of hymnbooks, we will not be purchasing the current subscription to OCP's missals for the 2021 Advent season. Our subscription will end with the Feast of Christ the King and Thanksgiving. We **will not** have new missals available for the First Sunday of Advent. If you wish, however, to purchase your own personal subscription, please visit www.ocp.org and select "Worship Resources," then "Worship Programs," and then "Missals". You may order Today's Missal Advent-Lent 2021* (our current worship resource which will include the daily and weekend readings), and/or add the Music Issue (if you want to have the hymns), or you may purchase Breaking Bread with Readings (only the weekend readings) or Breaking Bread with Daily Mass Propers and Readings (includes weekday and weekend readings). Both of the Breaking Bread missals include the hymns. (We will be converting to this missal in the future.) The following link will take you directly to the Breaking Bread options:

<http://www.ocp.org/en-us/missals/BB/breakingbread>

If you are interested in a digital format, then some other suggestion for daily mass readings, weekend readings and prayers is the Magnificat or Word Among Us. These subscriptions are also available in a paperback format. Please visit www.magnificat.org or www.wau.org to subscribe.

The Parish Office is going primarily VIRTUAL. What this means is that the office is opened during office hours Monday Noon - 3 and Tuesday - Friday 9 - 3. You will need to ring the doorbell at which time you will be asked what you are in need of and then buzzed in. You are welcome to pray in the church or chapel. You will be able to drop off offertory and do mass intention, via a table sitting outside the office door. You will have minimal contact with staff for everyone's safety. We are encouraging you to call first and verify that your needs can be accommodated.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Rest in Peace:
Loretta Weigel
Ashley Kloor-Perez

Support our Youth!

Visit smile.amazon.com the next time you shop, select **St. Mark Catholic Church**, and Amazon will donate a percentage of the purchase to the parish!

Enroll your King Soopers' card at kingsoopers.com under **St. Mark Catholic Church** (Org.# WA269) in Community Rewards, and every time you scan your loyalty card, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the parish, AND you still get your fuel points!

Giving Tree 2020

Each year at this time we hold our annual Giving Tree. Through the wonderful generosity of our St. Mark parishioners we have brought joy and happiness for many years to the residents at several facilities, service agencies, and chosen families. This year, due to the pandemic, we have chosen to continue our tradition but in a smaller manner by supporting just Mullen Home and MaryCrest. We are asking for **\$20 to \$25 gift cards** for the residents of these facilities rather than personal gifts as in previous years. We know that this is a difficult time for many in our parish, but encourage those who are able to contribute by purchasing a gift card and returning it to the offertory basket in the church and at the parish center. Cards may also be mailed or brought into the parish office. Please indicate that your card is for the Giving Tree. **All cards must be returned by Sunday, December 13, 2020!** For those who are not able to contribute monetarily your prayers are also much needed and welcome. May God bless you for your continued support of this very special program!

BIG AMBITION

Give up your small ambitions; come with me to save the world. —St. Francis Xavier

UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.
—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

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MIDDLE SCHOOL
INSPIRE
YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, December 3
6:30-8:00 PM
Zoom (see email for ID & passcode)

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High School Youth Group
EMPOWER

Sunday, December 6
6:30-8:00 PM
Zoom (see email for ID & passcode)
Next Meeting: Sunday, December 13

LIKE A CHILD

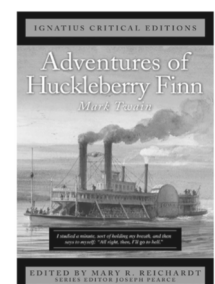
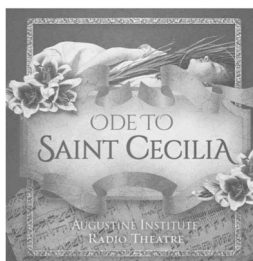
One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
—St. Nicholas

FORMED

CHECK OUT FORMED.ORG ONLINE

St. Mark has registered for Formed. **FREE of CHARGE.** Below are the instructions for signing on and using the site.

1. Go online to **FORMED.org**
2. Enter Parish Code: **427C62**
(ONLY NEEDED THE 1ST TIME!)
3. Register as a user. **(FREE)**
4. Use the site. Unlimited use!



Tentative Christmas Schedule!

Christmas Eve:

1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm

Christmas Day:

8am & 10am

Due to curfew restrictions the Archdiocese is requesting that masses are completed by 8pm, no Midnight mass this year.

This is tentative since COVID restrictions change daily - at this time we do not know how many people will be able to attend. We may have to do some sort of a ticket system to enter the building via reserved seating. Parishioners will get the first options, so you must watch website and bulletins for complete updates.

Parish Offices

will be closed beginning

Wednesday, December 23rd

& will re-open on

Tuesday, January 5th

