

St. Mark's Catholic Church

3736 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO 64055
(816) 373-2600

February 26, 2012

Parish Staff

Rev. James Taranto, Pastor

Ande Anderberg	<i>Deacon</i>
Joyce Arthur	<i>Dir. of Religious Ed</i>
Nancy Beaty	<i>Dir. of Adult Ed</i>
Hilda Beck	<i>Dir. of Missions</i>
Charlotte Davis	<i>Co-Dir./Early Childhood</i>
Angela Jonas	<i>Dir. of Youth Ministry</i>
Gayle LaPlante	<i>Director of Administration</i>
Connie Mann	<i>Co-Dir./Early Childhood</i>
Alejandro Manso	<i>Dir. Liturgy & Music</i>
Lee Ward	<i>Dir. of Pastoral Care and Marriage Preparation</i>

Ombudsman - Jenifer Valenti -
(816) 812-2500

Diocesan Victim's Advocate - Leslie Guillot -
(816) 361-2666

Christ Is Our Salvation

"The kingdom of God is at
hand. Repent, and believe
in the gospel."

Mark 1:15

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Adoration: Sundays, 1:00-7:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Rosary: Prior to 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays

Holy Days: Check the bulletin or our website

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Parish Offices

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

www.stmarksparish.com

St. Mark's Stewardship



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism . . . That people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church."

Treasure Sharing

For February 11-12, 2012

Offertory	\$ 28,658
Building with God	\$ 1,357
Missions	\$ 429
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 305

Prayer of Remembrance

Saturday, February 25

5:30 pm Rev. Charles Drees, Steve Neal, Manuel Franco, Jr., Jack Arnold

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am Nicholas, Anna Marie and Florence Blick, Albert and Alice Simoncic, Martha Gerstner, Jack Arnold

9:30 am Delmer Kloewer, Francis Clifford, Jack Arnold, Wanda Lendur

11:30 am J. C. Silvey, Margo Bisacca, Jack Arnold

Monday, February 27

9:00 am Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 am Thomas Bleyenbergh

Wednesday, February 29

9:00 am For those suffering the loss of a loved one

Thursday, March 1

9:00 am Madge Niece

Friday, March 2

9:00 am Special Intentions of Larry and Susan Blick

Saturday, March 3

5:30 pm Susan Nadine Sanning

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am Herman Mollmann

9:30 am Clyde and Irene Brady; Edith Mueller

11:30 am Wellbeing of Brenda Flathers

You can request a Prayer of Remembrance by contacting Chris in the Parish Office at 373-2600, ext. 224.

Please pray for all of our Military Men & Women.

PV2 C.J. Hoaglin –
grandchild of Pauline and Harry Edwards

Seaman Jon Pye
Son of Jon Pye and Ann Pye

Matthew Semegran
Son of Richard and Patrice Semegran



Congratulations to our newest members: Andrew Thomas Hayes, son of David and Meredith Hayes; Emily Alane and Katie Diane Barchak, daughters of Richard and Colleen Barchak; Nicole Jolle Green, daughter of Michael and Anna Green; and Frida Rose Torres, daughter of Emanuel Torres and Tabitha Miceli.



Our prayers & sympathy are extended to the following: the family of Patrick LaPlante; and the family of Loretta Davis.

Second Collection THIS Weekend

The second collection this weekend benefits Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund. Your gift assists emergency assistance sites, many located in parishes, to serve more than 50,000 individuals of all faiths throughout the year. Our collective donations provide a safety net for struggling families to receive basic necessities like food, rent and utilities. Catholic Charities counts on your support to make these funds available to service locations throughout our community. 100% of this collection will go to individuals and families in need. God bless your generosity.

Scripture for the week of February 26, 2012

26	SUN	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
27	Mon	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
28	Tue	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
29	Wed	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
1	Thu	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
2	Fri	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
3	Sat	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
4	SUN	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Items for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the parish office no later than 12:00 Noon on the Thursday two weeks prior to publication.

Ombudsman - Jenifer Valenti - (816) 812-2500
Diocesan Victim's Advocate - Leslie Guillot - (816) 361-2666

First Sunday of Lent—February 26, 2012

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The Knights will be serving breakfast on Sunday, March 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Large Hall. Eggs, sausage, hash browns and biscuits and gravy will be served. Adults are \$6.00 each, children under 10 are \$3.00 each, or a family (parents and children) can eat for \$20.00. Please come and join us for a great breakfast!

Preschool Registration 2012-13

St. Mark's Small Wonder Preschool is now accepting registrations for next year. We are a nationally accredited preschool serving children ages 2 – 5. For more information, please contact the preschool office at 816-373-2600 x231 or by email at smallwonderpreschool@yahoo.com

38th Annual St. Joseph Table March 11, 2012

*Table Blessing and Viewing
March 10th after 5:30 Mass*

ST. JOSEPH TABLE time is just around the corner. The committee has been busy making cookies that will be sold the weekend of **MARCH 10-11**. We would like to thank all who have volunteered and donated ingredients.

WANTED: LAYER CAKES, PIES and CANDIES are needed for the St. Joseph Table and can be brought to the parish office (in containers that do not have to be returned) on **Friday, March 9**, before Noon, and to the parish hall on **Saturday, March 10**, before or after the 5:30 Mass. Decorated cakes would be great! For more info, call the St. Joseph Table Committee at 373-2600.

The **Spaghetti Dinner** featuring the traditional Milanese sauce (plain sauce also available) will be held on **Sunday, March 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm**. Dinners are \$7.00 each for adults and \$3.00 each for children. Cookies will be on sale after all Masses that weekend and throughout the Spaghetti Dinner. Table items will be sold the afternoon of March 11th.

Proceeds from the event, as part of the St. Joseph tradition, go to help the poor and needy of our area. The St. Joseph Table Committee directs its funds to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the needy in Independence.

St. Mark's Grief ♥ Recovery[®] Outreach Program

One of the least acknowledged and least addressed concerns in our society is

GRIEF

the normal and natural reaction to loss.

Whether your loss is from:

Death of a loved one • Divorce or end of a relationship • Loss of career • Loss of a substance dependency • Loss of trust • Loss of dreams • Loss of security • Loss of health

Grief will continue to affect our lives and the lives of those around us adversely when we are forced to accept the many

MYTHS ABOUT GRIEF:

Time heals all wounds

Replace the loss

Grieve alone

Be strong for others

Bury your feelings

The Outreach program will guide those who wish to resolve their loss issues and move beyond their grief to a richer quality of life.

As a result of participating in this program your life may become more enriched, more alive and more fulfilled than ever before. This 12 week program will be conducted by Lee Ward, Certified Grief ♥ Recovery[®] Specialist.

THE 12 WEEK PROGRAM WILL BEGIN

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

7:00—8:30 p.m.

You MUST REGISTER to attend this class. Space is limited.

For further information call:
Lee Ward, Director of Pastoral Care
816-373-2600 ext.226

Grief ♥ Recovery[®] is a registered trademark of the Grief Recovery Institute.

A d u l t B i n g o

We will meet on **Wednesday**, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the **Fr. Coleman Room** for Bingo. Please bring a snack to share. For more info, call Margaret at 478-8312.

FAMILY MINISTRY

PUTTING FEET ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

First week of Lent

In our Gospel today Jesus is tempted to take the easy way out, to be influenced by power, to make selfish choices. His response is our example to live by.



We Walk the Talk

CONNECTING THE WORD WITH THE WORLD
"Sounds tempting," said the young father of 4. "A promotion that would include a company car, expense account, a generous raise, traveling first class. But I'm going to have to say no. All the perks cannot make up for the time I would have to spend away from my family and what I would miss."



Parent-Child Sexuality Awareness classes

Session I

March 8 (parents only)

Topic: Introductory session

Session II

March 15 (parents and kids)

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalms

Topic: Anatomy, physiology

Session III

March 22 (parents and kids)

"It is not good for you to be alone." Genesis

Topic: Sexual intercourse, responsibility, planning for your future

Session IV

March 29 (parents and kids)

"I know the plans I have for you- plans full of joy and pain."

Jeremiah

Topic: Sexual abuse prevention

To register for these classes please call Virginia at 373-2600

FAMILY MINISTRY this week:

- Preschool/kindergarten, Sunday, February 26, 9:30
- 1st grade, Sunday, February 26, 11:30
- Grades 1-5, Monday, February 27, 4:45 & 7:00
- Lenten prayer service, 5:45 & 8:00
- First Communion class, Wednesday, February 29, 7:00
- At Home, Thursday, March 1, 7:00
- Preschool/Kindergarten, Sunday, March 4, 9:30
- Grade 5, Sunday, March 4, 10:45
- Grade 1, Sunday, March 4, 11:30

PARISH SEDER MEAL & POTLUCK
 Wednesday, Seder Meal, 6:00

Mark your calendar for our annual Seder Meal. The Seder Meal celebrates our Jewish roots and is the meal that Jesus shared with His apostles the night before He died. It was at this meal, **Jesus' Last Supper**, that He gave us the gift of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Each year the First Communion families host this meal for the parish.



BIKE DONATIONS

Do you have a bike that you no longer want? One of our Boy Scouts is working on his Eagle Scout project which includes repairing bikes for a special event at our April Family Ties. If you would like to donate a bike, the scouts will accept your bike after all the Masses on March 16-17. Bring your bike to the south parking lot by the storage buildings.



PUTTING FEET ON
 OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Congratulations! We have donated enough money to pay the tuition for this semester for Yohana, our adopted friend in Anapra and **all of next year's school tuition.** And still accepting donations till end of February.

Contact Joyce Arthur
 816-373-2600, 233
 jarthur@stmarksparish.com

First Sunday of Lent—February 26, 2012



Youth Ministries

Contact Angela Jonas at 816.373.2600 x229 or at
ajonas@stmarksparish.com

Check out our newsletter and calendar at
www.stmarksparish.com under Youth Ministry



FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY

Our second February session focuses on taking good care of **you**. We'll equip you with the tools you need to stay safe at school, at church and anywhere else you might need to be.

March includes two sessions on March 11 and 25. Our session on March 11 with focus on solidarity: what it means, how you can live in solidarity with others. You will have an opportunity to experience a prayer journey that allows you to look at the stories of other people, to understand how they live and to let their story become yours.

The sessions will begin in the Upper Room with social time at 1:00pm. Session begins at 1:30 and ends at 3:00pm. Class starts at 1:30—please be on time!



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS

February newsletters are now available on-line. Printed copies will also be available in the church kiosk. Read the newsletter for information regarding Faith Formation sessions and social opportunities for our Youth. Mark your calendars for all the important events in February and March.

LET'S FILL THE ARK

Last year St. Mark's raised over \$5,000 to send much needed animals to those in foreign countries. These animals allow communities to become self-sustaining by providing food and sources of income. We want to fill the ark again this year. Each grade in Youth Ministry is being challenged to buy a certain animal valued at \$120 for the ark. **You've got** until Easter so start saving your money today. More information will be shared at our February Faith Formation session and in the newsletter. Prizes will be awarded for the grade raising the most money.

- 6th Grade—1 pig
- 7th Grade—1 sheep
- 8th Grade—1 Goat
- 9th Grade—2 Trios of Rabbits
- 10th-12th Grade—2 Flocks of Hope

SPRING BREAK LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Staying home for Spring Break and looking for something to do?

Join your youth ministry friends for **lunch and a movie**. We'll meet at **Fazoli's for lunch and then go to AMC 20** for a movie on Wednesday, March 14. Time and movie to be determined.



RSVP by Monday, March 12 so we'll know how many to expect.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. We find ourselves in the Second Week of Lent with no commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds or practicing acts of self-denial. But it is never too late. Your challenge this week is to give up the extra energy drink, candy bar, movie or trip to the mall. Give the money to help Fill the Ark or to give to another group who assist the poor. You will be walking with Jesus while making a difference in the lives of others.

REPENT, BELIEVE....**BE REDEEMED**

Spend some extra time with Jesus this Lent by attending one of our additional prayer opportunities:

- February 29—Taize Prayer—7:00pm
- March 7—Stations by Theater at Vis—7:00pm
- March 14—ONE on the Journey Prayer Walk



See the February newsletter or the postcard mailed to your home for additional information.

First Sunday of Lent—February 26, 2012

Worship Ministries

Alejandro Manso
Liturgy and Music
amanso@stmarksparish.com
816-373-2600 ext. 237

Taizé Evening Prayer

Come join us for St. Mark's first Wednesday Lenten Service this Wednesday, February 29th at 7pm in the Church:

Taizé Evening Prayer.

This prayer service is one of meditation, music and scripture. Don't miss this prayerful event that will reflect on the Lenten season.



The Taizé Experience

Taizé, pronounced (The-ZAY) is an ecumenical, peaceful way to pray, using (easy to learn) musical chants, silent meditation, and scripture readings... a meditative, common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ we sing uncomplicated repetitive short songs like breath prayers, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of the Spirit in its simplicity. A few words sung over and over (mantra) reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can quickly be grasped by the intellect, and will gradually penetrate the whole being.

Chant during Lent

During the penitential season of Lent, simpler music becomes appropriate. This Lent we will be using the chants that are found in the Roman Missal. The chants found in the Missal are an important piece of Catholic history and tie us to our liturgical roots. In addressing Gregorian Chant, Pope Benedict XVI has written: "...priority should be given to expressions of the church's universal culture." Through the use of chant we are able to connect with Catholic Churches throughout the world.

The use of chant also allows for us to recognize the different season. Fewer accompaniments will be used along with fewer harmonies. This gives us the opportunity to anticipate the much more festive time of Easter. When singing the chants its important to sing them using the rhythmic flow of normal speech patterns— sing the words as you would speak them.

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Angels and Beasts

Today's Readings: Genesis 9:8–15; Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9 (see 10); 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:12–15. We find a striking contrast in Mark's Gospel account today in the lines about Jesus: "and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." We, too, sometimes feel caught between the beasts and angels. Within our own heads rage two voices or more: one wild, crazy, and irresponsible, the other kind, compassionate, divinely inspired. And within our experience we find both suffering and beatitude.

For example, we might agonize over unpaid bills and receive a genuine compliment, both within an hour. We struggle with a problem we can't solve and then gain insight on it. We suffer from an illness or injury, then a caregiver soothes us. Enraged at another ethnic or political group, we learn something noble about them. Tempted to splurge on something purely selfish, we wisely redirect the money toward someone needier.

Our identification with Jesus flows from our Baptism, and follows the pattern of his life. In turn, his 40 days in the desert echo the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years. Unlike his ancestors, however, Jesus doesn't grumble. In response to the tension between beasts and angels in today's Gospel, he goes out to proclaim the Good News.

Jesus' "call" story can be a model for us. When we try to follow his example during our own trials, our faith will grow and our words will be grounded in integrity—not simply pieties borrowed from others, but rooted in personal experience.

Monday, February 27

Creating a Prayer Corner

Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (John 6:63b); Matthew 25:31–46. If you create a special place for Lenten prayer, it will be easier to make prayer an essential part of each day. Cover a small table with purple fabric (violet is the liturgical color for Lent) or an earth-toned fabric that suggests desert sand. On it, place a candle, a crucifix, a Bible, and a cactus plant or an austere, bare branch. As Lent progresses, you may wish to add icons or images drawn from scripture. Let these symbols speak—they can be eloquent. If you wish, provide a way to hear reflective music. To begin prayer there, reflect on Jesus' model of balancing contradiction. Reread Sunday's Gospel; identify the "beasts" and "angels" in your own life.

Tuesday, February 28

Reading as a Spiritual Practice

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5, 6–7, 16–17, 18–19 (18b); Matthew 6:7–15. Many excellent books are available on prayer and forgiveness, the themes of today's Gospel. Find one and set aside time for reading and reflection. Lent is an excellent time to turn off the television or computer games and instead stimulate the marvelous human intellect and imagination, God's gifts. Engaging with new ideas expands our narrow comfort zones and makes us the more forgiving people Christ calls us to be.

Wednesday, February 29

What's Happening for Lent?

Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19 (19b); Luke 11:29–32. Most parishes and retreat centers schedule special Lenten activities: prayer services, the Rite of Penance, Bible studies, days of prayer, longer retreats. Check what's available in your area and take advantage of this opportunity for learning, reflection, and growth. In today's Gospel, Jesus alerts his listeners: "Something greater than Jonah is here" (Luke 11:32). In silence, think about what that announcement might mean in your life. How have you welcomed Christ?

Thursday, March 1

We Are God's Delight

Today's Readings: Esther C:12, 14–16, 23–25; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8 (3a); Matthew 7:7–12. Today's Gospel presents the wonderful image of God enjoying us as much as a healthy parent delights in a child. Only the worst mom or dad would give a stone to a hungry son or daughter asking for bread. How reassuring that God will give us even more good things. Today, memorize the verse from this reading that most appeals to you.

Friday, March 2

Anger's Terrible Consequences

Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8 (3); Matthew 5:20–26. Today's Gospel concerning anger underscores the way impulsive reactions can wound. Some experts recommend taking long, deep breaths when we're tempted to explode. Jesus stresses that even angry words are unacceptable, and reconciliation with the one we've wounded should come *before* worship.

Saturday, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel

Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8 (1b); Matthew 5:43–48. When her father died, Saint Katharine, whose optional memorial we may celebrate today, inherited the equivalent of \$200 million). She gave her fortune to educate Native Americans and African Americans, those no one else had thought of. The Ku Klux Klan burned a cross on her lawn, but still she donated \$750,000 toward the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic college for African Americans. At her canonization, Native American students danced in costume, their drums beating in Saint Peter's Basilica.

© 2011 Liturgy Training Publications. 1-800-933-1800. Written by Kathy Coffey. Scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version Bible: Catholic Edition*, copyright © 1993 and 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Permission to publish granted by the Archdiocese of Chicago on September 28, 2011.



The Peace and Justice Corner

March 10, 2012 is the next build day



<http://habitat.stmarksparish.com>



St. Mark's is a proud sponsor of a Hillcrest Apartment at 401 N. Spring. It take \$5000 a year to sponsor the apartment. In the very near future, Hillcrest ministries will be putting together a planning committee for the next fundraiser. If you are interested in our St. Mark's Parish Hillcrest Ministry, please call CJ Doering at 373-7594 or Hilda Beck at 373-2600.



Immigration is increasingly becoming a hot topic in our communities, our churches, and our nation. If you want to learn more about the answers to these common questions:

- What does the church say about immigration?
- What is it like to be an immigrant in the United States?
- Why don't undocumented immigrants just "get in line" like everyone else?
- How can we fix the broken immigration system?
- What are some proposed solutions to this international problem?

Join us for a Journey of Faith Presentation by CCO
Creating Community and Opportunities

On Monday, February 27th
7:00 pm In the Upper Room

Hosted by Just Faith Ministry of St. Mark's

All are welcome—babysitting available

Talk will also be given in Spanish!



June 9th thru 16th. Cost is \$365.00
Scholarships available!
4 more spots available.



Look at what's new!

Neighborhood Dinners!!
Every Wednesday at 6pm
At Stone Church—1012 W. Lexington
Free for All!
All are Welcome!



Our Just Faith group witnessed a terrific way to give back to our own community, it's called Neighborhood Dinners. It only serves on Wednesdays and everyone is invited to come and eat. It is an ecumenical way to stay in touch with our neighbors of other religious faiths and serve together as one community. **St. Mark's will serve dinner on February 29th.** We would also like to be able to donate the dinner that evening. We are looking for donations of the following items on the right. **If you would like to help, please bring them to the parish offices and drop them off for Hilda Beck. We will deliver them!**

St. Mark's Neighborhood dinner donations:
Drop off by Feb 24th no later than 2pm.

Serving 150 people, we will need:

- 25 pks of hot dogs any variety
- 10– 1 lbs. cheese, Velveeta type, American/cheddar or combination of
- 4 stalks of celery
- 10 bags of small carrots
- (the below items can be purchased at Costco or Sams)
- 6 #10 cans pork and beans
- 2 #4 green pepper
- 2 #3 brown sugar
- Any extras will be used for another meal.

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training

Training through the Diocese for Eucharistic Ministers for Mass and Lectors will be held on Saturday, April 21. The class will be held at the Catholic Center, located at 20 W. 9th St., KCMO 64105. Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Free parking is located in a garage connected to the center.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister for Mass or a Lector you must first complete the Diocesan course and then complete a follow up training here at St. Mark's.

If you would like to RSVP for one of these classes or have any questions, please contact Chris at 373-2600, ext. 224 or cmasuch@stmarkparish.com.

Nativity of Mary Open House & Kindergarten Round Up

Nativity of Mary is hosting both an Open House and Kindergarten Round-up during the month of March. Nativity offers a complete academic program for Preschool through 8th grade that includes academics, service opportunities, and athletic programs. Nativity also offers before and after school care for those families that may need it. **Open House:** Thursday, March 1st, 2 pm – 7 pm; **Kindergarten Round-up:** Thursday, March 8th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Please plan on attending these events to enroll and register your child. If you would like more information please call the school office at 353-0284.

R E P E N T . . .

B E L I E V E . . .



- **PRAY**

with one another
for one another

- **FAST**

from our wants

- **GIVE ALMS**

to those in need



We are supporting
Heifer International
again this year.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

February 29	Taizé Prayer Service	7:00PM
March 7	STATIONS a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross performed by Theatre at Vis, a ministry of Visitation Parish	7:00PM
March 14	One on the Journey : a Solidarity Prayer Walk Open from 9:00—11:00AM and 7:00-9:00PM	
March 21	Seder Meal and Potluck	6:30PM
March 28	Parish Reconciliation Service	7:00PM
April 4	Shadow Stations Written and presented by the Youth at St. Mark's	7:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT
12:10 AND 7:00PM

VIA CRUCIS

FRIDAY MARCH 2
AND MARCH 30
AT 6:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY
STATIONS AT
3:00PM

ADORATION
SUNDAYS
1:00-7:00PM
IN THE CHAPEL

ROSARY
TUESDAYS
4:00PM & 7:00PM
IN THE CHAPEL

B E R E D E E M E D

Rediscover Catholicism

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36

Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose*, offers us all the opportunity to do exactly that. During the weeks of Lent turn to this section of our weekly bulletin as we unpack the treasure that is our Catholic faith.

In the introduction we are reminded of the wide reaching effect of the Church on not only the lives of the faithful, but on our nation and on our world. From education to healthcare, from disaster relief to upholding human dignity the Church has changed (and continues to change) the world we live in. During this Lenten season, take time to rediscover the ancient treasures of our faith.

Taking the Gospel of Matthew as a starting point, reflect on the ways that the Church in the past and yet today brings this passage to life.

If you didn't get your family copy of *Rediscover Catholicism* at Christmas, please contact Betsy in the parish office

First Sunday of Lent—February 26, 2012

Liturgical Ministers—March 3-4

LECTORS

5:30 J. Simpson, J. Ballew
8:00 P. Sheridan, B. Streich
9:30 L. Clifford, E. Knipp
11:30 S. Swift, L. Stanley

HOST

5:30 S. Brayer, J. Filley, D. Arnone, R. Steffes
8:00 S. Madden, M. Forge, D. Alexander, M. Hecker
9:30 T. Dolson, M. Binggeli, M. Bisacca, G. Fishel
11:30 R. Pauk, J. Palmer, S. Metzen, M. Griffith

SERVERS

5:30 S. Little, G. Little
8:00 M. Hecker, R. Hecker
9:30 K. Black, H. Clifford
11:30 C. Sifuentes, M. Perez

CUP

5:30 M. Fields, J. Adams, E. Weir, L. Sheil, M. Walker
8:00 E. John, G. Still, P. Campbell, M. Lorenz, P. Lorenz
9:30 C. Glantschnig, T. Rowland, L. Countryman, D. Wyatt, J. Drees
11:30 B. Torp, P. Skidmore, C. Cardenas, J. Metzen, K. O'Brien

USHERS

5:30 J. Monty, P. Reasons, N. Alexander, E. Reinkemeyer, G. Hatfield
8:00 J. Golden, U. Hilke, L. Lorenz, A. Ohmes, H. Sladek
9:30 K. Bronder, J. Bronder, M. Kriz, D. Kriz, S. Turner
11:30 C. Giacometti, M. Callahan, J. Saint, V. Wood, C. Rinella

GIFTS

5:30 R. & A. Glaser
8:00 P. & M. Lorenz
9:30 Barter Family
11:30 James Family

Natural Family Planning

This Lent, learn Natural Family Planning and see how our Heavenly Father blesses your marriage. A course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP begins Sat., March 17, at 10am, at St. Mark Parish in Independence. Reasonable course fee covers all three sessions. Call Mary Kathleen or Tom Morgan at (816) 795-9790 or the Couple to Couple League of Kansas City at (913) 894-3558 for more info. Online pre-registration for these classes required at: www.ccli.org.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We though Many, Are one body
(1 COR: 10:17)

Thank you to everyone who has joined the campaign "We, though, many, are one body," (1 Cor. 10:17). For those who might have yet to pledge, envelopes were mailed into all the homes. If you are still considering a gift, please realize that 100% of your donation will benefit programs and services like: Educating children in Catholic Schools, training of future priests in seminaries, reaching out to the poor to provide housing and food for their families, and helping ensure healthy marriages.

The Week Ahead—Feb. 26-March 3

Sun:	9:30 Preschool/Kindergarten PSR 11:30 1st Grade PSR 1:00—7:00 Adoration 1:00 Engaging Spirituality 1:00 Youth Faith Formation 3:30 Retrouvaille 4:00 Knights of Columbus 1st Degree
Mon:	8:30 St. Joseph Table Baking 4:45 PSR 5:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Venture Crew 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 PSR 7:00 RCIA 7:00 Respect For Life Meeting
Tues:	8:30 St. Joseph Table Baking 9:00—3:00 Small Wonder Preschool 9:30—2:00 Mother's Day Out 10:00 Grief Series 4:00 Rosary Prayer Group 7:00 Rosary Prayer Group 7:00 Flute Circle 7:00 Administrative Services Commission Meeting
Wed:	8:30 St. Joseph Table Baking 7:00 Lenten Taize Prayer Service 7:00 First Sacraments
Thurs:	8:30 St. Joseph Table Baking 9:00—3:00 Small Wonder Preschool 9:30—2:00 Mother's Day Out 2:00 St. Vincent de Paul 5:15 Children's Choir 6:15 Handbell Choir 7:00 At Home 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
Fri:	8:30 St. Joseph Table Baking 9:00—3:00 Small Wonder Preschool 9:30—2:00 Mother's Day Out 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12:10 Stations of the Cross 1:00 Church Cleaning 6:00 Spanish Stations of the Cross 7:00 Stations of the Cross
Sat:	6:30 Young Adult Focus Group

St. Mary's High School will host the 22nd Annual

Auction "WE ARE FAMILY", Saturday, March 10, 2012. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Live Auction at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices pre-sale are \$30 per person/\$50 a couple or at the door \$40.00 per person/\$60 a couple. Reserve a table for 8 by February 15 for \$400 and receive a bottle of wine at your table. Ticket price includes admission, dinner, and your auction-bid booklet. Come enjoy an evening of fun while raising money for St. Mary's High School. For more information or to order tickets, please call Lori Jonas (816) 268-2555 or ljonas@stmhs.org.

Diocese Appoints Ombudsman

In June 2011, the Diocese appointed an independent public liaison and Ombudsman to field and investigate all reports of inappropriate behavior or sexual misconduct by clergy, employees or volunteers. To make a confidential report to the Ombudsman, please contact Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500.