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Confession: Sunday 8:00-8:45a or by appointment. Adoration 8:00-8:45a

Mass Times and Intentions

Day		Time	
Sun 12	St Mk	9:00 AM	Don Prudent†
	HC	11:15AM	
Mon 13	St Mk	5:30 PM	Poirrier requests
Tue 14	St Mk	5:30 PM	Majors requests
Wed 15	St Mk	5:30 PM	Guanzon requests
Fri 17	St Mk	5:30 PM	Carmine Requests
Sat 18	St Mry	5:00 PM	
Sun 19	St Mk	9:00 AM	
	HC	11:15AM	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wed: Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23
 Thu: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2-6, 11-13; Lk 7:24-30
 Fri: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Sat: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Sun: Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Mon: St. Lucy
 Tue: St. John of the Cross

Prayer Concerns: Barbara Mitchell; Genesis Chua; Heidii Chua; Marie Jones; Doronia Dantin; Pam/James Guanzon; Jordan Smith; Maetta Snyder; Cindy Theriot, Cecile/Casmer Kirby, Marilyn Weih; Edward Carmine.

The Mass Intention today is for the repose of the soul of Mr. Don Pruden, in memory of what would have been his 100th birthday on Dec 14., with the affection of the Bragg family.



THIRD
 Sunday
 OF
Advent

Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

Collections	Last Week
Regular Collection	\$ 2,925.00
Second Collection	882.00
Bldg Fund	220.00

December 12, 2021

CCD Christmas party will be on December 15th and will be celebrated in their classroom. Parents are encouraged to bring goodies for their child's class. Pizza and drinks will be provided.



Turn in your **Christmas Flower envelopes** and **memorials list** by **December 19**.

We are **decorating the church for Christmas** on Sunday, December 19 following Mass. We can use your help. Even if you are not into decorating, you can assist with moving poinsettias and setting up trees.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

St. Mark: Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m. (Fri); Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m. (Sat)
 St. Mary's: Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. (Fri); Christmas Day-regular Mass, 5:00 p.m. (Sat)
 Holy Child: Christmas Day, 11:15 a.m. (Sat)

2022 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up. If your name is not on a box in the foyer please contact the parish office and a box will be assigned to you.



There is a Donut Social following Mass today. You are invited to wish **Marilyn Weih** farewell and shower her with appreciation. Marilyn will be moving to Mountain View, AR in a couple of weeks. She has been a dedicated and active member of our parish for many years, serving as the parish secretary for a while, and coordinating many of the lay minister duties. She will be missed. We wish her well in her new home.

Parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a **recitation of the Rosary** on Saturday, December 18 at noon on the square.

The **Ministry List** for next Sunday

Dec 19	Lector	Eucharist	Ushers	Altar Servers	Offertory	Count Team
Sun	Pricila	Joe	Ivan, Raymond	Jose. Gabrielle, Uriel	Patty Mitchell	A

Plan ahead: The parish office will be closed for the holidays Dec 24-Jan 2. Bulletins for Dec 26 and Jan 2 will be printed by Dec 22. Fr. Mark will be visiting Ghana Dec 28-Feb 6 to attend his father's funeral. All bulletin announcements, and anything that needs Fr. Mark's approval or attention, need to be in the office by Tuesday, Dec 21. There will be **no weekday masses from Dec 27 through the first week in February.**

The collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. The fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. They spend their adult lives as humble servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Contributions to the Welfare Fund make retirement possible. Share with them the generosity that they have shared with us. *(Please note: ANY envelope and ALL cash given on Dec 24 & 25 will go to the Diocese Clergy Welfare Fund. If you wish for your contribution to remain at St. Mark, do not place it in the collection on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Put it in the collection on Sunday, December 26th.)*



You are invited to sign up for "Bring Jesus Home." You take the crucifix home following Sunday Mass, pray with your family everyday and return it the following Sunday so the next family can participate. Some prayers are included (English & Spanish) if you feel more comfortable using a written prayer.



Columbarium niches are now available for purchase. Niches are \$600 each. There will be additional costs for the brass urns (approx. \$82) and engraving (approx \$250) at the time of inurnment. There is paperwork to read and a contract to sign. Please see the parish secretary during regular office hours for more information.

Start the New Year on a spiritual foundation. Fr. Cassian Elkins, OSB, will direct the New Year's Evening of Recollection "Growing Closer to God: Secrets of the Interior Life" at Coury House, at Subiaco Abby, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. The retreat begins with lunch on Dec. 31 and ends with lunch on Jan. 1. There will be conferences, a chance for the sacrament of penance, prayers, Eucharistic Adoration at midnight, and Mass with the monks and an early New Year's Eve celebration. Call 479-934-1290 or e-mail couryhouse@subi.org to register or for more information.