



“A gateway to lead people closer to Christ and His Church through faith, service and compassion”



ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appt.

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From Our Pastor,

Brothers and Sisters-

What in this life can give us everlasting joy? Commercials on TV try to convince all of us that the product that they are advertising will indeed make us eternally happy! As we mature, however, does the idea that 'material stuff brings joy' ever go away?

The wise men, however, who were Seekers sought the truth and the way to 'true joy'. Deep down, we all are seekers who long for the ultimate truth..something we can lay down our lives for; something we can rest in. St Augustine, who knew of our human condition very well once wrote, 'Lord, our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

The Epiphany story begins at a place of royalty, the Kingdom of Herod! A place that was full of darkness, deceit, jealousy, lies, and prestige. Herod, a King who was fearful and jealous at the idea of a 'new king' brought about the worst in Him!

However, when the Magi finally reach the place of Christ's birth, awe and wonder immediately come upon them and they lay prostrate (an action of full surrender to God and His Will). When we find the truth, it can be very humbling. When we realize God's immeasurable and unconditional love for us, it can bring us to tears of joy. Like a child resting in a mothers arms, there are no more secrets, no power struggle...just someone who loves me for exactly who we are..whatever we have done...no matter where we may have strayed, we are His always.

This 'epiphany' in our hearts can indeed bring about 'everlasting joy', and leads us to 'everlasting change'. We choose to give our lives entirely to Him, holding nothing back. May each of us find His love this Christmas Season, and may we be transformed. May our own change influence the love that we show to others; because we believe that Our Loving Word of deed may be an 'epiphany moment' where someone else realizes the unconditional love of God! There is no greater gift we can give.

Merry Christmas and Happy Epiphany!

Fr Mike

Happy New Year! Welcome to St. Mark's!

Welcome to St. Mark's!! Whether you are a new parishioner or just visiting, please know that our door is always open for you!!

Reconciliation Retreat

Our Reconciliation Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 10 from 10AM to Noon.

First Communion/Confirmation Retreat

Our Reconciliation Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 24 from 10AM to Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda, Amanda@stmarksnh.org.

Christmas Flowers

The bulletin deadlines were very early this year, so you may not have seen your loved ones name. The complete list of Christmas Flower offerings in memory of you loved ones can be found at stmarksnh.org. Thank you for creating a beautiful atmosphere this Christmas!

VBS 2026 - Save the Date

We are excited to announce that the **Vacation Bible School will be June 22 - June 26!!** The theme is Rainforest Falls! We are always looking for volunteers... could this be you?? If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Amanda (amanda@stmarksnh.org).



New Year - New YOU!!

We are blessed with many AMAZING ministries here! Are you involved? Pray about how you can share your talents here at St. Mark's this year! For a full list of opportunities, please check out the website! Volunteer as much or as little as you want. There's something for everyone!

Women's Ministry - FORMED

Women's Ministry is sponsoring informal FORMED sessions facilitated by Samantha Delp starting **Jan 8, 2026 and continuing on Thursday nights at 7PM until Feb 5**. This year we will be exploring the doctors of the church and pulling from their insights. Join us for discussions utilizing FORMED videos, Saint's writing, scripture, artwork and prayer, so that we may continue to grow deeper in our relationships with Christ, in our knowledge of Catholic faith, and become closer in community. Come as you can, bring a friend. No registration required, Cost: FREE.

Women's Ministry - Registration OPEN

The Women's Ministry is gearing up for the New Year!! Registration is now OPEN for Rooted and Radiant Study (begins Feb 12) and Meeting Christ in Prayer (see middle page for information). Watch the bulletin for more details...

This Week @ St. Mark's!!

Sunday, Jan 4, 2026:

10:30 AM St. Mark's KIDS/EDGE/Life Teen Programs

Tuesday, Jan 6:

9:30AM - 3:30PM Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, Jan 8:

9:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Widow & Widower Support Group
7:00 PM Women's Ministry - FORMED
7:30 PM K of C Officers Meeting

Friday, Jan 9:

6:30 PM Scouts Pack 605

Saturday, Jan 10:

9:30 AM Al Anon
10:00 AM Reconciliation Retreat

Women's Ministry presents Meeting Christ in Prayer

An 8 Week Life-Enriching Experience

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an engaging eight week guided prayer experience designed for small groups. It is modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, which is a tried and true method of spiritual renewal. By means of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing, Meeting Christ in Prayer introduces participants to various ways of praying, helps them form regular habits of prayer, and provides them with an opportunity to meet Christ anew and to experience support in the christian life with women at St. Mark's.



Meeting Christ in Prayer offers you the following opportunities:

- *to seek spiritual renewal
 - *to learn how to pray as an adult
 - *to deepen your spiritual life
 - *to form regular prayer habits
 - *to reflect on Scripture
 - *to become more aware of God's presence and action in your life
 - *to join a supportive community of women and share your faith
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Meeting Christ in Prayer meets once a week for eight weeks and is characterized by:

*Meetings are designed so that people with little or no experience in praying with others can participate and benefit.

*A participant guide provides all needed materials.

*Using guided exercises, participants pray and reflect individually between meetings.

*Participants should be able to commit to spending 30 minutes/day with the prayer exercises.

We will meet at St. Mark's on Tuesdays, Feb. 24 to Apr. 14

6PM - 7:15PM

Cost: \$15.00 (covers materials)

To Register: Visit stmarksnh.org or call the Parish Office

Parish Contact Information

Due to early publishing deadlines, the financial report will be posted at a later date.

As always, thank you for your generosity!! Without your continued gift of time, talent and treasure, St. Mark's could not be the vibrant and welcoming community that it is!!

Mass Intentions for Jan 3 - Jan 11, 2025

1/3 Saturday, 5PM

Kris Meinhold
by Paola Meinhold

1/4 Sunday, 8AM

Edward A. DeSchuytner
by the Brown family

1/4 Sunday, 9:30AM

Donna Dumont by her family

1/4 Sunday, 11AM

Florence & Peter Lynch
by Mary Y. Lynch

1/5 Monday, 9AM:

Allowyn Johns by Chris & Eileen Beliveau

1/6 Tuesday, 9AM:

Gerald Cooper by Kathy Cooper

1/7 Wednesday, 9AM:

Intentions of Fr. Rick St. Louis by the Rahilly family

1/8 Thursday, 9AM:

Dan Emerson by Anne Emerson

1/10 Saturday, 5PM

Intentions of the sick by Paula & Roger Hubert

1/11 Sunday, 8AM

Robert Kelley by the Kelley family

1/11 Sunday, 9:30AM

Maury & Josephine Lavoie by Larry & Pam Casey

1/11 Sunday, 11AM

Stephan Hogarty by K of C #10488

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Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are asked to participate in the baptismal catechesis program prior to their child's baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance and before making any other wedding arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call us to request the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive communion in the home.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM