

St. Mark Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

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Next Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 4 pm

Confession: Saturdays 4 - 4:45 pm
and by appointment

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Mission Statement: Let us experience a change in every moment of our lives for the better and touch the lives of other people whom we meet every day

Mass Scheduled Intentions+ Deceased blank Living

Monday, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation St. Mark 9 am Makenna Finnegan St. Paul 6:30 pm Betty Hippler +
Tuesday, Dec. 9	St. Mark 5 pm Helen Behrend +
Wednesday, Dec. 10	St. Paul 6:30 pm Bruce Gaylord
Thursday, Dec. 11	St. Mark 9 am Fred Cash +
Friday, Dec. 12	St. Paul 9 am Vicki Gaylord
Saturday, Dec. 13	St. Mark 5 pm Hosey Family Confession: 4 - 4:45
Sunday, Dec. 14	St. Mark 8 am For the People of our Parishes St. Paul 10 am Johnny Son+

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Reflection:

In the story of creation, God created animals of all kinds: birds of the sky, fish in the waters, wild and tame animals on land. God looked at it all and pronounced it good. No mention is made of wild animals preying on smaller animals or any two animals attacking each other. Eden was a paradise. In order to portray the effect of a Messiah coming to Judah, Isaiah recalls the harmonious interactions of animals in Eden. This is God's plan of coexistence among the myriad species of beasts. This is God's peaceable kingdom. This is a model of the kind of kingdom Isaiah prophesies, John proclaims, and Jesus presents.

Let us now reimagine the animals as people. We think of the different natures, behaviors, and instincts of animals, and the same can be true of people. People have many various faults, traits, habits, and personalities. How to reconcile them all in such a way that all eight billion of us can live together in peace? This continues to be a challenge, but Jesus has given us a road map. Turn the other cheek, forgive each other, love your neighbor, care for the least of your brothers and sisters. If we can see Jesus in the faces of those in need, we can see the kingdom when we serve them.

The harmony among the animals portrayed by Isaiah is recalled when Paul speaks to the Romans, asking that God may "grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5). Normally, it's a great challenge to think in harmony with others, even with just other members of your family. But if all are truly thinking in harmony with the Lord, agreement can be found. Importantly, it requires honesty, humility, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. May we take the time and make the effort to increase the harmony of the world.

Question of the Week

How can my family live together more harmoniously? What can I do to help make this happen?

Prayer Requests: *Please pray for the Bill McConnell and his family and soul of Charlene McConnell who died December 6. May Charlene rest in peace and rise in glory.*

St. Mark: James Weber, Elaine Collins, Patrick Flear, Bent, Janet Terry, Luca Carlson, Pete Arriola, Makenna Finnegan, Margie Hibbard, McBroom Family, Peggy and Tim Brown, Logan Thomas, Steven Dahl, Marie Berger, Chris and Bernadette Bode, David Russell, Barbara Hughes, Joe and Wanda Loftus, Karen Finnegan, Mary McTiernan, Will Jones, Tom Johnson, Chris Davies, Mary Huhnke, Gail Biskupich, Terry O'Neill, Curtis Fritz, Kathleen and Alan Dale, Zane Pierson, Matt (in MI), Chuck Thomas, Rose Oliver, Sr. Mary Christine Taylor, Ann Munn, Roy Maynard, Pat Merimee, Wendy Welter Teller, Kevin Stuckner, Jim Dunning, Teresa Fuhrman, James I. Hosey, Mawn Family, David Harkins, Austin Benthem, Diane Edelbrock Nelson, Gerry Maynard, Jan Piche, Jim Eich, Karen Reibel, Kenny Pierson, Lonnie O'Neill, Maggie Pierson, Richard Berger, Ron Eich, Shannon Doney, Sr. Joan Claire, Terence Carlin

Both Parishes: The people of Western KY, Theresa Weidner Griffith ***Please remember our shut-ins and nursing home residents in your prayers:*** Barb Adams, William Moertl, **and all those living in nursing homes. *Pray for our military and their families***, especially Monica Dukes, Tucker Pittmann, Aiden Davies, and Jack Rooyackers.

St. Paul: Steve Alldredge, Karen Riedeman Schalk, Tara Jeanne Perez, Jansen Hubbard, Rachel Smotherman, Lee Weidner, Shirley Carney, Ronald Harper, Michael Gray, Liam Stevenson, Pam Childress, Emily Stolz, Robert Peek, Jason Goodwin, Iris Brandon, Sandy Haberlock, Laura Jean Basso, Christa Strong, Teresa Boyd, Rodger Rush, Norm and Millie Thomas, Max Reil, David Cansler, Margot Shirley, Kendra Redd, Teresa Angelilli, Rick Bennett, Mary Reil, Beth Berton, Lewis Wurtman, Ronald Weidner, Mary Cheeseman

Happy Birthday!

Joseph Merimee Dec. 14 Kevin Laurent Dec. 24

Margie Hibbard Dec. 28 Michelle Thayer Dec. 30 Stephanie Schneider Dec. 31

Happy Anniversary Dec. 19 Bill and Marilyn Terry, 33 years

Save the Date!

This week: Sunday, Dec. 7 - St. Mark First Sunday Breakfast after 8 am Mass

Monday, December 8th – **Holy Day of Obligation** – see Mass list for times

Thursday, Dec. 11th- after 9 am Mass - **Help clean the church.** No experience necessary.

Sunday, Dec. 14- St. Paul Second Sunday Dinner after the 10 am Mass at the Center.

Advent Penance Services at St. Paul, 2:30 pm Sunday

Ongoing: **Now - Dec. 14** Angel Tree

Now - Jan. 4 Baby Shower for Jesus

Sacraments:

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor to schedule a Baptism. One-month notice is required.

Matrimony: To schedule a wedding, please make an appointment with Fr. Brad. At least six months are needed for preparation.

Please contact Fr. Brad at **(270) 365-6786** for **Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or Pastoral calls** to the sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

DIOCESAN POLICY: "No one should have to live with abuse, and the Diocese of Owensboro, in keeping with the laws of Kentucky and of the Church, encourages any victim of sexual abuse to make the abuse known by contacting local law enforcement: Eddyville Police 270-388-2287, the Commonwealth's Attorney (270-388-9494) or Kentucky's Child Protection Hot Line (1-877KYSAFE1, 1-877-597-2331 toll free).

If the abuse involved Church personnel, either paid or volunteer, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment

<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/> for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.

The diocese's commitment to combat sexual abuse concerns can be noted in its revised sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, which can be found at St. Mark in the oak book shelf drawer in Father's office and on the diocesan web site <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/>

WELCOME! Please see Fr. Brad or Kathy Talley to register. If you are a current parishioner with a change in contact information, please notify Kathy Talley kfct@umich.edu or **(270) 625-3433**.

Bulletin Announcements should be sent directly to Regina Hosey text (931)801-6514 or req8926@gmail.com or **by Tuesday evening**.



Dec. 1-2**Stewardship**

Regular collection \$2,844.00

Mass Intentions \$30.00

Family Aid Society \$135.00

Thanks for your support!

Dioceses of Mandeville \$100.00

Votive Candles \$150.00

	Altar Server	Lector	Greeters/ Ushers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMC)	Counters Financial Rep.*
Dec 8 9 am		Marilyn Terry	Volunteer	Jan Chaplin Joey Rivera	Bob Chaplin*
Dec. 13 5 pm		Ray Heaney	Doug McCartney Volunteer	Doug McCartney Sonny Finnegan	JoAnne Bogle*
Dec. 14 8 am	Aeydon	Michelle Edelbrock	Michele Jasis Jasper	Jan Chaplin Joey Rivera	Lynn Jamieson Rose Swierczynski Bob Chaplin*

Advent Acts Of Service

Find a way to serve and share the joy of Christ this Advent!
Here are a few suggestions:

- Bake cookies for neighbors who don't have family and friends nearby.
- Donate clothes, food, and toys to those in need.
- Send Christmas cards to those in nursing homes, those who are in prison, or those serving in the military.
- Go Christmas Caroling and share the joy of Christ in your town!
- Pay for someone's coffee or lunch when going through the drive-thru.
- Offer to babysit for a family that may not be able to regularly afford a babysitter.
- Give money to support local or worldwide missions.
- **Volunteer to help decorate (Dec. 21st after 8 am Mass) and clean your church for Christmas. Dec.11th after 9 am Mass.**
- Text or call those who may be lonely or grieving this holiday season.

Angel Tree Time

Please take an angel and buy one or more of the listed gifts. Return the wrapped gift, with the angel attached.

Angel Gifts are due back Dec. 14



Individual snack packs are welcome, too.



St. Mark is collecting unscented baby wipes and size 3 and 6 diapers for the HOPE Clinic.

Please leave your donation in the box in the hall between Nov. 30-- Jan. 4