

**Diocesan News**

**Jan. 22** - The monthly Mass for those living with cancer will be celebrated at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Anointing of the sick will be offered.

**Jan.25** - Knights of Columbus Hour of Adoration at 6:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima. All are welcome for this hour of Marian Prayer.

**Jan. 28** - Sunday Exposition/Adoration at St. François de Sales's from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. with Benediction and Confession.

**Feb. 1** - The monthly meeting of the Rocmaura Nursing Home Auxiliary will be at 2:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Rocmaura.

**Feb. 4** - Breakfast in support of HOPE Centre 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. HOPE Centre (St. Joseph's Church) 4347 Loch Lomond Rd, Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00 and Family of four \$23.00, eggs, bacon, ham, beans, pancakes, hash browns, toast, tea, coffee and juice.

**Feb. 11** - Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.

**Feb. 24** - The monthly Breakfast at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, corner of Metcalf Street and Lansdowne Avenue will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. \$ 6:00 per person. A joint presentation of the Saint John Y Service Club and St. Luke's. Proceeds to outreach ministries.

**Scripture Study** – St. Rose of Lima will be beginning a scripture study group, one evening a week, following the *Little Rock Scripture* program. All are welcome. If you are interested, please call the Church Office for further details – 653-6850.

**Pre-Authorized Debit System** - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

New in Parish \_\_\_\_\_ email:\_\_\_\_\_ Moving out of \_\_\_\_\_

Moving within the Parish\_\_\_\_\_

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.*

**Pastor: Father Owen Burns**

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**Parish Council Chair** – Pat Carey

**Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry** - contact office.

**Reconciliation** - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – 21, 2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jonah 3 1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7 29-31 Mark 1 14-20

**January 27<sup>th</sup>- 28, 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

*“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17*  
Jesus’ call to *“Follow me”* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Announced Masses			
Tues.	Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Helen DeCoste
Thurs.	Jan 25	7:00 p.m.	John Fullerton
Fri.	Jan. 26	9:00 a.m.	Debbie Doherty
Sat.	Jan. 27	5:00 p.m.	Theresa Lawless &Theresa Hazelwood
Sun.	Jan. 28	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
		11:15 a.m.	Gary Gogan & Bruce Palmer
<u>No Wednesday Mass</u>			

Scheduled Events — Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> . – Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Jan.21	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon.Jan.22	Girl Guide/Sparks	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Little Rock	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Tues.Jan.23	RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Wed.Jan.24	Little Rock Scripture	9:30a.m.	Room#1
	Brownies	7:00pm	Hall
Fri.Jan.26	Brownies sleepover	6:30pm	Hall
Sat.Jan.27	Brownies	8am-noon	Hall
Sun.Jan.28	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

**Sacrament of Baptism**

All parents and godparents are required to participate in a baptismal preparation class. To register for the Sacrament of Baptism and the preparation class contact Dianne in the church office 849-5111.

**Diocesan Catechist Retreat: Who Am I Called to Be?**  
 January 26-28<sup>th</sup>, Friday 8:00 p.m. - Sunday 1:00p.m. Villa Madonna Retreat House. Cost: \$175 (Includes accommodations & all meals). Retreat Facilitator - Fr. Owen Burns. To register contact Mary Alice Glasgow, Regional Catechetical Coordinator at 653-6829 or sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

Are you **new to St. Mark’s Church**? Would you like to find out more about the activities and different ministries that take place in our church. Call Andrea MacLean-Holohan 847-8127 from our Newcomers ministry, she would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Religious Formation - 849-5111**  
 Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162  
 Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

**Jan. 21-** Sessions K-6 (no sessions Grades 7-9)  
**Jan. 28** – Sessions K-8 (no session Grade 9)  
**Feb. 4** - Sessions K-6 & Grade 9 (no sessions Gr.7-8)  
**Feb. 11** – Lent Family Day, parents and children meet as a group 10:05 – 10:50 a.m.

**From the Handbook of the Mass**  
**“Happy are those who are called to the Lord’s supper”**  
 The priest says these words when he presents the consecrated bread to the whole assembly. While hearing these words, let us consider ourselves blessed to be believers, to be there at the Mass, and to be getting ready to receive the body of Christ. Let us think about all those in the world who are unaware that they are invited to the Supper of the Lord. Let us think about those who know they are invited but refuse the invitation. Let us also think about those who would like to be able to receive Communion but cannot. Let us pray that the day may come when all the invited will be together around the same table.

**CATHOLICISM - THE NEW EVANGELIZATION:** Do you feel like something is missing in life? Do you seek strong friendship and support? Do you desire to learn more about the Christian faith? We will examine the origins and history of the Christian faith through teaching, media and conversation. We also explore spirituality, prayer and, of course, God. Our goal is to deepen our faith and establish a strong community of support, love and non-judgment. Join us on Thursdays, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Stella Maris Parish, 201 Bayside Drive, 653-6860.

Last year’s palms may be brought to the church and left in the foyer. They will be burned on Ash Wednesday.



Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 4772.60



**LENT**

Did you know that Lent is only 4 weeks away!?! Coming this Lent, we have 2 programs for adults and youth 16+ to assist you on your Lenten journey! There is no charge, and all materials are provided. Interested in helping as a small group discussion leader? Please email Wendy at [stmarksreled@bellaliant.com](mailto:stmarksreled@bellaliant.com)

**FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession**  
 Beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for 5 weeks in the hall. Sin, guilt, disappointment...these are all an unpleasant but universal reality of the human experience. We all must deal with them, but we can’t do it alone. The remedy is immediately available and miraculously effective – the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This isn’t a rule, a formality, or an old-fashioned ritual – it’s an intimate experience of God’s mercy. And it has the power not only to cleanse us from sin, but to heal us and transform our lives. **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession** provides the Church’s teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including a practical “walk through” of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God’s passionate desire to be with you. Facilitated DVD-based program. Pre-registration recommended but not required. For more info or to register email [stmarksreled@bellaliant.com](mailto:stmarksreled@bellaliant.com).

**Bible Basics for Catholics**  
 Beginning February 17<sup>th</sup> on Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for 6 weeks, in the hall: You ought to know the Bible better than you do, and you probably feel vaguely guilty you don’t. Come on, admit it. Guilty that we don’t really read the Bible that much. Some of us have tried. We’ve made resolutions to read the whole Bible through in a year or follow some other plan. At best we get through Genesis, maybe Exodus, but once we hit the laws and sacrifices of Leviticus, it’s game over. Sound familiar? Then this is for you! This is not a traditional Bible study (although it will help you with that!). This short book study will introduce you to the “big picture” of the Bible, through exploration of 8 key events from Genesis to Revelation. If you are looking to just dip your toe into exploring your Bible and learning more about the Scriptures, this is a great place to start! We will meet for coffee and a light breakfast and explore the book together. Pre-registration is required for this one (we have to order books). For more info or to register email [stmarksreled@bellaliant.com](mailto:stmarksreled@bellaliant.com).