

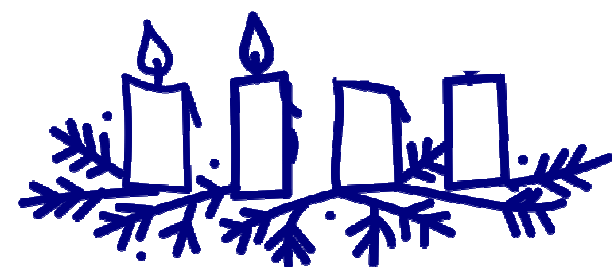
WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 12/08/18 VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. Bonnie Anderson gift of Joan & Mike Gates
 SUNDAY: 12/09/18
 10:00 a.m. Bob Potts gift of Barb Potts
 TUESDAY:
 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 SATURDAY: 12/15/18 VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. For the Parish Family of St. Mark
 SUNDAY: 12/16/18
 10:00 a.m. Chuck Skiba gift of Virginia Cymbal

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 11:15 a.m. Elementary Faith Formation
 WEDNESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 THURSDAY: 12:00 p.m. AuGres Christian Charities
 FRIDAY: Office Closed
 SATURDAY: 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation
 SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 11:15 a.m. Elementary Faith Formation
 11:15 a.m. Hospitality
 12:30 p.m. Advent Communal Reconciliation

PRAYER LINE: Please call Marie at 867-4340 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. or the parish office at 876-7925.



Our Cohort Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity – Pinconning
 4:30 p.m. at Resurrection, Standish
 5:00 p.m. at St. Mark's – Au Gres
 SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph's – Alger
 8:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity – Pinconning
 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's – Au Gres
 10:30 a.m. at Resurrection, Standish
 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity – Pinconning

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR:

December 15 & 16, 2018

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5:00 p.m. T. Johnston
 10:00 a.m. T. Trombley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. (B) C. Dittenber (C) A. Shillair, K. Robel
 10:00 a.m. (B) M. Murphy (C) B. Caulfield, A. Lake, M. Zoyiopoulos, F. McGuire

ALTAR MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. G. Kaniszewski
 10:00 a.m. B. Gray

USHERS:

5:00 p.m. C. & J. McAlindon
 10:00 a.m. T. Janish, D. Ziembo, C. Zaccardelli, D. Szabo

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
 December 24 at 5:00 p.m.**



**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
 December 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Altar Servers are needed for both services. Please call the office early to volunteer for the Mass of your choice.

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OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"Returning to God what is God's"

Annual Collection Target: \$165,000

Adult Treasure:	Target	Actual	Balance
Last Week	\$3,174	\$4,161	\$987
Year to Date	\$73,002	\$80,435	\$7,433

We appreciate your envelope even when you are away – our financial obligations continue! Thank you!

ST. MARK WINTER WEATHER POLICY: When Au Gres-Sims Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the parish office will be closed and all parish functions will be canceled.

THANK YOU for your prayers, donations, and support of the Faith Formation Program! Your kind response is so very appreciated! The children are having a wonderful time and learning so much! Please continue to keep us in your prayers!

St. Mark Youth Ministry will meet Sunday, December 9th from 11:15-1:15 p.m. with Mrs. Francine McGuire. Come, hang out with your friends, enjoy lunch and learn of service opportunities. Bring your ideas!!

AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS SCHEDULES for January, February, and March will be printed on Tuesday, December 11th. Please email Carla at stmark@centurytel.net with any dates that you are **UNAVAILABLE** to serve.

2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."
 Philippians 1:9-10

In the days and weeks leading up to Christmas, we are inundated with colorful and convincing ads. The commercialism can cause us to lose sight of our stewardship values. In this season of shopping and buying, it is important to remember that we have a need to give back to God – and to support those who are in need.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26
 TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10a-c,11-13 Mt 18:12-14
 WEDNESDAY: Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18-b-19 Lk 1:26-38
 THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13ab Mt 11:11-15
 FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
 SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13
 SUNDAY: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 LK 3:10-18
 Phil 4:4-7 LK 3:10-18

COLLEEN'S CORNER

Advent means coming. During the Advent season we reflect on the past coming of Jesus into our world two thousand years ago as a little baby, the daily coming of Jesus through the Sacraments, through the Holy Bible and through the worshipping community and the future coming (Second Coming) of Jesus at the end of the world. Today's readings remind us that the past, present and future comings of Jesus into the world are the fulfillment of the saving plan of God.

Today's Scripture readings deal with coming home – Babylonian exiles coming home, the shalom or perfect peace of coming home, our going home with Jesus at his Second Coming, and Jesus, the Savior, "coming home" into our lives during Advent.

Don't forget next Sunday to stay after Mass for social then for our Reconciliation Service at 12:30pm.

I am going home to Jackson for a couple days this week, to get that home ready for the holidays. But as I said when I arrived here, I am always available to you, and as a reminder here is my cell phone number 517-474-8038. Please call me anytime you need anything.

See all of you next weekend!

Blessings on this 2nd week of Advent!
 Colleen

