



# SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL

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## HAPPENINGS December 4, 2018



### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

- Youth Group and Ornament-Making Party at 6 pm this Wednesday.
- Bible Study at The Blue Moon at 8 am this Saturday.
- Second Sunday of Advent this Sunday.
- St. Mark's Fellowship at Napoli's this Sunday at 5:30 pm.

### NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

By appointment only with Dean Katie

**Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm - Book Club

**Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am - Healing Rite with Eucharist

6:00 pm - Ornament-Making Party! Join us!

**Thursday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 pm - Buildings & Grounds Meeting

**Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am - Bible Study at Blue Moon Coffee

10:00 am - Christmas Tree Delivery - Please volunteer!

**Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 am - Sunday School & Nursery

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

5:30 pm - St. Mark's Fellowship at Napoli's

St. Mark's Office Hours

**Tuesday through  
Friday**

**9 am – 11 am  
and**

**Noon – 2 pm**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> | Spiritual Growth & Ed Meeting          |
| Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> | Advent Lessons & Carols                |
| Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> | St. John's Service                     |
| Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Outreach Meeting                       |
| Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Vestry Meeting                         |
| Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Mass with Musical<br>Prelude |

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **Christmas Tree Project**

St Mark's Outreach committee will be delivering Christmas trees on Saturday December 8th, 2018. Anyone interested in helping with the delivery should meet at St Mark's at 10:00 am in the parking lot. On Wednesday evening, December 5th, we will be preparing the tree stands and gift boxes. If you would like to help please meet at 6:00 pm in the undercroft.

### **St. Mark's Fellowship**

On Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, we are meeting at 5:30 pm at Napoli's Italian restaurant for our monthly St. Mark's Fellowship. Please join us!

### **New Lector Sign-Up for Christmas Eve service**

In the Common Room there is a sign-up sheet for Lectors for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.

### **Poinsettias**

Donations are being accepted for Christmas Poinsettia Dedications. If you would like to have someone remembered, please use the form on the table in back of the church. Another form may be found in the Library/Common Room. The poinsettias are ordered from Russ's and cost St. Mark's \$20 each

### ***Nuncrackers***

Hastings Community Theatre presents *Nunsense*. Rousing Christmas carols, dueling Sugar Plum Fairies, Secret Santas and stolen gifts. A little too much rum in the cake and just in time for Christmas, the 'Catholic Home Shopping Network' is born. What more could you ask for? *Nuncrackers* opens December 13 and runs through December 16.

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### *St. Marks Lion's Nook*

Need an idea for your Christmas gift giving? Visit St. Mark's Lion's Nook for new items that have arrived in time for your holiday gift giving. See store manager, Patrick Crawford, for your purchases.

## Featured Items



### **Mystic Monk Coffee St. Mark's Christmas Ornament**

## The Lord's Portion

### **November 2018**

|   |              |
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| Signed pledges per month:                     | \$ 10,577.41 |
| Pledges received in November as of Nov. 25th: | \$ 10,775.00 |
| Surplus:                                      | \$ 197.59    |

### **Year-To-Date January thru November**

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Signed pledges YTD thru November:  | \$116,351.51       |
| Pledges received YTD thru November | \$113,973.98       |
| Shortage:                          | \$ <b>2,377.53</b> |

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

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### **Actual children's versions of Christmas Carols:**

**"...sleep in heavenly peas";  
"Joy to the world, the Savior rains";  
"This is he whom Sears of old...";  
"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plane";  
"While shepherds washed their socks by night**



It's easy to forget about Advent in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. Advent is a state of mind as well as a season in the church year. As a state of mind, Advent is not intended to be preparation for Christmas, the first coming of the Christ child. Rather, it is a season in which we make present again that miraculous event as we prepare for Christ's second coming, his return to complete what he began long ago.

And so this upcoming Sunday, the second Sunday in the season of Advent, we focus our attention on the prophetic voice of John the baptizer who invites us to live prepared for Christ's second coming. How we ask? And John answers, "Repent." Now there was a time when repent implied expressing deep sorrow and regret for our sins. With this understanding in mind, Advent, cloaked in purple, became much like Lent, a second penitential season.

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But in our day theologians have rightfully turned Advent into a contemplative season cloaked in blue, a season in which we are invited to contemplate future possibilities and how we might live faithfully between the times, between Christ's first and second comings, between the already and the not yet of God's creation. When John tells us to "repent" it takes on the meaning of "live prepared." How are you preparing during this Advent season?

It is with God's good news ringing in our hearts that we will be enabled and empowered to live faithfully with anticipation and hope between Christ's first and second comings. May we choose to make this Advent holy by avoiding the temptation to celebrate Christmas too soon and use these four weeks to ponder where we are headed and make changes in our course. Or as John the baptizer put it, "Repent," that is, "live prepared."

In Peace,

Dean Katie