

mass Day Mass is at 11:00 ante Meridian which should be daylight and accessible to our Parishioners who do not drive after dark.

The work on a reprint of the *English Missal* continues. It appears that the Adobe software makes every simple editing task take hours rather than minutes. In fact, there are much better software programs for book design that take a fraction of the time to use. So, let us express our gratitude for actual, functioning, software by paying the small tariff on the better product. For example, PDF Expert can print about twice as fast from our Canon printer as anything Adobe Acrobat charges a hundred times as much for. Many times the Adobe product cannot even 'find' the printer "PDF Expert" has already produced the document. A guess is that the 'real' Adobe product is written by software engineers making \$4.00 an hour in India and the cheapo 'app' called **PDF Expert** is made by regular USA "good ol' boys" in Iowa. Just a guess from the results.

News from the Churchwomen's Meeting in November:
Prepared & Updated by Khouria Judith & Debbie.
Here are the Christmas projects and activities that the Church women will be working on this month.
On Saturday, December 7th, Debbie will host a Christmas Floral arrangement party at 10:00 AM. Bring your friends and family! You will get to take your own unique arrangement home. Please write your names on the sign up sheet, so that we will have enough flowers and food for everyone. For more information, contact Debbie at her e-mail address at dandjstclair@me.com.
On Sunday, December 8th, our Annual Bake Sale will be held after both Masses. Please, price your baked goods. The proceeds from the sale will support various charities. There are sign up sheets downstairs for both events. The Church Women will be supporting the Community at Franklin Park once again with St Mark's tradition, Fleece Navidad. Please look for both the name tags on the small Xmas tree and the sign up sheet in the parish hall. If you would like more information, please contact Carol or Dana.
Also, the ladies will be sponsoring the Advent Food Drive. This year our food collection we will be given to our local South High School Food Bank. We have two large tubs, one upstairs in the narthex and one in the parish hall. They say that providing food and support can help students stay in school and have a brighter future.

At this time, they are very well stocked with canned vegetables, rice, pinto beans, and body wash. Please bring items from the following list below to St. Mark's Parish Hall. **CURRENT NEEDS:**

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| Bags of Masa | Toothpaste - full-size tubes |
| Cans of Garbanzo Beans | Toothbrushes |
| Kraft Macaroni and Cheese | Bars of Soap |
| Small Jars of Jam | Small Bottles or Pods Laundry Detergent |
| Cheerios | Small Bottles of Dish Washing Liquid |
| Pancake Mix | Reusable grocery/shopping bags |
| Bags of dried RED Lentils | Oatmeal |
| Cooking Oil | Deodorant |
| Tabasco/Cholula/Sriracha Sauce | |

In most cases students are carrying food home on the bus; smaller sizes work best. No glass jars please.

This Advent, St Mark's Church Women are donating, \$500 to SafeHouse Denver, \$500 to IOCC, and \$500 to Project Mexico*



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

We serve the Western Rite as appointed by the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, the First Chair of Peter.

Your prayers for Patriarch John X, Metropolitan Archbishop Joseph; Bp. Basil, Diocese of Wichita; Bp. John, Western Rite Vicariate; and Fr. John, Fr. James, the Rev'd Archdeacon Vladimir, Dn. John Saturus and SubDeacons John and Daniel.

ADVENT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Thanks to Fr. John Connely and Fr. James Tochihara for being our Celebrants and to Fr. James for preaching at both Services today. Fr. John will serve as Litanist.

The Altar Guild would like to remind the faithful that there will be no flowers on the Altar until December 24th, however they will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and greens.

Following the first Liturgy, all are welcome to join us for Refreshments, Fellowship and the Sunday School Class in the downstairs parish hall. Thanks to Fr. John Connely for teaching the Sunday School class "for all age" students at 9:10 AM today.

Anglican Chant Matins will begin at 9:45 AM followed by the Litany and Solemn Mass at 10 AM.

After the second service, all are welcome to join us downstairs for Refreshments and Fellowship.

Thanks to Shamassy Kristine and Fr. John Connely for providing the nice refreshments for the social hours today, and thanks to the Choir for last week's delicious snacks.

We are asking parishioners who celebrate their birthdays in December to please bring refreshments to one of the Sunday social hours during the month. Those Parishioners having Birthdays this month are Shirley, Tanya, Sarah, Debbie, Guy, Kathryn, Margaret, Sandy and Sklar.

If you wish to participate, then let us know by signing your name on the Social Hour Calendar or by contacting Matushka Deborah by e-mail before 12 noon on Saturday. Her e-mail address is matushka.deborah@gmail.com.

Also, please get your bulletin news, invitations, and notices in by Thursday at 12 noon by e-mail to Matushka Deborah.

This Saturday, Debbie St. Clair will be hosting a Christmas Floral arrangement party at SMP at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will provided by the ladies.

The Church Women's Christmas Bale Sale will be next Sunday morning. Bakers are welcome to bring their Baked goods on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Thanks to Natalie Lickteig for providing the "Bread of Hospitality" this morning. The Bread Schedule for the next few weeks is Natalie Lickteig on December 8th, and Kathryn Reeves on December 15th and on December 22nd, and Shamassy Kristine Woolley on December 29th and on January 5th.

Please e-mail Matushka Deborah if you want to be reimbursed for the money that you spent on the "Open House." The deadline for getting your receipts in is today. You may leave them in the church office on top of the copying machine. We need those figures to calculate just how much each Vestry member well owe for hosting the event. As of this week, we have paid out \$319.69. Thanks to the Vestry for picking up the tab.

Metropolitan Hilarion's book "*The Mystery of Faith*" is in print again after a lapse of years. It might be worthy of our Church School Class. The books are available in the parish hall for \$25.00. Please make your check payable to "BFSL."

The Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine candle is given in loving memory of Dr. James Campbell by Mat. Deborah.

Matushka Deborah would like to thank Khouria Judith Tochihara and the Church Women for their thoughtful "Thanksgiving" card" that I received a few days.

This year Christmas falls on Wednesday, December 25th. As is our custom the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Family Liturgy) at 5:00 pm, Lessons and Carols at 9:30 PM and the Mass in the Night at 10:00 PM. The Christ-

Service Schedule for Week of December 1st

- Sunday Morning Prayer 7:30 AM
- Sunday Low Mass: 8 AM
- Social Hour & Sunday School 9:10 AM
- Matins 9:45 AM & Solemn Mass: 10:00 AM
- Social Hour & Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, Mass at 12:00 Noon, Lady Chapel

SATURDAY, Latin Mass 9:00 AM,
10:00 Christmas Floral Arrangement Party