

Hark and herald with Christkindl Angel on Christkindlmarkt Eve!

Imagine a Christmas Angel appearing from the Gothic doors of an old world monastery crypt...a live Nutcracker waving a banner as he stands guard...the resounding chords of trumpeters heralding in the season and a bell choir of nuns performing angelic tunes...

Better yet – don't imagine. Live it!

Opening ceremonies for the 21st annual Christkindlmarkt will feature all! Any who wish to experience the magic are invited to gather on the sloped, west side lawn of the majestically domed Monastery Immaculate

Conception at 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 16. There, the *Christkindl*, or Christmas Angel, will appear (as she has done at Nuremberg, Germany's Christkindlmarkts for over 500 years). Locals call the beautiful monastery "the castle on the hill."

Christkindl will regale the assembled with her angelic, melodious voice. Children will light the way as trumpeters herald in the markt, choirs sing, and the Sisters of St. Benedict Bell Choir performs. The event is free.

The Sisters will be hosting their annual

Simply Divine Bake Sale immediately following the 30 minute program. A buffet dinner with dessert is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in St. Gertrude Hall at the monastery. Guests will be entertained with live, seasonal music. Reservations are required and tickets (\$32) can be purchased by calling 812-367-1411, ext. 2915 or ext. 2657 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Sisters of St. Benedict.

For more information and/or hotel accommodations, contact 1-800-968-4578.



Merriment and joy at 21st Annual Christkindlmarkt



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The heady aroma of authentic Bavarian specialty foods and an incredible array of Christmas wares, antiques, quality hand-crafted, and primitives await the public at Ferdinand's Christkindlmarkt, Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18.

Christkindlmarkts began in 14th century Germany and continue today. Ferdinand's Christkindlmarkt is one of the most authentic in the United States, recently voted one of the Top 100 Events in the Nation by the American Bus Association. Markt sites are located indoors throughout town. Parking is free as is the optional shuttle service between markt sites, admission and entertainment.

The six markt locations include the Ferdinand Community Center at 1710 Community Drive, Forest Park High School at 1440 Michigan Street, the Tri-County YMCA Antiques Markt at 131 E. 16th Street, the Ferdinand American Legion at 425 Main Street, Ferdinand Elementary at 402 E. 8th Street, and the Monastery Event Hall at 840 E. 10th Street in Ferdinand.

In addition to regional foods and wines, antiques, florals, folk art, ornaments, pottery, fabric, bath and body, and artwork booths will showcase the works of wood carvers, basket weavers, candle makers, bakers, jewelry designers, soap makers, and other artisans as at Christkindlmarkts held in Germany. There are many exciting new vendors in over 200 booths ready to show their wares. The festival-styled setting has drawn thousands of guests as part of Dubois County's Olde World Christmas.

Live, free musical entertainment will be offered both days at the Forest Park loca-

tions, including the amazing Marionette Theater with half life size puppets at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Black Forest Organ grinder will greet guests at the Community Center both days as well. The live Glockenspiel performances will take place at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on the Music Café stage at the Forest Park location. These live cuckoo clock animations last approximately ten minutes after the chiming of the hour. One can visit with Santa Claus on Saturday at German American Bank at 1020 Main Street in Ferdinand from 1-4 p.m.

St. Ferdinand Church will host Saturday evening's entertainment featuring a seasonal concert with the 60 voices of the Celebration Singers at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public, goodwill donations will be accepted. And then on Sunday, a mass with German hymns will be held at St. Ferdinand Church at 10:00 a.m.

Free tours of Mon-



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