

# Christkindmarkt

November 24 & 25, 2018

In Bavaria, Christmas wares and gifts are sold in the festival-style setting of a Christkindmarkt, meaning “Christ Child Market.” It is associated with the celebration of Christmas with the upcoming four weeks of Advent. Experience the tradition of an Olde World Barvarian Christmas when you Shop & Dine in downtown Plain!

## **Saturday, November 24, 5:00-7:00 pm**

### **Shop, Dine, and Be Merry in downtown Plain**

During the day you will find many of the Plain area retail businesses offering discounts and/or goodies to celebrate the Christmas Season! Collect “Christkindl” cards at each business and be eligible for a prize drawing to be held later in the day. Please return your cards to Honey Creek Market. The more cards you collect, the better your chances to win!

### **Visit Santa Claus, Real Reindeer and Elves!**

*Kraemer Library and Community Center, 910 Main Street*

Children of all ages are welcome to come see Santa. Two of Santa’s elves will arrive from North Pole and answer questions like - Do reindeer really fly? Why isn’t Rudolph’s nose red? And other questions you might have. The elves will help coordinate a picture with the reindeer, available to take home immediately for a fee. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Horse Drawn Carriage Ride**

*Corner of Main Street and Liegel Avenue*

Enjoy a nostalgic ride in a horse-drawn carriage through the Christmas lit village of Plain for a small fee. Tickets will be sold at Honey Creek Market. Monies raised will be donated to the Plain Community Swimming Pool.

### **Children’s Craft Workshops**

*Kraemer Library and Community Center, 910 Main Street*

Santa’s elves love to work with children creating crafts! Hands-on, free sessions will be conducted at the Kraemer Library and Community Center.

### **Old Franklin Township Historical Society Open House**

*915 Wachter Avenue*

Go back in time to view collections, displays, artifacts, documents, and photographs relative to local history. The Historical Society will be reading old Christmas stories in their basement.

### **Visit Saint Luke Catholic Church**

*1240 Nachreiner Avenue*

4:00 PM Mass with German hymns

The Bavarian style church will be lit up with the glow of thousands of lights!

## **Sunday, November 25**

### **Plain Holiday Vendor and Craft Market**

*American Legion, 1225 American Legion Drive*

Shop for handmade treasures, art and collectible gifts. 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Contact Maria Lindquist at 608-963-8909.

### **Herald in the Christkindl “Christ Child” Procession**

*Main Street*

Park your car on Main Street and meet at the Veteran’s Memorial Monument with Mary, Joseph, and Saint Nicholas for a tree lighting. Then process up Haupt Strasse (Main Street) with candles to Saint Luke Catholic Church where the Christkindl Angel will appear from the doors of the church during a performance enhanced by trumpeters and chanting. This outdoor, candlelit ceremony is free and open to the public. Gather at 4:45 pm. Procession at 5:00 pm. For those who are not able to walk, you may drive up to the church.

### **Christmas Hymns and Concert**

*Saint Luke Catholic Church, 1240 Nachreiner Avenue*

Warm up inside the church with Advent and Christmas vocal and instrumental selections. 5:30-6:00 pm

### **German Buffet catered by Schnitzelbank Restaurant**

*Saint Luke Catholic Church, 1240 Nachreiner Avenue*

Enjoy a German buffet dinner with all the sauerkraut and spaetzle you can eat in Saint Luke Church basement! Dinner reservations required. Menu includes Huhnerschnitzel, Bratwurst, Hot German Potato Salad, Spaetzle, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage and Dessert. (\$20 adults (\$10) children ages 5-12, children 4 & under are free. Reserve your seat by November 15 by calling 608-546-2482. 6:00-7:00 pm