

What is Christkindlmarkt?

In Germany, Christmas wares and gifts are sold in the festival-style setting of Christkindlmarkt.

During the weeks of Advent, toy makers, basket weavers, wood carvers, candle makers and other artisans set up booths in front of the local church, where browsers make their selections.

The custom began in the 14th century and continues today in the charming "Bavarian" village of Ferdinand, Indiana.

Ferdinand's Christkindlmarkt, held the third full weekend in November annually, features over 200 lavishly decorated booths spilling over with quality hand-created items, Christmas wares, antiques, art, delicious regional food and wine, live entertainment, free concerts, free tours and so much more.

Enjoy the delights of Christmas in an Olde World setting!

BAVARIAN SHOPPING STALLS (5 Locations)

Handmade treasures and treats abound in over 200 stalls featuring table and wall décor, snowmen, folk art, primitives, Santas, original artwork, seasonal displays, inspirational, wood carvings, wooden signs, florals, rustic furniture, baskets, baby, herbal soaps, jewelry, scarves, purses, hats, wood crafts, quilts, candles, cheesecake, kettle korn, chocolates, gourmet fudge, jams, baked goods, cinnamon rolls, apple strudel, schnitzel, wine and much more.

ANTIQUES MARKT (At the Tri-County YMCA)

More than 40 booths will feature antiques, including glass, china, bisque, books, jewelry, primitives, furniture, pottery, linens, vintage, collectibles, Christmas, etc. If the warm wood tones don't draw you in, the cinnamon roasted nuts or wine surely will!

LODGING:

For hotel or bed & breakfast package information, call the Dubois County Visitors Center at 800-968-4578 or go to: www.duboiscountychristmas.com

FREE CONCERT

"Sounds of the Season" Concert by the Celebration Singers: An amazing 60-member chorus will perform seasonal and traditional Christmas carols in beautiful St. Ferdinand Church, Christ the King Parish, on Saturday, November 21 at 7 p.m. EST

MORE INFO:

Visit www.ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com, call 800-968-4578.

Finding all Christkindlmarkt sites is easy!

Just park and ride, as shuttle service is provided. Shuttles travel between the six markt sites via the Green (North) and Red (South) Routes and loop through town to other attractions and shopping venues.

This service is free!

Ferdinand is located on State Road 162, 1/4 mile north of I-64, exit 63, in Southern Indiana's Hill Country, one hour west of Louisville, KY and 45 minutes east of Evansville, IN.



Christkindlmarkt is sponsored by the Tourism Division of the Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce and the Dubois County Visitors Center.



FERDINAND, INDIANA



ART

ANTIQUES
MUSIC CAFE
WINE TASTING
MONASTERY TOURS
LIVE GLOCKENSPIEL
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
CELEBRATION SINGERS
MARIONETTE THEATER
HANDMADE TREASURES
DELICIOUS GERMAN FOOD
BLACK FOREST ORGAN GRINDER

Saturday
& Sunday
November 21 & 22, 2020

Over 200 booths of Christmas Wares, Handmade Treasures, Art, Antiques, Primitives, Regional Foods & Wines and Collectible Gifts!

Christkindlmarkt Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Markets Open: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

Black Forest Organ Grinder
at the Ferdinand Community Center
Markt site, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free Guided Tours of Monastery Immaculate Conception:
Any time between 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Children's Craft Workshops at Usborne Books
Booth outside the FPHS Jr. High Gym site
10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Reindeer Reserve Meet 'n Greet
at the Ferdinand Branch Library, 11:00 to noon

Live Glockenspiel Performances at the Forest Park High School Auditorium,
11 a.m., 12 and 1 p.m.

"Holiday Cabaret on Strings"
Marionette Theater: 12:15, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
in the Forest Park High School Auditorium

Visit with Santa Claus German American Bank
1020 Main Street, 1-4 p.m.

Tours of St. Ferdinand Church
1:30 - 3:30 p.m

Lights on the Grotto: On the grounds of the Monastery (after dusk)

"Sounds of the Season"
Concert: Celebration Singers at St. Ferdinand Church, 7 p.m.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Mass with German Hymns at St. Ferdinand Church, Christ the King Parish, 10:00 a.m.

Markets Open: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST

Black Forest Organ Grinder at the Ferdinand Community Center Markt site,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

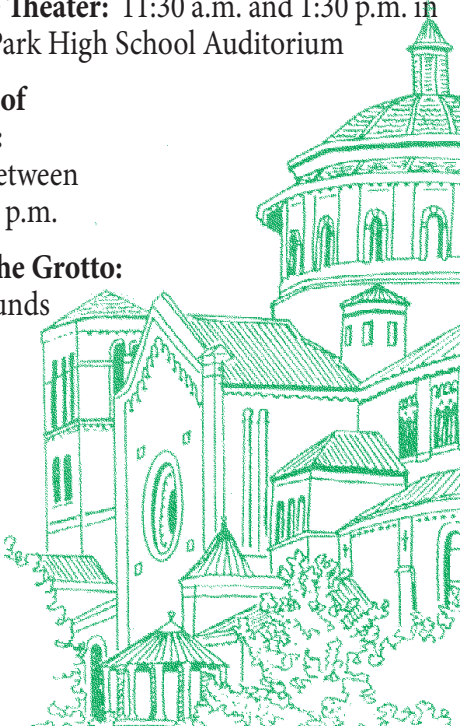
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Any time between 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Lights on the Grotto:
On the grounds of the Monastery (after dusk)



Reindeer Reserve Meet 'N Greet
Ferdinand Branch Library Community Room 11:00 – noon. Drop by for Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve Meet 'N Greet. One of Santa's elves will arrive from the North Pole with a reindeer you can meet! Get up close and pet the reindeer! Have Mom or Dad take your picture with the reindeer! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Live Glockenspiel
A cuckoo clock comes to life Saturday and Sunday at 11, 12, and 1:00 EST at the Forest Park High School Auditorium.

Children's Craft Workshops:
Lindsay and her elves love to work with children creating crafts! Hands-on, free sessions... both days, hallway behind FPHS Junior High Gym site.

Visit with Santa Claus
Tell Santa what you want for Christmas! Children of all ages are welcome from 1-4 p.m., Saturday at German American, 1020 Main Street.

Marionette Theater Half life-size Melchior Marionettes will perform on Saturday at 12:15, 1:30, and 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Forest Park High School Auditorium.

Tours of Monastery Immaculate Conception, home to one of the largest communities of Benedictine women in the United States, the monastery dates back to 1867 and is within the National Register of Historic Places. Free guided tours will be held any time between 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 – 3 p.m. on Saturday and from 12:30 – 3 p.m. on Sunday. Experience what the locals affectionately call the "Castle on the Hill".

Markt locations:

- Ferdinand Community Center**
1710 Community Drive
- Tri-County YMCA Antiques Markt**
131 East 16th Street
- Forest Park High School Practice Gym, Jr. High Gym, Cafeteria, and Lower Commons**
1440 Michigan Street
- Monastery Event Hall**
840 East 10th Street
- Ferdinand American Legion**
425 Main Street
- Ferdinand Elementary Gym**
402 E. 8th Street

Markt Hours

Saturday • November 21 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. EST
Sunday • November 22 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST

Christkindlmarkt Eve

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Herald in the Markt! The Christkindl Angel appears from the doors of the Crypt on Monastery Hill during the 6:30 p.m. EST performance enhanced by trumpeters and tradition! This outdoor, candlelit opening ceremony is free and open to the public. Enjoy a German buffet dinner with entertainment at 7 p.m. EST in St. Gertrude Hall at Monastery Immaculate Conception, dinner reservations required (\$32). Online reservations may be made at www.thedome.org/dinner. If unable to make online reservations, call 812.367.1411, ext. 7345 between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for assistance.