

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 concert, 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 corn, chocolates, gourmet fudge, jams, baked goods, cinnamon rolls, apple strudel, roasted coffees, 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! And for you coffee drinkers, you'll find specially roasted, commemorative Christkindlmarkt blends of coffee just inside the entrance.

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: Talented members of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus will be performing seasonal and traditional Christmas carols in beautiful the Monastery Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, November 18th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. EST. As there is no admission to the concert, a freewill offering is encouraged.

"Let us have music for Christmas...Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth; let each of us try, with a song in our hearts, to bring peace to men on earth." - Mildred L. Jarrell

Sponsored by the Ferdinand Tourism Commission and Masterbrand

MORE INFO:

Visit www.ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com, find us on Facebook, or 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 Ferdinand Tourism Commission and the Dubois County Visitors Center

26th Annual



FERDINAND, INDIANA



ART

ANTIQUES

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WINE TASTING

MONASTERY TOURS

LIVE GLOCKENSPIEL

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

MARIONETTE THEATER

HANDMADE TREASURES

DELICIOUS GERMAN FOOD

Saturday & Sunday
November 18 & 19, 2023

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

Christkindlmarkt Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

Appearances by the Christkindl Angel and Father Christmas

Various locations at various times

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.

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

"Sounds of the Season" Concert:

Members of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, Monastery Immaculate Conception 7-8 p.m. EST



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

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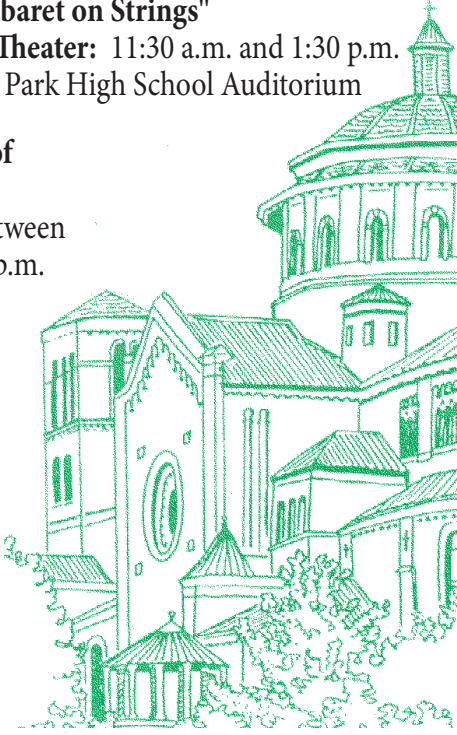
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Markt locations:

Ferdinand Community Center
1710 Community Drive

Tri-County YMCA Antiques Market
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 18 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. EST

Sunday • November 19 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST

Christkindlmarkt Eve

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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.

Following the ceremony, step inside the crypt to purchase delectable goods baked by the Sisters of St. Benedict. Then enjoy a walk to the grotto on the southside of the monastery grounds, beautifully lit for the season.

Reindeer Reserve Meet 'N Greet

Ferdinand Branch Library Children's 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".