

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, 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 CONCERTS

"Sounds of the Season" Concert by the Celebration Singers: An amazing 98-member chorus will perform seasonal and traditional Christmas carols in beautiful St. Ferdinand Church on Saturday, November 18 at 7 p.m. EST

Sisters of St. Benedict Concert: This popular concert features a group of musical nuns performing Advent and Christmas vocal selections, showcasing hand bells and a harp in the Monastery Immaculate Conception's beautiful, domed chapel on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. EST

MORE INFO:

Visit www.ferdinandchristkindlmarkt.com, call 800-968-4578 or email dhopp@psci.net.

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
SISTERS OF ST. BENEDICT CONCERT**

Saturday
& Sunday
November 18 & 19, 2017

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

Christkindlmarkt Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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
- Ferdinand Elementary Gym**
402 E. 8th Street
- Monastery Event Hall**
840 East 10th Street
- Ferdinand American Legion**
425 Main 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! 6:30 p.m. EST. The Christ-kindl Angel appears from the doors of the Crypt on Monastery Hill during a performance enhanced by trumpeters and chant! This outdoor, candlelit opening ceremony is free and open to the public. Enjoy a German buffet dinner with entertainment at 7 p.m. in St. Gertrude Hall at Monastery Immaculate Conception. Dinner reservations required (\$30). Parties interested in reserving dinner tickets can call 812-367-1411 ext. 2915 between 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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.

Live Musical Entertainment:
All day on center stage at the Forest Park Practice Gym Markt site

Reindeer Reserve at the Ferdinand Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.

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

Live Glockenspiel Performances at the Forest Park Practice Gym Markt site, 11 a.m., 12 and 1 p.m.

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

Visit with Santa Claus:
German American, 1020 Main Street, 1 – 4 p.m.

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

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.

Mass with German Hymns at St. Ferdinand Church, 10:00 a.m.

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Free Tours of Monastery:
Any time between 12 and 2 p.m.

Sisters of St. Benedict Concert:
3 p.m., Monastery Church

Lights on the Grotto: On the grounds of the Monastery

Live Entertainment Continuous live musical performances, unforgettable concerts, and more.

Santa's Live Reindeer Show
Ferdinand Branch Library Community Room 10:30 a.m. Drop by for SILLY SAFARIS' REINDEER RESERVE. One of Santa's elves will arrive from the North Pole full of fun and entertainment. This 50-minute show will feature a **live reindeer** and other mystery animals. The elf will share secrets of Santa's workshop, the reindeer barn and what it's like to live at the North Pole. After the show, there will be a meet-and-greet. 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 Practice Gym Markt site.

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 1-4 p.m., Saturday at German American, 1020 Main Street.

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

