

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

We, the members of St. Mark Catholic Church, seek to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ by creating a parish where each member is Eucharist-centered, understands and loves the Catholic faith and what makes it special,

WEEKLY BULLETIN

October 11, 2009

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Friday 7 and 9 a.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend: Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (signed for the hearing impaired), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (bi-lingual), and 5 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Spanish: Cada Domingo a las 12:30 p.m. Para información sobre los Sacramentos, por favor llame Angeles Murphy (704-947-7870).

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

ROSARY

Tuesdays in the Chapel; 7:15-7:45 p.m.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Parish Office to reach one of the Priests. The Priests offer Confession, bring the Holy Eucharist to you or give you the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other Sacramental events is available to active parishioners. Contact the Parish Office for additional information.



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TODAY'S READINGS

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;
Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Monday: Columbus Day

Wednesday: St. Callistus I

Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus

Friday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN MARCOS

INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: Rosalba Rojas (704-895-8866), Andrea Solórzano (704-948-4239)

SERVICIOS SOCIALES CATOLICOS

Programa Esperanza (704) 370-3226 ó 3235

Consejera CSS (704) 370-3242 (familiar)

NUEVO HORARIOS DE MISAS:

Sábado: 5 p.m.

Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

y 12:30 p.m. (Bilingüe), 5 p.m. (Juvenil)

Misa Diaria: lunes a viernes: 7 a.m. y 9 a.m.

sábados: 9 a.m.

SACRAMENTOS DE BAUTISMO Y MATRIMONIO

Clases para Bautismo: Avisar 2 meses antes.

Clases Pre-Matrimoniales: Avisar 6 meses antes.

Contacto: Sra. Angeles Murphy (704-947-7870)

POR QUE SER CATOLICO

Inscríbete en este programa para participar en un grupo en el que aprenderás y compartirás la riqueza de nuestra fe.

Por dos horas a la semana durante seis semanas estaremos compartiendo temas como el amor a Dios, la familia y mucho más. Para más información, llama a Zaida (704-960-6928).

ADMINISTRACIÓN DE LOS DONES (STEWARDSHIP)

El Comité de Stewardship agradece a nuestros niños y adolescentes por compartir su tiempo, talento y tesoro. La estatua de nuestra Santa Madre servirá como recordatorio de su generosidad. Por favor, continúen compartiendo su tiempo, talento y tesoro, ya que Monseñor identificará la forma en la cual nuestros regalos pueden ayudar a otros. Recuerde, usted y sus padres son la iglesia.

Algún adulto interesado en ayudar en este Comité? El compromiso es una vez al mes por menos de dos horas. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a John (704-948-7311) o David (704-947-0180).

GRUPO DE RENOVACION CATOLICA CARISMATICA

Ven a participar con nosotros de los siguientes eventos para los cuales tenemos de invitados especiales al Diácono Guido Pozo y al Dr. Carlos Barilla del Centro Carismático de Nueva York:

Viernes, Oct. 16 ~ 6 p.m. a 10:30 p.m. ~ Charla para parejas y matrimonios

Sábado, Oct. 17 ~ 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. ~ Retiro Espiritual y Conversión

La música la proveerá Wilfrido Ortiz, Músico

Consagrado de Nueva York. Te esperamos!!! Para más información, llama a Elizabeth (704-763-4245).

NOVENA AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

La novena al Señor de los Milagros se realizará del 19 al 27 de octubre. Si estás interesado en realizarlo en tu casa, por favor comunícate con Andrea (704-948-4239).

SANTA MISA EN HONOR AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

La Santa Misa en honor al Señor de los Milagros se realizará el miércoles 28 de octubre a las 7 p.m. en San Marcos. Te invitamos a que participes de este grandioso día.

AMAMOS LOS UNOS A LOS OTROS

Porque nos amamos los unos a los otros y nos preocupamos por lo que nos sucede a cada uno, es que se ha formado la cadena de oración para que en nuestros, problemas, enfermedades y alegrías, estemos juntos, como hermanos, orando por todo lo que nos pasa y sucede a nuestro alrededor. Envía tus necesidades y las de los que te rodean a todos.orando@yahoo.com para que más de 90 familias recen por ti y tus necesidades. Si quieres inscribirte en este grupo solo tienes que mandar un email a la misma dirección electrónica y serás un "eslabón" más de la cadena. Para más información, llamar a Mariella (704-564-9174).

¿ME INVITAS A TU CASA?

Ya nuestra Santísima Madre ha visitado casi 150 familias en su peregrinaje y en cada hogar ha dejado un regalo de amor, paz, fe y esperanza. Ella está esperando que tú habrás las puertas de tu casa para llegar a ti y a tu familia. Solamente tienes que registrarte para que la Virgencita llegue a tu casa y te visite durante 7 días. Para más información, llama a Aída (704-721-7919).

PARISH CALENDAR

For more information on these and additional events, check the pages of this bulletin or visit www.stmarknc.org and select Calendar. To submit bulletin announcements, email bulletin@stmarknc.org. For a list of deadlines, visit www.stmarknc.org and select Bulletins.

Sunday, October 11

- 8 a.m. SPRED (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 1:30 p.m. Lifeteen Scrapbooking (Room 203)
- 2 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 3 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 3 p.m. Confirmation Parent Mtg (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

Monday October 12

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rms, 200 & 203)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Confirmation Parent Mtg (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (Room 215)
- 6 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)
- 6:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Education (Room 204)

Tuesday October 13

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rms, 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Room 202)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Mtg (Room 204)
- 10:30 a.m. disABILITY Mass (Church)
- 11:15 a.m. disABILITY Mass Reception (Parish Hall)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 6 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6 p.m. Religious Education (PH, Nursery, SMCS)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Bereavement (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Mtg (Room 200)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)

Wednesday October 14

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rms, 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. After the Boxes (Rooms 200/201 & 202)
- 10 a.m. After the Boxes... (Room 200/201/202)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Mtg (Room 204)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 3 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
- 6 p.m. Reconciliation Make-up (Room 204)
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Parent Mtg (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Lifeteen Bible Study (Room 215)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 205)
- 7 p.m. Scouts (Room 202)

- 7 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Parish Hall)

Thursday October 15

- 9 a.m. Eld Min Flu Clinic (Room 200, 201)
- 10 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 6 p.m. REHEARSAL (Diaz/Sanchez) (Church)
- 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. Altar Server Training (Church)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)

Friday October 16

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 5 p.m. Rehearsal (Cameron/Greene) (CHURCH)
- 6 p.m. Hispanic Retreat (Diocesan) (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Rehearsal (Martin/Finch) (CHURCH)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200 & 204)

Saturday October 17

- 9 a.m. Hispanic Retreat (Diocesan) (Parish Hall)
- 10 a.m. Tai Chi (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 10 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Rooms 200/201)
- 11 a.m. WEDDING (Sanchez/Diaz)
- 2 p.m. WEDDING (Cameron/Greene) (CHURCH)
- 7 p.m. WEDDING (Martin/Finch) (CHURCH)

Sunday October 18

- 2 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)
- 3 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 3 p.m. Confirmation & EDGE 4x4 - Chris Padgett (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen & Faith Rocks (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

LIFE TEEN, EDGE & FAITH ROCKS present: **Chris Padgett**
Blessed, Broken & Given
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
After the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Dinner included! Please RSVP.
Ends at 8:00 p.m.
All parishioners welcome! CDs & Books available!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Mary Murphy a parishioner and the mother of parishioners Erin Morey and Colleen Heincelman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Thomas Bohan, John Bowen, Lucy Blyskal, Brian Cohen, Lori DuBois, Jennie Green, Suzanne Hoffman, John Hopkins, Irene Kuebler, Chase Meacham, Dean Metz, Joseph Spitaliere, Jr., Steve Vermillion, III and all our parishioners who reside at area nursing and assisted living homes who are unable to attend Mass.

Names will be listed for one month unless otherwise requested. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is hospitalized.

OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

USS Chosin

Lt. Carter Stapleton

USS Essex

1st Lt. Nicholas Villarruel

Afghanistan

Spc. Frank Christopher Dunning, Chad Kiekhaefer

Iraq

Sgt. Christopher Holden, PFC Albert Hadley, Infantry/Scout; PFC Tyler Best, PFC NCARNG Derek Koontz; 1LT Kevin C. Kachilo; 1LT Daniel "DJ" McCormick, NCARNG-Iraq; Staff Sgt. Andrew Vranek, USAF

Germany

Maj. Scott Michael Breece USAF,

Camp Pendleton, CA

Lance Cpl. Thomas R. Guidetti

North Island, CA

Petty Officer 3rd Class Chris Balot, USN, NAS

Fort Benning, GA

PFC Jacob Alexander

Annapolis, MD

Matthew Hartung at USNA

Biloxi, MS

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jenna Hehn, Kessler, AFB

Fort Leonard Wood, MS

USMC PFC Edward Keller, III

Camp LeJeune, NC

USMC-Force Recon Sgt. Samuel T. Myers

Fort Bragg, NC

MSgt. Patrick Heffernan

Minot, ND

Trevor Donahue, USAF Security Forces

Fort Sill, OK, Sgt. Steven Ollie, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 12

7 a.m. +James Soeder

9 a.m. +Roseanne Samida

Tuesday, Oct. 13

7 a.m. Owen Haggerty

9 a.m. Fr. Patrick Hoare

Wednesday, Oct. 14

7 a.m. +John La Blance

9 a.m. Sarah Myers

Thursday, Oct. 15

7 a.m. Our Lady's Pro-Life intentions

9 a.m. Eileen Gallagher

Friday, Oct. 16

7 a.m. +Rosemarie Leva

9 a.m. Pat Butler

Saturday, Oct. 17

9 a.m. Nancy Bunton

5 p.m. +Norman Jorgensen

Sunday, Oct. 18

7:30 am +Scott Best

9 a.m. Brian Cohen

9 am Mary Lis (Children's Mass)

11 a.m. +Peter Zroka

12:30 p.m. St. Mark Parishioners

5 p.m. +Sandra Dillman

NEW MEMBERS

Scott & Letizia Radley, Craig & Jennifer Raymond
Robert & Barbara Weber, Jesus Rangel, Michael Savicki
Al Escoto, Jim & Marcia Riggins, Maria Florencio, Wilbur &
Beth Pierce, Michael & Kelly Turner, Roger & Chris
Watson, Mark & Elizabeth Krajnik, Nick & Jennifer
Dimovski, Anthony & Beverly Lombardi

BAPTIZED RECENTLY

Aidan Brian Bourque, Janie Bray Richardson, John Gates
Westmoreland, Giovanni Remo Trevisan, Camila Elaine
Malcolm

NEED PRAYERS??

Place your prayer intention in the basket in the vestibule of the new Church. If you don't see the basket, please ask one of the Ushers. This basket is carried up with the Offertory gifts so that all may lift up their prayers to the Lord. All intentions are kept confidential.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CATECHISTS AND INTERESTED ADULTS

Using the Diocesan Continuing Education Modules, St. Mark is offering continuing education for both catechists (those serving in our classrooms) as well as those interested in furthering their understanding of our Catholic Faith. Detail about these classes can be found on our web-site www.stmarknc.org or at the Education bulletin board. To register, email dsmith18@bellsouth.net.

Phase II

Monday, Oct 26th 10-12 pm Ecumenism: A Call to Repentance, Respect and
Saturday, Oct 31st Reconciliation within the Christian Community

“SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND”

Our Adult Education Committee is proud to announce that the Fall 2009 Adult and Family Education Handbook is available at the Adult Education table and also at the Stewardship Cart both in the Parish Center. This informative handbook provides a summary of the educational, parent enrichment and spiritual opportunities with the parish for adult, teens and children to grow in their understanding and love of their Catholic Faith.

MEN’S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Are you tired, weary or fatigued? Come be refreshed by Jesus Himself in Eucharistic Adoration followed by men’s fellowship and breakfast

When: Saturday Mornings 5-6 am

Where: St. Mark Chapel in Parish Center

Fellowship follows immediately afterwards with discussion and breakfast

Contact Scott Bruno with any questions 704-902-9073

CHURCH HISTORY - THE REFORMATION THRU TODAY

Using The Church through History by Harcourt Religion Publishers, Deacon Louie will continue his series on Church History. Taking the participant from the Reformation of the 16th century through today.

Classes are scheduled for:

Thursday, Oct 29th 1-3 pm Room 200/201

Thursday, Nov 5 1-3 pm Room 200/201

Thursday, Nov 12th 1-3 pm Room 200/201

Thursday, Nov 19th 1-3 pm Room 200/201

Registration for this series is required with a fee of \$24.00 to cover the expenses including the book for new participants to the study. To register contact Linda Gray 704-575-6979 mslggray@gmail.com by Tuesday, October 20th.

PARENT ENRICHMENT - KEEPING YOUR KIDS CATHOLIC

Based on the book Keeping Your Kids Catholic, this informative interactive presentation and discussion will provide parents of school age children (4 and up) insights and practical ideas on how they can keep Christ centered within their home.

(This is a parent program) This 2 week program is offered on:

Tuesday Oct 14th 4:15 – 5:30 pm; Tuesday Oct 21st 4:15 – 5:30 pm (All Sessions in Parish Hall)

Contact Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net) to register Or get further info.

FAMILY FUN

Mark your calendars, the Annual St. Mark Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. This is the 7th year that our Faith Rocks 6th & 7th grade program have hosted this family event. Games, Crafts, Music, Best Concessions on this side of 77 and our silent auction are just some of the show stoppers for the evening. Tickets can be bought at the door, with the cost for an average family of 4 \$20.00. Keep your eyes out for more details as we get closer!

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Adults (18 and older) who have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church are invited to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program. Classes are Thursday, Oct. 15, 22, 29, and Nov. 5th in Room 200 in the Family Center. Confirmation will be on Nov. 13, 2009. Contact Deacon Louie Pais 704-948-0231 to register.

ARE YOU ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED?

FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study) is an inventory created to deal with current issues and needs in marriage preparation. FOCCUS is one of several requirements for marriage preparation here at St. Mark Church. It will be administered on November 19. Contact Deacon Louie to register for FOCCUS at 704-948-0231.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

RCIA is a process through which the Church welcomes new members. These newcomers may be unbaptized or those who have been baptized in another tradition or baptized Catholics who have not completed the other Sacraments of Initiation. Final registration is Wednesday, October 16. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Deacon Louie Pais at 704-948-0231

OUR LORD OF MIRACLES

Everybody is invited to the Mass in honor of "Our Lord of Miracles" el Señor de los Milagros which will take place on October 28, at 7 pm. Let's be part of this devotion that some Latin American countries have and let's join this group of privileged followers of "Cristo Morado" asking for his protection and blessings.

SPECIAL NEEDS NURSERY

Our nursery for developmentally-delayed children ages 2-7 has resumed during the 9 a.m. Mass in Room 120. If your child would benefit from this time with our special education staff, please call and register with Connie Andrews (704-489-6099).

MONTHLY MASS TO HONOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

On the last Saturday of the month, the 9 a.m. Mass is offered for anyone who lost a loved one the previous month. Please join us Saturday, October 31, in this special Eucharistic celebration honoring in prayer our departed loved ones.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS DURING THIS SPECIAL YEAR:

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother will wrap her mantle around your priests and, through her intercession, strengthen them for their Ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "*Do whatever He tells you.*" (Jn 2:5)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools welcomes interested parents and students to attend the Admission Open Houses for the 2010-2011 School Year. Please call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or go to www.charlottediocese.org for additional information. Early Admissions begins January 4, 2010. No RSVP is required to attend the Open Houses!

Elementary Schools hold Open House at each individual campus at the following times:

Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm & Tuesday, Oct. 20th from 9:00 am - noon

- Saint Matthews Catholic School TK - 5 11525 Elm Lane
- Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School PK – 5 4225 Shamrock Drive
- Saint Ann Catholic School TK – 5 600 Hillside Avenue
- Saint Gabriel Catholic School K – 5 3028 Providence Road
- Saint Patrick Catholic School K – 5 1125 Buchanan Street
- Saint Mark Catholic School K – 8 14750 Stumptown Road, Huntersville
- Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School - Sunday, Nov. 1st 1-3 pm - 3100 Park Road Tuesday, Nov. 3rd 9 am–11 am
- Charlotte Catholic High School - Sunday, Nov. 1st - Program begins at 3 PM - 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road.

ELDER MINISTRY

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets Second and Fourth Tuesday Every Month, 10-11:30 a.m., Room 202...Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th

Members pray together as they knit prayer shawls for people suffering through a time of transition, crisis or need; plus infant caps and blankets for the premature babies at area hospital neonatal units. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you! To join this group or receive a shawl, infant cap or blanket, contact Carole Lavinio (704-992-5659).

THE SHUFFLERS

Meet new friends! A group of men and women (55+) meet Fridays to play Canasta, Pinochle, Poker, Rummikub, Chicken Foot Dominoes, and more! No money necessary, just come for fun and an opportunity to socialize with your peers. Join us **this Friday**, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at The Glens Lodge at Birkdale Commons. Call Lois Chlebicki (704-948-9919) for further information.

"YOUNG AT HEART"

A social group for female parishioners age 62+ meets Monday, October 19th (3rd Monday of every month) at 1:00 p.m. in Room 200. These fine ladies play a lively game of Tripoley (a fun and easy to learn card game). Please call Betty Scattergood at 704-875-9442 for more information on this wonderful group of **fun-loving ladies!**

TAI CHI

Ryan Revak, a parishioner and certified Tai Chi instructor with 20 yrs of experience, offers a Tai Chi class on Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Family Life Center - Rooms 200/201. Recommended by the Arthritis Foundation, Tai Chi exercises can be performed by older adults with much benefit to one's physical, mental and emotional health. These exercises help to improve high blood pressure, balance, muscle tone, circulation, flexibility and longevity.

STEWARDSHIP

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We encourage the children of St. Mark's to use their envelopes each week to share their time, talent and treasure. Parents and children are invited to visit the Stewardship Cart in the Monsignor Kerin Center to get a boxed set of children's envelopes.

Here are some gifts of Time and Talent our children have written on their Treasure envelopes recently:

Helped at a birthday party - Made bed - Helped at school mass - Gathered toys for the needy -
Prayed for the soldiers - Helped teacher - Lead prayers at school

Stewardship questions? Contact David or Debbie Hains at 704-947-0180 or debbie@tvdave.com.



PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME EVENT

Sun., October 25, 1:30 – 2:45 pm

New to the parish? Come and meet your pastor and other church leaders. Learn about St. Mark activities. Enjoy some light refreshments, relax and meet other newcomers. In order to provide refreshments and handouts, please call or email Rosemary Keeley (rosemary_keeley@att.net or 704-399-0672)

ST. MARK SECOND ANNUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, October 13-January 5, 7:30-9 p.m., Room 202, Family Center

Each week, we use the book *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*, by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, and the companion journal provided by the St. Mark Bereavement Ministry. In order to allow for maximum benefit to our members, the group must be limited to no more than 15 people. Spots will be given out on a first-come-first-serve basis. RSVP to Debbie Swift (704-992-6226; swiftboysmom@hotmail.com) no later than October 6.

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH! (CONTINUED)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE CAMPAIGN

The ninth annual St. Mark Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree campaign is underway for 2009, at 2008 prices! These trees, wreaths and garlands are growing now at Duckworth's Nursery in Banner Elk, NC & Spruce Pine, NC. Order from any St. Mark Knight from now through November 16. Your order will be fresh cut, delivered on December 5, and be available for pickup at the Church on December 6. To pre-order one of these beautiful trees, wreaths or other accessories, look for a flyer in the Bulletin or Family Center, or call Mike Mullen, campaign coordinator, at 704-644-9349.

INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL MISSIONS COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic University of America Collection, and the Catholic Communications Campaign are now combined into one second collection. That collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of October 18th. Next week you should receive a letter from our Chancellor, Msgr. Mauricio West and an informative brochure. Envelopes for this collection are in your parish envelope packet. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations

ROSARY MAKERS

If you would like to learn how to make corded rosaries for our servicemen and women, and missions here and abroad, please join us on Sunday, October 25th from 3:15 to 4:45 in room 202. Please bring completed rosaries or incomplete ones for assistance or more supplies. For more information contact Susan Wild 704-601-6938; Susan_wild@msn.com

SCORE FOR BOOKS!

St. Mark Catholic School and Cardinal Lane proudly present our fall book fair, "SCORE for Books!" We will be open on Sunday, October 18th from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Please join us in the St. Mark School Library after masses. We look forward to seeing you!!!

WORKING HANDS MINISTRY

MISSION:

The mission of the Working Hands Ministry is to help parishioners integrate their faith and spiritual formation with their work. One component of the Working Hands Ministry is to assist those who are unemployed, under-employed, and returning to the workforce, transition to new employment.

The Game Plan: Tying it all together - Tuesday October 12, 2009, 7:00PM at the Huntersville Professional Building, 11330 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville.

You have great skills, a passion for what you do, a world class resume and love to interview; this workshop provides you with the tools to systematically present your value story to future employers.

CREATING YOUR FUTURE FROM YOUR PAST

Part 1: How to Create a Winning Resume

Thursday October 15 from 7 to 9 pm at the Huntersville Professional Building, 11330 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville. After completing this workshop you will understand the purpose of a resume (it's not really to get you a job). You will also be able to describe your accomplishments concisely and what critical errors to avoid. You will walk away with tips and techniques for writing a cover letter.

Please note: The date and/or location of this workshop may change. Please register using the information below to ensure you receive update information. Please register at <http://www.stmarknc.org/workinghands/whcm.html> or email

COMMUNITY LIFE: GET INVOLVED!

ST. MARK ANNUAL COAT/BLANKET/TOY DRIVE

Will be held Nov. 15,16,17. Just a reminder to begin setting aside gently used coats (for children, youth, men and women), blankets and comforters as well as gently used toys for all ages. We will be accepting donations in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Nov. 14 between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 15 before and after all masses. If you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Panizza at 704-895-6341 or Ann Whipp at 704-896-2595. We are in need of Spanish speaking adults who can help during the sale.

ROOM AT THE INN FUNDRAISING BANQUET "FIFTEEN YEARS OF LIFE-GIVING HOPE"

Thursday, October 22, Charlotte Convention Center(www.rati.org) This pro-life Catholic maternity and after-care program features guest speaker David Bereit, founder of "40 Days for Life." More than 200,000 people have joined his pro-life campaign, saving over 1,500 babies from abortion, including 150 babies in the greater Charlotte area. For information, reservations, or to host a table of eight, please contact either of our Parish Event Coordinators: Courtney Ostendarp (704-987-3695) or Beth Packard (704-895-3812).

ANGEL TREE

Wow, it's hard to believe another summer has come and gone and that there are only 87 days till Christmas. Of course that means plans have already begun for this year's ANGEL TREE project. Due to your overwhelming generosity, 1600 gifts were given to children and adults. Anticipating an increase in the number of requests, we feel a need for additional help this year. All of the 14 amazing ANGELS from last year's committee have returned! We are looking for 1 LEADER ANGEL who would like to be involved from now until Dec. 8th. We are also looking for some people who are willing to help type up the request labels. Of course many, many more volunteers will be needed in November and December and there will be sign up sheets closer to those dates. There is an amazing amount of behind-the-scenes work involved and hopefully you will consider sharing your time and talents. Additional information will follow in October's bulletins. If you would like to join our team now, please contact me, Phyllis Kiebler (704-906-4529; pkcharlotte@bellsouth.net).

DISABILITY MASS

Our monthly Special Needs Mass will be on Tuesday, October 13th in the Church at 10:30 AM. We will be hosting parishioners from the local nursing homes and our parishioners who have difficulty with crowds or the length of our weekend Masses. If you have a neighbor, friend or family member who would like to attend Mass, please bring them to this special Mass for them. We will have helpers in the circle outside the Church to assist them into and out of the Church and refreshments will be served afterwards. Any questions, call Connie Andrews 704-489-6046.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: LIVING THE GOSPEL

Fr. Patrick Wainright, MC will be offering a retreat for the women of the parish the weekend of Oct 30 - Nov. 1. It will begin Friday night 7 p.m. in the school library. We will meet again Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. There will be a final session Sunday morning 9:00 - 11:30. Fr. Wainright is of the order Miles Christi, an order dedicated to teaching lay people their Catholic faith. *\$40 for the weekend. Space is limited. Irossi32@hotmail.com. Deadline Oct.26. Questions: Joan McSweeney 704 948-5543.*

RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE THRU NOV. 1ST

This fall the Charlotte community will be uniting with over 200 other cities from 45 states for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history – the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. The 40 Days for Life campaign involves: Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout the Charlotte area to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40 day public witness outside the local abortion facility –

Preferred Women's Health Center 3220 Latrobe Drive

Vigil hours 7am – 7pm daily during the 40 days – come whenever you can and as often as you can!

During this past Spring campaign in Charlotte 41 babies' lives were saved from the horror of abortion. As a community of faith, we will serve the Lord by ending abortion in our midst.

Liturgical Minister Schedule - October 17 & 18, 2009						
Mass Time	5 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
Altar Servers	Eli Stutzman Claire Stutzman Hannah Cutlip	Harry Ohlhaut AJ Ohlhaut Simon Ohlhaut	Conner Halleran Riley Holleran Emily Brown Holden Rizzo Jane Donahue	Gabriel Brilhante Aidan McSweeney Rachel Miller	Fabrizio Cam-poverde Luiggi Cam-poverde Alondra Ramirez	Ben Cattoni Eli Stutzman Kaitlyn Sisson
Lectors	David Hains Debbie Hains	Dick Christian Chester Novitt	Cathy Schneider Bob Hogan	Marion White Doug Rubel	Ricardo Patino Elizabeth De La Garza	Morgan Grendahl Lizzie Benson
Eucharistic Ministers	Jean Fox Carol Volkmar Barbara Polzella Robert Riciani Alina Bohn Maria Russell Jackie Petrillo Bill Sergent Ray Marr	Mary Lou McDonald Gerry Phillips Melissa Griffith Kay Koll Bill Griffith Karen Lipiski David Hynes	Rosalba Rojas Jessica Ferrante Kyle Ritchie Shannon Holleran Christine Sabo Alex Sabo Beth Packard Willie Krause Sharon Leahy Mike Leahy	Danielle Smith Randy Balot Fran Slavik Linda Slavik Claudette Kaveler Arelis Herman Jennice Mulwee Michelle Krisa Lisa Craven Helen Draheim	Deacon Robert Richard Worthington Gladis Com-poverde	Anthony Baio Liz Bernardo Maddie Fink Bithy McCormick Ryan Loll Katelin Sawicki Megan O'Donnell Morgan Grendahl Kristen Wearsch Richard Worthington
Ushers						Jackie Campo Soiban Whipp Anna Chitwood Katie Reilly
Coordinator	Ed Keller	Richard Sullivan	Randy Balot	Ron McAfee Sr	Enrique Rojas	Dick Christian

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

FLU SHOTS

The Hispanic Ministry at St Mark is organizing a Health Fair for Sat Oct 24th from 10 am to 2 pm. This Health Fair is open to the public. There will be a great variety of organizations providing information on different health-related topics. Among the different things being offered at the fair is a Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic. If you have Medicare Part B or Blue Cross Blue Shield you can receive the flu shot at no cost to you. If you do not have health insurance or your health insurance doesn't cover the cost of the Seasonal Flu Shot and would like to receive the shot at a reduced cost, please sign up. We have limited funds to help pay part of the cost for the first 80 people that sign up. The Seasonal Flu Shot is being offered only for those 18 years and older.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. TIMOTHY REID NOVEMBER 2009

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual pilgrimage to Israel this November with Fr. Timothy Reid! This pilgrimage will take you to see all of the important places that our Lord knew during His life on earth. Trip highlights include: Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, and all that Jerusalem has to offer. The 11-day pilgrimage leaves from Charlotte on November 9 and returns November 19. Trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, taxes and tips. For a brochure please contact St. Ann Catholic Church at 704-523-4641, ext. 221. For more information or to register, call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499. After September 5, registrations require payment in full.

FINANCIAL MATTERS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2009

CENSUS 4,086 currently registered families

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

	ACTUAL \$ AMT	BUDGET \$ AMT	Variance to Budget
<i>CURRENT MONTH</i>			
GENERAL OFFERTORY	\$ 120,030		
DIRECT GIVE PROGRAM	\$ 24,872		
TOTAL AUGUST 2009	\$ 144,902	\$ 149,000	\$ (4,098)
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE, (JUL '09 - JUNE '10)	\$ 260,412	\$ 266,000	\$ (5,588)

DIRECTGIVE

EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECTGIVE

DirectGive provides a convenient way for parishioners to make their weekly Offertory via automatic bank draft. It saves you the time of writing a weekly check; it saves our Church the time of processing weekly contributions.

This is an easy way to budget your regular contribution. If you are on vacation or find yourself visiting another church, please keep St. Mark's in mind and mail your contributions or contact us about the DirectGive program.

Pick up a DirectGive enrollment form in the Parish Office or at the Welcome Table today! Forms are also available on the Finance Council page on our website. (Drafts are withdrawn only *once per month*.) Thank you for your commitment to St. Mark Catholic Church!

PARISH ENVELOPES

For the sake of your Parish records of contributions/pledges, please don't put your Foundation for our Future pledge payment in the Offertory basket unless it is in a separate envelope. If it is thrown into the basket as a loose check, it will be deposited with the regular Offertory. Due to the high volume of checks every weekend, our Offertory counters are unable sort loose checks. Remember to use your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The International – National Combined Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. You should receive a letter from our Chancellor, Msgr. West, and an informative brochure in the mail this week. Please take the time to read the information and contribute as generously as possible in the second collection next week.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please remember to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible! Drop this form in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Please mark one:

- Address Change
- Other Change
- Delete from Parish Roll

Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone # _____

New Member to Family? _____

Comments: _____