

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

We the members of St. Mark Catholic Church, a Faith Community called as one by Christ to serve and witness in His name, seek to celebrate our faith through service and evangelization to each other, our families and our community.

W E E K L Y B U L L E T I N

October 30, 2011



~ Psalm 131

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Friday 7 and 9 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.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., 1 p.m. (bi-lingual), and 5 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Spanish: Misa Bilingüe cada Domingo a la 1 p.m. Para información sobre los Sacramentos, por favor llame al Diácono Edwin Rodriguez (704-502-8264).

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3-4:45 p.m., Wednesday following the 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Mass, or by appointment.

ROSARY—Tuesdays - Church; 7:00-7:30 p.m.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Year Round, in the Chapel in the Msgr. Kerin Center

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

NOVENAS

Immediately following the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass

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 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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading -- Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm -- In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading -- You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel -- Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

GOD IS IN CHARGE

"Who do you think you are?!" today's readings demand. We are brought up short, put in our place, given a dose of reality. Who is God? Who is in charge? Who is the greatest?

We begin with a passage from the prophet Malachi, one of the latest prophets, who wrote after the Jews returned from Babylon. Calling the people to task in God's name, he condemns the divisions and false teachings that have arisen, reminding them that all were created by the one God. Paul tells the Thessalonians the same thing, but in a positive way--praising them for remembering that it is God who is at work within them.

Finally, the Gospel presents Jesus speaking out against hypocrisy and vainglory. "You have but one teacher . . . you have but one Father" (Matthew 23:8, 9). We are firmly put in our place. God is in charge.

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.

--Anonymous

Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck leads the flock to fly and follow.

--Chinese proverb

The greatest among you must be your servant.

-- Matthew 23:11

IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN MARCOS: MINISTERIO HISPANO

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Hora Santa.....	1er viernes de cada mes a las 7:30pm
Grupo de renovación carismática	2nd, 3ro y 4to viernes de cada mes a las 7:30pm

HORARIO DE MISAS

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

Miércoles: 6:30 p.m.

Sábados: 9 a.m.

Sábado: 5 p.m.

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

1 p.m. Bilingüe (español-inglés)

5 p.m. Misa de jóvenes

SACRAMENTOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Bautizos: Clases todos los segundos sábados de cada mes de 10 a.m. a 12 p.m.

Celebración del Bautismo todos los segundos domingos de cada mes a las 3 p.m.

Matrimonios: Clases Pre-Matrimoniales, favor avisar con seis meses de anticipación.

Quinceañeras: Avisar con cuatro meses de anticipación.

AUNCIOS SEMANALES

Rosarios hechos a manos

Si le gustaría aprender cómo hacer hermosos rosarios y compartirlos con hombres y mujeres que sirven en el ejército o con familias que acuden a diferentes organizaciones caritativas, puede enviar un correo a susan_wild@msn.com. Si desea hablar con alguien en español, puede comunicarse con Aida Irizarry al 704-721-7919.

Colecta anual de abrigos, cobijas y juguetes

Colaboremos con esta noble causa ayudando a familias e individuos en necesidad. Traiga artículos que aún se encuentren en buen estado el sábado 12 de noviembre entre 4:30 pm y 6:30 pm y el domingo 13 de noviembre después de todas las misas, en el pasillo de la iglesia. Se necesitan voluntarios adultos que hablen español para esta actividad. Por favor comuníquese con Stephanie

Panizza al 704-895-6341 si desea servir como voluntario o tiene alguna pregunta.

Campaña del Día de Acción de Gracias

A partir del 5 de noviembre al 15 de noviembre se estarán colectando las donaciones de artículos de comida no perecederos (vegetales/frutas enlatadas, arroz, papas, manzanas, etc.) los cuales pueden dejarse en el centro parroquiano. Si desea aportar dando tarjetas de regalo para comprar despensa, puede dejarlas en la oficina de la parroquia o entregarlas a Shannon Boyle Sukits (704-895-5928).

Exposición Perpetua al Santísimo Sacramento

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo está expuesto en la Capilla 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana. Ven a visitarlo y a pasar un momento en la presencia de Jesús Sacramentado.

Compare Foods

Los supermercados Compare Food Store del área de Charlotte donarán 5% del total de sus compras a nuestra parroquia. Hay una caja identificada con el logo de Compare Food Stores en el pasillo de la iglesia cerca de la oficina durante la semana y esa misma caja estará en la entrada de la iglesia los domingos para que usted pueda colocar allí sus recibos. Por favor ayude a nuestra iglesia trayendo sus recibos de Compare Food Store.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30

- 12:15 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 3 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 6 p.m. Life Teen (Parish Hall and Kitchen)

Monday, October 31

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Room 203)
- 9:45 a.m. St. Mark Playgroup (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. LT Core Team Mtg (Room 215)
- 7 p.m. LT - Going Deeper (Room 215)

Tuesday, November 1 *All Saints Day, Parish Offices*

Closed

- 6:30 p.m. Elder Min Dinner Club (O'Charley's restaurant, Huntersville)

Wednesday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Room 203)
- 10 a.m. CALL Biblical Walk Through the Mass (Room 204)
- 10 a.m. Moving On After Moving In (Rooms 200, 201, 202)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Cooking (Kitchen)
- 11:15 a.m. Active Older Adult Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 1 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 202)
- 4:30 p.m. Operation Sandwich (Parish Hall and Kitchen)
- 7 p.m. Catholic Athletes for Christ (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 7 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 202)
- 7 p.m. MS Bible Study (Room 215)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (St. Mark School Library)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 200)
- 7 p.m. Troop 97 Comm/Scoutmasters Mtg (Room 204)
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Thursday, November 3

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Room 203)
- 10 a.m. Women of Joy Bible Study (Parish Hall, Room 202 (Babysitting))
- 11 a.m. RESPITE (Elder Min CANCELLED)
- 3 p.m. St. Mark School IFBL (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Room 200, 201)
- 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Church)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy Bible Study (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. Ladies AOH (Room 204)

Friday, November 4

- 7 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group (Rooms 200, 201)
- 9:30 a.m. Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal & Rosary (Church)
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Rooms 200 & 203)
- 12 p.m. Homeschool Mass (Church)
- 1 p.m. Homeschool Ministry (Parish Hall and Rooms 200, 201, 202)
- 1:30 p.m. Eld Min - The Shufflers (The Glens at Birkdale Commons)
- 3 p.m. LT - Eucharistic Adoration (Adoration Chapel)
- 3:30 p.m. Praise Dance Practice (Rooms 200, 201)
- 6:30 p.m. EDGE Babysitting (Parish Hall, Kitchen and Nursery)
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 97 Den Meetings (Rooms 200-204)
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group (Church)

Saturday, November 5 *Angel Tree Gifts Available For Selection; Bake Sale After All Masses*

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Room 200)
- 9 a.m. Angel Trees (set up) (Parish Hall/Hallway)
- 9 a.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 202)
- 10 a.m. CRP - Phase I - Scripture (Room 204)
- 11 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Parish Hall)

Sunday, November 6 *Angel Tree Gifts Available For Selection; Bake Sale After All Masses*

- 2 p.m. BSA-Sculpture Merit Badge Counseling (Room 204)
- 2:15 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Rooms 200 - 203)
- 3 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 6 p.m. Life Teen (Parish Hall and Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks

For more information on parish 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Shawn & Melissa Charles and family, Barbara Collins, James Donaghy, Dylan Flichum, Adalaide Fox, Rosemary Keeley, Rob Lamont, Karen Losabi, Anne-Marie Macielag, Loretta Matarese, Jane Rosso, Alexandra Schaney, Malcom St. Clair, Joanne Turek, Adele Yakupkovich, and all our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

USS CHOSIN - Lt. Carter Stapleton

USS MASON - ENS Jenna Hehn, USN

USS TRUMAN - AM1 John Caldwell (VFA 32)

Afghanistan - Spc. Frank Christopher Dunning, Chad Kiekhaefer

Iraq - Staff Sergeant James Henry Carter, III; Sgt. Christopher Holden. PFC Albert Hadley, Infantry/Scout; Spc Jonathan Hooper, US Army Airborne; PFC NCARNG Derek Koontz; Staff Sgt. Andrew Vranek, USAF

Monterey, CA - Maj. Scott Michael Breece USAF

Jacksonville, FL - Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Balot, USN, NAS

Oceana, NAS - LTJG William Vey III

Camp Pendleton, CA - USMC LCPL Jon C. Atkinson

Fort Benning, GA - PFC Jacob Alexander

Annapolis, MD - Matthew Hartung at USNA

Camp LeJeune, NC - USMC Sgt. Samuel T. Myers

Fort Bragg, NC - MSgt. Patrick Heffernan

Charleston, SC - Ensign Ryan P. Veatch (US Navy)

Cherry Point Marine Air Station, NC USMC Corporal Edward Keller III

Patuxent NAS, Maryland Samantha Stoelting, USN

Norfolk, VA MM3 Christopher Heim

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 31

7 a.m. Charlotte Waldruff

9 a.m. +Rita Slanina

7 p.m. +Margaret Sztandarowski (deceased)

Tuesday, Nov. 1 All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

7 a.m. +Helen Dittus

9 a.m. Nancy McGahey

7 p.m. +Juan Jose Leon Cruz

Wednesday, Nov. 2

7 a.m. +Deceased Parishioners

9 a.m. +Deceased Parishioners

6:30 p.m. +Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, Nov. 3

7 a.m. +Martin Brennan, Sr.

9 a.m. +Jorge Beltran

Friday, Nov. 4

7 a.m. +George Pacella

9 a.m. +Wanda Cuvelier

12 p.m. +Adele Fox (Home School)

Saturday, Nov. 5

9 a.m. +Jerome Bellow

5 p.m. Anne Cleary

Sunday, Nov. 6

7:30 a.m. +Bob Phelps

9 a.m. +Thomas Kanar

11 a.m. +Nicole Gazaille

1 p.m. St. Mark Parishioners

5 p.m. +James Kilkenny

6:30p.m. +Adelina Villafane (Davidson College)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Melinda "Shea" Eiland, Craig & Teresita Gaitan, Sarah Gillon, Sean & Hannah Mangan, Charlotte Martin, Brian & Tabitha Merritt, Mary Ann Skurta, Derek & Kelley Slovak, Michael & Tricia Turner, Andy & Bruni Valentin, Joseph & Rosemary Vargas, David Leo & Adrienne Winterhalter

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Welcome, Little Ones, to Our Catholic Faith Community!

Emmanuel Espinal, Joseph David Gonzalez, Jillianne Aubrey Nicastro, Julia Grace Nicastro, Violet Louise Sakowski, Caroline Brigid Sills



PARISH LIFE

ST MARK CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet on December 14 at 6 PM in St Mark Rectory on 15415 Ranson Road (directly across from the church)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 19. If you've selected a star from our Wish List poster, please return the item to the blue bin labeled "Christmas Bazaar" in the Parish Center. We especially need gently used handbags and handmade crafts donations. If you own a business, consider becoming a sponsor or donating items for our raffle baskets. We also are in need of volunteers: teens can earn community service hours. **Registration is open for Milk & Cookies with Santa!** We sell out of space every year at this popular event. Find the registration form and how to help at StMarkChristmasBazaar.com. Info: Pam (704-895-6732; Christmas.Bazaar@StMarkNC.org).

LECTOR TRAINING

There are two training sessions scheduled for anyone (*and that includes teens 14 and older, so don't be shy!*). You only need to attend one training session, so pick the date that works for you. What could be easier? We will meet **in the church** on the following dates: Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Monday, November 14, 7-9 p.m. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Nancy McGahey (704-947-9334; nancymcgahey@bellsouth.net).

SPECIAL NEEDS NURSERY

Our nursery for developmentally delayed children ages 2-6 is available during the 9 a.m. Mass every Sunday. This is a free service and is run by special education teachers and a pediatric physical therapist. If your child would benefit from play and faith development with our staff, while you and your family attend Mass, then please register by contacting Connie Andrews (704-489-6099; conand@charter.net).

STEWARDSHIP

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS ASSESSMENT

Thanks to all parishioners who have contributed to the Second Collection for the "Priests' Retirement and Benefits Assessment." It's not too late to contribute to this fund as we still need approximately \$14,000 to meet our Diocesan assessment of \$62,397. Please use either the envelope in your packet, or use a separate envelope and label it Priests' Retirement. Again, thank you for your generosity and caring for our priests!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

If you would like your child to learn "hands-on" experience with sharing their gifts, consider having them use their own

special complimentary envelopes. Let them share how they have helped Mom and Dad, been kind to a classmate, prayed for a sick friend, etc. Please see an usher or the St. Mark welcome representative after Mass to pick up your child's envelopes.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT RIGHT HERE AT ST. MARK!

Visit the St. Mark website, www.stmarknc.org, click on the Serving Our Church tab, then click on Ministry Contact List for a complete list of all the ministry opportunities in our parish. Or contact St. Mark's ministry volunteer coordinator, Rosemary Keeley, at rosemary_keeley@att.net.

FINANCIAL MATTERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

CENSUS

4,504 currently registered families

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

CURRENT MONTH

	ACTUAL \$ AMT	BUDGET \$ AMT	Variance to Budget
GENERAL OFFERTORY	\$ 106,982		
DIRECT GIVE PROGRAM	\$ 31,015		
TOTAL SEPTEMBER 2011	\$ 137,997	\$ 123,000	\$ 14,997
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE, (JUL '11 - SEP '11)	\$ 445,643	\$ 395,000	\$ 50,643

COMMUNITY LIFE

THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

The annual Thanksgiving Meal drive is once again underway. All donations will provide assistance to needy families in the Lake Norman area. We are collecting grocery store gift cards to Food Lion & bags of nonperishable food items (stuffing, canned fruit/vegetables, rice, potatoes, sweet pot., apples, etc.) Collection will occur Nov 5-15. Please drop off food items in the box located in the Family Center; Gift cards can be dropped off in the Parish office, in the church poor box (located on the back wall of the Narthex) or to Shannon Boyle Sukits (704-895-5928).

ANGEL TREE

We will be setting up the Christmas trees on November 4th and the ANGELS will be available after all Masses the weekend of November 5th and November 12th. Gifts will be due back the weekend of November 26th and December 3rd. ALL gifts will be delivered on Monday December 5th therefore we must have everything back by the deadline. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late gifts!!!!.

ANNUAL COAT/BLANKET/TOY DRIVE

A drive to serve the people in need in our parish and local area will be held Nov. 14th and 15th. 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. 12th between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 13th 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. We are in need of Spanish speaking adults who can help during the drive.

ADA JENKINS WALKATHON

Join us Saturday, November 5, at the Antiquity subdivision in Cornelius, anytime between 9 and 3 to support the Ada Jenkins Center in Davidson. All ages are welcome! Participants will earn community service hours for the time they spend walking! To register, donate or download pledge forms please go to www.adajenkins.org/events/walkathon. Anyone raising \$100 or more will be entered into a raffle for an iPad! Hope to see you there!

A BIG THANKS FROM CATHERINE'S HOUSE

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and especially the women and children whom we serve at Catherine's House, I want to thank you sincerely for your support of our car raffle. We received over \$90,000 in ticket sales and many donations given towards the fundraiser. I am truly in awe of your generosity!! The lucky winner this year was Rachel Zevan from Saint Teresa, Mooresville. I would say that we are all winners for helping women and children in their time of need. Again, thank you and God bless.

Sister Carmelita Hagan, RSM

HOSPICE IN HOME HOLIDAYS

Celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by brightening the day for a Hospice in-home patient and their family. During this giving season, Hospice patients often do not have the energy or resources to prepare a celebration. We are asking for your help by providing one or more of our patients with a prepared or unprepared meal. Please contact Mary Fink at mary@navarac.com or 704-905-6686 to sign-up or request more information. Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ST MARK COUNCIL KNIGHTS

- ◆ We are pleased to report that the following Brother Knights joined the St Mark Council on Monday, October 3rd: Tom Martin, Jared Cacciola, and Ray Bayly.
- ◆ Brother Knight, Jim Armstrong advanced to his 2nd Degree on Sept. 17th
- ◆ Brother Knights, Jim Armstrong, Don Phipps, and Pedro Westbrook advanced to their 3rd Degree on October 1st
- ◆ Two new Brother Knights transferred into our Council: Robert Jarosz, and Paul Mescall

THANK YOU PARISIONERS AND FRIENDS FOR SUPPORTING THE YARD SALE

It was a busy day at St. Mark Church on October 8th. It looked like a small town with so many people milling about. The Knights of Columbus held its annual Yard Sale and BBQ fundraising event. The Knights funded a day at Carowinds for the Altar Servers with the bus departing around 8AM. The parking lot was full of vendors selling everything from clothes to pumpkins. Confirmation classes

ended around noon just in time to enjoy BBQ before heading home. Of course there was a wedding ceremony and the ensuing celebration. After packing up the leftover yard sale goods and BBQ, the Hispanic community came in to start preparation for their gala event for drawing the winners of various wonderful prizes. The proceeds from the yard sale, BBQ and prize drawings went toward debt reduction and community/charitable related programs. We had beautiful weather and a good number of volunteers. Many students contributed community service hours as well. St Mark Church is blessed to be such a busy Parish. Thank you – everyone!

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Our next meeting is being held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:30pm in room 200. All Knights, please attend. All Catholic gentlemen welcome as guests.

Interested in joining? Want more information? Want to suggest an event? Send us an email at event-info@kofcncstmark.org or visit kofcncstmark.org.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

Liturgical Minister Schedule - November 5th & 6th						
Mass Time	5 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	5 p.m.
Altar Servers	C&B Johnny Benson 1 Victor Anastacio 2 Timothy Anastacio	C&B Maria Martucci 1 Jimmy Sides 2 Ethan Schneider	C&B Holden Rizzo 1 John Brown 2 Luke Pressley	C&B Aidan McSweeney 1 Edward Sturt 2 Rebekah McCrowey	C&B Fabrizio Campoverde 1 Edwin Luna 2 Enzo Capoverde 3 Jose Vasquez	C&B Stephen Hack 1 Daniel Martin 2 Cassidy Kelley
Lectors	1 James Hallock 2 Mary Alice Hollars	1 Jean Caudle 2 Ed Hartle	1 Bob Hogan 2 Cathy Schneider	1 Mary Jane Zimmerman 2 Doug Rubel	1 Andrea Solorzano 2 Martha Flores	1 Zack Martin 2 Sarah Hardin
Eucharistic Ministers	H1 Oscar Bernardo H1A Marie Josee LeFever H2 Martha Fleming H2A Jeana Vranich H5 Jerry Jacobus H5A Charles Vranich H6 Jeanne Burner H6A Bob Burner C9 Ray FitzGerald C10 Jeanine Smetana C11 Joe Scallan C12 Colleen Willis C15 Jimmy Carter C16 Lisa Yelanich	H1 Anne Dixon H2 Mary Lou McDonald H5 Sandra Retort H6 Howard Gray C9 Gloria Varela C10 Andy Sikso C11 Dan Szajko C12 Lynn Ryan C15 Aurelia Brown C16 John Bottoms	H1 Mathew Ferrante H1A Mary Sumeracki H2 Marcela Preciado H2A Neva Westmoreland H3 Brenda Pugh H4 Bill Pugh H5 Stacia Breit H5A Mary Wincek H6 Jeff Salber H6A Sandra Dermody C9 Ann Bucci C10 Lori Dell C11 Paula Marks C12 Valerie Murphy C15 Amy Marin C16 Ryan Kerfien	H1 Zach Martin H1A Vicki Sherwood H2 Pat Piedmonte H2A Kim McCrowey H3 Paul Danie H4 Danielle Smith H5 Fran Slavik H5A Linda Slavik H6 Ben Liuzzo H6A Teri Liuzzo C9 Sue Schober C10 J. Leigh Biasucci C11 Lisa Diaz C12 Helen Draheim C15 Leanne Vaccaro C16 Steven Malay	H5 Fernando Camoverde H6 Gladis Campoverde C11 Mariela Buscagila C12 Elsa De la Cruz C15 Silvio Ocampo C16 Miriam Hernandez	H1 Kim Abrams H1A Jackie Campo H2 Caroline Conrad H2A Christopher Hack H5 Bethany Janos H5A Peter Liuzzo H6 Morgan Marin H6A Matt Martin C9 Daniel Pressley C10 Toni Abrams C11 Hank Ausdenmoore C12 Dick Christian C15 Richard Clancey C16 Lisa Craven
Ushers						T1 Anna Chitwood T2 Emily Pressley T3 Andrew Kaveler T4 Alexi Panizza T5 Zack Pressley A1 Jeff Merk A2 Todd Williamson
Coordinators	Connie Fisher	Jean Caudle	Lori Dell	Danielle Smith	Deacon Edwin	Richard Clancey

ELDER MINISTRY

THANKSGIVING BANQUET

Join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday, November 17th at 11 a.m. for an opportunity to give thanks and to share a meal with friends and neighbors. We'll be serving turkey, dressing and all the trimmings! Prior to our meal, Richard von Stamwitz, MS Ed. will speak about "The Wisdom Years." His presentation will examine the transition of retirement and senior adulthood in America in light of the Christian faith. The session will look at the meaning and expectations of retirement, the cultivation of the creative spirit, finding meaning and purpose and acceptance of the freedoms and difficulties of aging. Cost of lunch is \$3. Call 704-947-4885 BY November 10th to register.

ANGELS & SPARROWS SOUP KITCHEN

This organization is committed to providing food and nourishment for the bodies and souls of men, women and children who face hunger in their daily lives. They hope to provide a sense of community for those persons affected by hunger and a Christian response to the real world based on the teachings of Christ Jesus. The Elder Ministry has a team of older adults that are part of this living ministry. We provide a team of eight adults on the 2nd Monday and 3rd Tuesday every month to prepare and serve lunch. Our team is in need of additional volunteers and substitute volunteers. Your commitment can be monthly, every other month or just as a substitute. Consider sharing your time to serve those less fortunate. Contact Nora FitzGerald at 704-992-1702 or IrishColleen45@aol.com to join our team and for further information.

DINNER CLUB (Ladies and Gentlemen age 55+)

This is a wonderful way to meet fellow parishioners while enjoying a meal out. Our next get-together will be

Tuesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. We will be dining at O'Charley's Restaurant in Huntersville (16609 Statesville Road). Call Maryann at 704-947-0597 or Lorraine (daytime # 704-988-3007) no later than 5 p.m. on October 31st so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made. Please make a reservation *only* if you are certain to be joining us for dinner.

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT EXERCISE

Join Sabrina Golden in the Parish Hall on Wednesday's from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Class begins with prayer, ends with a devotion and you'll exercise to Christian music. Sabrina will lead you in a warm-up, strength training (with light weights, bands and tubes) and stretching; this is a total body exercise class.

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.

THE LUNCH BUNCH!

Join fellow parishioners at Choplin's Restaurant in Cornelius (off Catawba Avenue at 19700 One Norman Blvd.) on Friday, November 11th at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and fellowship. Whether you are trying to meet new friends or just wanting to relax with current friends, come and enjoy this opportunity to visit with your fellow parishioners. **Please call Janice (704-892-4247) A.S.A.P.** so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN

A Memorial Mass for those touched by the loss of a child. Sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston - Family Life Office and Diocese of Charlotte - Respect Life Program. Hosted by the Oratory in Rock Hill. If you have lost a child, before or after birth, through miscarriage, illness, accident or reasons known only to God and you, join us for prayer, reflection and fellowship. 10:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, November 12, at The Oratory, Rock Hill, SC. For more information, contact the Respect Life Program, 704-370-3229 or Email: mnadol@charlottediocese.org.

DRINKING WATER FOR GHANA

Kelly Pettersen, a MACS graduate and parishioner of Saint Mark, will be travelling to Northern Ghana over Christmas break to build water treatment systems in rural villages. Approximately one million people lack access to clean drinking water in this region. She will be going with Community Water Solutions, a non-profit organization that has successfully established permanent sources of drinking water for over 800,000 people in North Ghana. To sponsor her, visit www.crowdrise.com/kellylp/fundraiser/ KellyPettersen or email kellylorraine@carolina.rr.com.

LIFE NIGHTS!

- ◆ Sun., Oct. 30: **XLT w/ Adoration and Praise & Worship**, followed by an Ice Cream Social!
- ◆ Sun., Nov. 6: **Picture Perfect**
- ◆ **Fall Retreat at Camp Thunderbird!** Forms & deposit due now! Every fall, we bring about 50 high school teens to this retreat down at Camp Thunderbird for a great mix of food, friends, fun, some great talks and sharing with Fr. Miller and the Life Teen Core Team, along with some great music, bonfire and more! Help you teen help themselves to a deeper portion of their Catholic life! This is particularly a great retreat for freshman, as it allows them to get to know other parish teens and really connect. Link to form: http://www.stmarklifeteen.com/@/Files/_files/208/file.pdf

TALENT SHOW DINNER & FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, January 14th we are hosting this show and dinner not only to raise funds for our service projects for teens, but to have fun with other parishioners and families! We are looking for help in a few areas:

- ◆ Know someone with a particular talent? Singing? Dancing? Playing a Musical Instrument? Some other Talent? Please contact Tim Flynn at stmarklifeteen@gmail.com
- ◆ Interested in Putting Together a Gift Basket, or donating something for our Silent Auction? Please contact Ann Whipp at sawhipp@hotmail.com or (704) 896-2595. Can you help with Setup? Serving & Cleanup? Ticket Sales? Pictures?

COVECREST SUMMER CAMP 2012!

Forms due now! Target date is June 11-16, 2012. Registration opens Nov. 1st and will be sold out by the end of the day, so I need your form and \$100 deposit! *Open to rising 9th graders!* Link to form: www.stmarklifeteen.com/@/Files/_files/202/file.pdf

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2012 – CHARLESTON, SC!

July 15-21st! Pre-registration form & deposit due now! Only 20 spots left! 1st come, 1st serve. **Only 12 spots left!** *Open to rising 9th graders!* Link to form: www.stmarklifeteen.com/@/Files/_files/203/file.pdf

2011-12 REGISTRATION FORMS

10-12th grade parent, please get these forms in ASAP! Thanks!

CATHOLIC ATHLETES FOR CHRIST (CAC)!
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Next mtg: Wed., Nov. 2nd – Manhunt! - at the parish hall!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY!

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. in the LT office. Next mtg: Wed., Nov. 9th!

SERVICE OPPS!

Operation Sandwich for High School Youth! (Meet in the parish hall, 4-5:30 p.m.) We could use some adult help, if anyone is available. Also, younger siblings are welcome to attend! Next mtg: Wed., Nov. 2nd **Please r.s.v.p!**

NEW MASS CHANGES RESOURCE FOR PARENTS!

Here's a video put out by Life Teen for you as parents, concerning the new changes to the Mass. I hope it helps you get your own bearings, and lead your kids into a deeper and richer understanding of the Mass!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=3olf9ceELeQ&feature=related

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ Operation Christmas Child: Thu., Dec. 1, 2011
- ◆ March for Life: Jan. 22-23, 2012
- Youth 2000 Retreat: Feb. 10-12, 2012

MORE INFO?

www.stmarklifeteen.com or e-mail Life Teen Coordinator Tim Flynn stmarklifeteen@gmail.com



FAITH FORMATION

JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH

For the first time, in stunning, high-definition cinematography, the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith is illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. From the sacred lands of the Bible to the beating heart of Africa, from the magnificent shrines of Europe to the streets of New York City, the boldness, intelligence, and mystery of Catholicism is revealed. The Ten-part documentary series will be featured each week during Faith Formation classes in the Parish hall on Monday 6:15 – 7:30 pm and Room 204 on Tuesday 6:15 – 7:30 pm. All are welcome to enjoy the mini-retreat opportunity to escape to a distant land and realize the roots of our Catholic Faith. Refreshments are served.

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, ALL CLASSES RESUME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

ST. MARK ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Costumes are being dug out, and scripts are being brushed off as we prepare for our Annual Christmas Pageant which is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 15th at 7 pm. Currently seeking children (ages 6 -18 up to play various roles in the pageant. Rehearsals for the pageant are Tuesday, 4:00 -5 pm in the Parish Hall beginning on Nov 15th. Contact dsmith18@bellsouth.net/704-948-1306 if your child is interested in being involved.

FALL FESTIVAL SUCCESS!

Many thanks to everyone who came to our 10th annual Fall Festival. Much fun was had by all, and our Faith Formation program made over \$4,000, which will go towards community service projects and camps throughout the year. Special thanks to Lisa Henderson, The Lang Family, Faye Nye, all of our second-grade classes and all of our wonderful middle-school catechists, parents and students who put so much time and energy to making this a great evening.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A NIGHT OUT FOR MOMS AND DADS!

The Edge & Faith Rocks students are pleased to present you with “free” baby-sitting on **Friday, November 4th from 6:30-9:30 pm** in the Parish Hall (a donation will be taken). Parents are always in need of a night out with inexpensive, but experienced and reliable sitters! Our Middle School students are excited to present an evening of games and movies for children **ages 6 months to 10 years**. We are only able to take **30 little ones** for this evening of fun, so reserve your spot today by contacting Mary Grace Alvord at marygrace.alvord@stmarknc.org or (704) 948-1306, x117.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 7 – 8:30pm, our Middle School students will gather in the Life Teen office (room 215) for a time of games, fellowship, and discovery of Christ through the Gospels! Join us November 2nd and 16th! If you are coming, email Mary Grace Alvord (marygrace.alvord@stmarknc.org).

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPERATION SANDWICH

A huge thanks to all who came to our last Operation Sandwich, which was a great success! Special thanks to Sara Lee, for donating the bread! Join us for our next Operation: November 9th in the Parish Hall from 4:30 – 6:30pm. The sandwiches we make will feed the people served by Urban Ministries. Email Mary Grace Alvord (marygrace.alvord@stmarknc.org) that you are coming!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BABYSITTING

Middle Schoolers: we need you! We are offering families free babysitting (donations accepted) Friday November 4th from 6:30 – 9:30pm. We need volunteers to help run games and babysit for the evening. This counts as service hours! Email Mary Grace Alvord (marygrace.alvord@stmarknc.org) for more information or to sign up!

DIRECT GIVE

EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECT GIVE

Enrolling in the Direct Give program is as easy as visiting www.stmarknc.org and clicking the Online Giving link. The Direct Give program provides multiple options for giving, including donations via checking accounts, savings accounts, credit cards, and/or debit cards. If you prefer, you can pick up a paper enrollment form from the Parish Office or at www.stmarknc.org/pdf/directgive.pdf.

After enrolling online, parishioners can set up an automatic donation schedule, change a donation schedule, make a one-time donation, or view the online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider Direct Give. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 to sort loose checks. Remember to use your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH REGISTRATION CHANGES

Please remember to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible! You may drop this form in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Please circle one:

Address Change

Other Change

Delete from Parish Roll

Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

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New Member to Family? _____

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