

Ministries at St. Mark

Liturgy Ministries ... Dick Christian (Liturgy@stmarknc.org)

- Altar Care
- Deaf Sign Language
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Ministry of the Word
- Altar Servers
- Family Centered Mass
- Music Ministry
- Art & Environment
- Homebound—Extraordinary Ministers
- Life Teen Ministry

Parish Life Ministries ...Stacey Wackerman

(Stacey.wackerman@stmarknc.org)

- Bereavement
- Children's Playgroup
- Disability Ministry
- Friendly Visitors to the Homebound
- Respect Life
- Welcoming
- Career Ministry
- Couples Dining Out
- Elizabeth Minsitry
- Nursery
- Social Events
- Women's Newcomer
- Young at Heart

Community Life Ministries ...Beth Zuhosky (beth.zuhosky@stmarknc.org)

- Angel Tree (Christmas)
- Home Assistance
- Donations Ministry
- Homeless Shelter
- Tithing
- Habitat for Humanity
- Services for the Needy

Stewardship Ministry ...David Hains (david@TVDave.com)

And Debbie Hains (Debbie@tvdave.com)

Education Ministries ...Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net)

Communication Ministry ...Heather Bellemore

(communications@stmarknc.org)

Elder Ministry ...Mary Alice Hollars (elderministry@bellsouth.net)

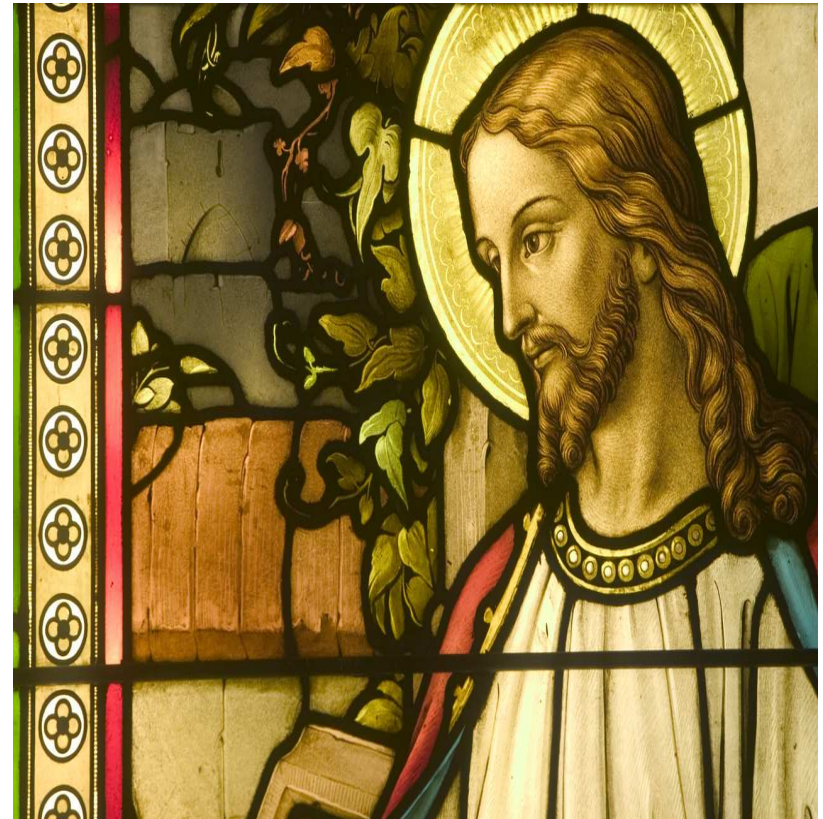
Hispanic Ministry ... Rosalba Rojas 704-895-8866

Pre-school ...Jane Petriella 704-948-8015

St. Mark Catholic Church

Mass Schedule: Monday—Friday 7 and 9 am; Saturday 9 am
Weekend: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 7:30 am,
9 am (signed for hearing impaired)
11 am, 12:30 pm (bi-lingual)
5 pm (Life Teen Mass)

“Seek and you shall Find”



Adult and Family Education Programs
Fall 2009

St. Mark Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Road
Huntersville, North Carolina

www.stmarknc.org
704-948-0231



September 2009

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that our Adult Education Committee present you with a summary of the educational opportunities for all here at St. Mark. Our parish family is diverse and it is our hope that through our Sunday liturgy and within our various ministries and programming that each of you can feel that St. Mark is home.

This handbook summarizes the current offerings available during the Fall 2009. Some of the programs are on-going throughout the year while others are specific to a date and time.

I ask that each of you allow yourselves the opportunity to seek and learn more about your Catholic Faith through our education offerings.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Richard
Pastor*

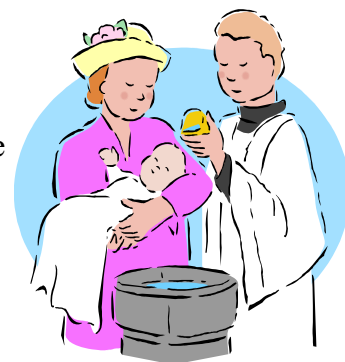
Sacrament Preparation

Baptism Preparation

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. (CC 1213)

Parents who want to have their child baptized (infant—6) please contact Tricia McCaa 704-948-0231 for preparation instructions.

Children (7 and older) and Adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism must go through a preparation process called Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Adults can contact Deacon Louie Pais 704-948-0231 or Donna Smith 704-948-1306 for children (age 7 and up).



Marriage Preparation

As you prepare for a life long commitment in marriage, we at St. Mark wish to support and celebrate with you the Sacrament of Marriage. This process takes between 6-9 months. There are five stages: (1) Initial contact with the Church, (2) Taking the FOCUS (Personality Survey cost \$35.00) , (3) Meeting with a married couple, (4) Meeting with a Priest or Deacon and (5) Participating in a one-day Diocesan Marriage Workshop or Engaged Encounter.

If you are planning to marry in the next year please contact: Deacon Louie Pais deacon.louie@stmarknc.org or Call 704-948-0231 ext 113.

Children and Youth (k-8th grade Religious Education)

In the Diocese of Charlotte, formal religious education begins in 1st grade with the students making their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion in 2nd grade.

Successful completion of our elementary program (1st—5th grade) is foundational for our young students allowing them to build upon their faith. Completion of 6th & 7th grade religious education is a prerequisite for our 8th grade EDGE program and successful completion of 6-8th grade is a prerequisite for our 9th grade Confirmation Program.

For more details about our programming, please go to www.stmarknc.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The process, instituted by Pope Paul VI on January 1972, by which adults are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. There are four stages: (1) Pre-Catechumenate (“Inquiry”), which attempts to answer questions, inviting the catechumens (the unbaptized or non-Catholics or Catholics who have never practiced) to begin personal prayer and provide a focus for the entire process; (2) Catechumenate, a period of intellectual and spiritual formation with an emphasis on Sacred Scripture (3) Election, the various rites begin on the First Sunday of Lent leading to the Easter Vigil; (4) Final Initiation, when the catechumens receive Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist while the candidates receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. (The Sacrament of Penance is received before the Easter Vigil for the candidates and after the Vigil for the catechumens.)

**Weekly sessions meet Wednesday 7-9 pm
Room 200 Parish Center**

**Contact Deacon Louie Pais Deacon.louie@stmarknc.org or
Call 704-948-0231 X 113**

Adult Confirmation Preparation—Fall 2009

Adults (18 and older) who have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church are invited to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program. Classes are:

*Wednesday, Oct 15, 22, 29 and Nov 5th
Room 200 in Parish Center*

Contact Deacon Louie Pais 704-948-0231 to register

Bible Study Programs...

Men’s Bible study is studying the **Book of Romans** using Catholic Scripture Study. The group meets on Wednesdays, Room 200 in the Parish Center from 7:30—9 pm beginning September 23rd. Cost for this is \$55.00 which covers the student binder and facilitator material.

Register on-line going to the Scripture Study International website: <http://www.cssprogram.net/?page=findclass>.

For further details

contact Paul Danie
pdanie@yahoo.com



Women of Joy...

Women’s Bible Study Program

Women’s Bible study is studying the **Book of Luke** using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. The WOJ meet Thursday mornings from 10-12 pm in the parish hall or Thursday evening 7-8:15 pm in the Parish Center.

Programs begins Sept 3rd, however there is still room for additional participants. Contact Joan McSweeney seanwmcsweeney@bellsouth.net



**Mark your calendars...
Women of Joy Women’s
Retreat**

**Living the Gospel: Growing in Christ in your Daily
Life**

Fr. Patrick Wainright MC

**Friday, Oct 30th 7-9 pm (St. Mark School)
Saturday, October 31st 9-5 pm (St. Mark School)**

Adult Education...



Continuing Education for Interested Adults and Catechists

The Continuing Education program is an excellent opportunity for any adult, especially those working with our children and youth in the classroom for learning more about specific topics within the Four Pillars of our Catholic Faith.

Sacraments

This session introduces Sacramental theology, underlining the sacred nature of ordinary life, explaining why Jesus is The Sacrament and why a sacramental outlook is a distinguishing feature of Catholicism.

Monday Oct 5th 10-12 pm Room 204
Saturday Oct 10th 1-12 pm Room 200

Scripture

This session allows the participant to develop familiarity with the Bible and an elementary understanding of the Bible's meaning. The writings of the Bible, literary forms, the expression of truth as revealed in the Word of God and the use of the Bible for personal growth are explored.

Monday Nov 3rd 10-12 pm Room 204
Saturday Nov 7th 10-12 pm Room 200

Creed

This session teaches the basic tenants of the Catholic faith as found in the Creed. The participant is shown that faith is more a response than a concept, the Trinitarian character of the Christian faith is explored and the difference between faith and religion is discussed by using examples from daily life.

Monday Nov 30th 10-12 pm Room 204
Saturday Dec 5th 10-12 pm Room 200

Morality

This session demonstrates an understanding of how Christian morality is rooted in Scripture. Attention is drawn to the meaning of the Ten Commandments and to the Sermon on the Mount as a moral document for Christianity. The continual need for "conversion of the heart" and the importance of recognizing this in our daily lives.

Monday Jan 11th 10-12 pm Room 204
Saturday Jan 9th 10-12 pm Room 200

Youth Enrichment...

St. Mark is proud to present..

Chris Padgett

A brilliant songwriter, musician, speaker and worship leader. Chris Padgett travels around the world giving talks, missions and concerts.

All Teens in 6-12 grade are invited to join us for this event:



October 18th, 2009 5-8 pm

Mass at 5:00 pm (Church)

A Light Supper at 6:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Blessed, Broken & Given: Chris Padgett

Chris will be speaking on the topic: **Blessed, Broken and Given.**

In this talk Chris looks at the Scriptural passage where Jesus feeds the 5000 from the small gift of fish and bread given by a young boy. This reminds listeners that everyone is called to give what they have to the Master. This keynote is a strong reflection upon the Eucharist as well as our call to be willing and generous in response to God's request: "give them something to eat".

Students enrolled in our Sunday evening religious education program will have the opportunity that night to participate in the talk and all middle-school and youth of our parish are invited to participate.

If planning attending and currently not enrolled in our classes, contact Katie Herzing 704-948-1306 X117 or Katie.Herzing@gmail.com

Parent Enrichment...

Keeping Your Kids Catholic....

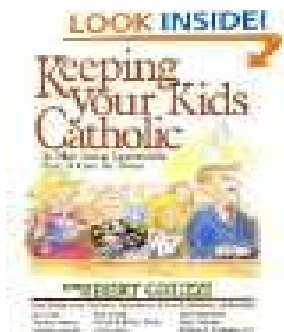
Based on the book **Keeping Your Kids Catholic** this informative interactive presentation and discussion will provide parents insights and practical ideas on how they can keep Christ centered within their home. This is a (2) week program offered on:

Tuesday Oct 13th 4:15—5:30 pm

Tuesday Oct 20st 4:15—5:30 pm

(All sessions in Parish Hall)

Contact Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net)
(Participants are asked to register by contacting Donna to ensure we have enough materials)



Sexting it is Real!

While it may be shocking, the practice of “sexting” - sending nude pictures via text message—it is not unusual, especially for teens around the country.

All parents of students should take time to find out more about this current sensation in the teen culture. Detective John Randazzo of the Criminal Division of the Huntersville Police Dept will provide insights about one of the fastest growing problems in our society.



Wednesday, Nov 4 7-8:30 pm
Parish Hall in Parish Center

Adult Education cont'd ...

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 5th 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 small fee to cover the book expense if the participant is new to the study. Registration forms are available on line (see tab) and costs \$24.00 to cover expense for book for new participants. Contact Linda Gray with questions 704-575-6979 or mslggray@gmail.com.

Teaching Mass

As Church tradition has held for centuries and as we are reminded in the Words of the Mass, we pray in the Mass for the Holy Spirit not only to transform the bread and wine—but also to transform those who worship into the Body of Christ on earth.

During the teaching Mass, Fr. Richard celebrates the Holy Mass, pausing and explaining the ritual and symbolism behind each movement of the Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for Adults to more fully understand the richness of our Faith and the beauty of the Mass.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009
St. Mark Church 7 pm
In Church
(Conducted by Msgr Bellow)



Spirituality

Discovering and Living Your Strengths

Based on the Living Your Strength Series by Winseman, Clifton and Liesveld, this series helps the participant identify their innate gifts, one's strengths and how they can apply this knowledge within their parish, personal and professional life.

Introduction to Living Your Strengths

Tuesday Nov 17th 7:30pm
Wednesday Mar 10th 1 pm or 7:30 pm

Come and see what Living Your Strengths is all about?
For registration and questions, contact Rosemary Keeley at 704-399-0672 or email rosemary_keeley@att.net

Living Your Strengths Series

The Living Your Strengths series will help you answer important questions:

1. What are my God-given talents?
2. Can I recognize the God-given talents of others?
3. Can I apply this knowledge in my parish, personal and professional life?

Living Your Strengths is both a book and a process. The process begins with an on-line questionnaire—the result of the Gallup Organization research with over 2 million people. The questionnaire takes only 30 minutes. Please register at least one week prior to start up date in order to purchase your book and complete the on-line survey. By taking the survey, you obtain a list of your top 5 strengths and can register for a 4-week exploration of your strengths and way God wants you to use them in your life.



For the book/surveys or for the series registration contact Rosemary Keeley, (rosemary_keeley@att.net)

Thursday, Oct 22, 28 and Nov 5, 12 (7-8:30 pm)
Thursday, Jan 7, 14, 21 28, 2010 (1:30—3 pm)
Monday Jan 11, 19, 25 and Feb 1, 2010 (7-8:30 pm)
Wednesday May 5, 12, 19 26, 2010 (1:30—3:00 pm)
Thursday May 6, 13, 20,27 2010 (7-8:30 pm)

Spirituality cont'd...

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

Details

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

Children's Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer is defined as "raising our mind and heart to God in Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation and Petition". Children ages 1-12 gather before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday 3:45—4:30 pm in the Chapel in the Parish Center. No experience is needed to participate; just a love of God and a desire to join others before the Lord and celebrate His love for us in prayer.

For more information, contact Christie Spinks
(704-947-3004)

Teen Eucharistic Adoration

Join other teens in prayer and fellowship as they gather

every Friday, 3-3:45 pm in the Chapel in the Parish Center. Contact Tim Flynn
stmarklifeteen@gmail.com for more info.

