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Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word...Nourished by the Sacraments... Guided by the Holy Spirit...We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need, to give our gifts and talents... to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Nursery available for 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Sharon Katzman.....Director of R.F.
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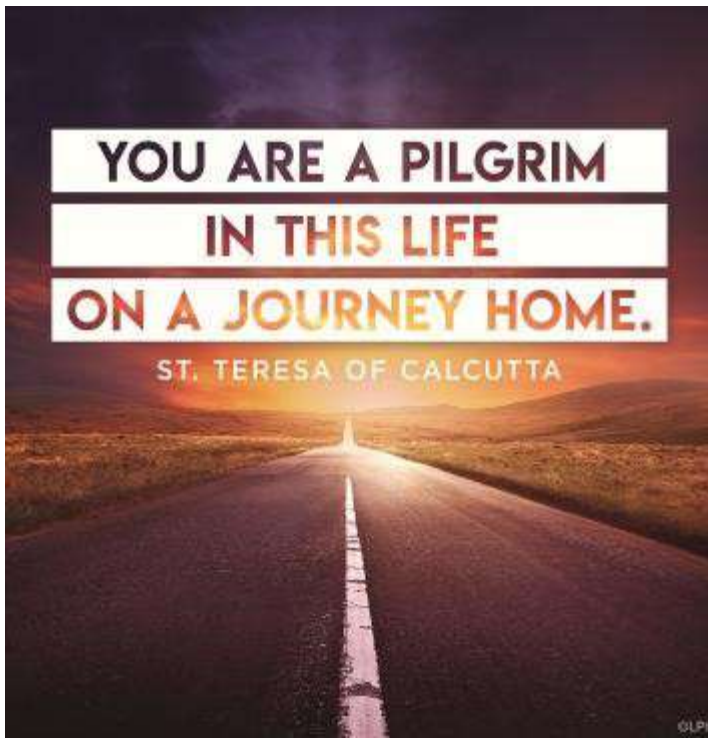
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who cannot attend Mass or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Office.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

COLUMBARIUM: Parishioners interested in procuring a Columbarium niche, call the Parish Office.



MASST INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|---|
| MON | 9/2 | | 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30 |
| TUES | 9/3 | 8:30am | <i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i> BARBARA AMELLA + 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37 |
| WED | 9/4 | 7:00pm | AUDRE F. MORRISON + Col 1:1-8; Lk 4: 38-44 |
| THU | 9/5 | 8:30am | ROSE HOLAHAN + Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11 |
| FRI | 9/6 | | Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39 |
| SAT | 9/7 | | <i>Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> |
| | | 5:30pm | LILY PEREGRINO + ANTHONY SELESTOW + |
| SUN | 9/8 | 8:30am | IDA SHOEMAKER + OLETA JANE HENDERSON + |
| | | 10:30am | STANLEY A. BORODEN JR. + Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 |

Father Anthony's Reflection:

Jesus is invited for dinner by a well to do Pharisee! Yes, a Pharisee and it is an invitation that he couldn't resist. Jesus makes recommendations to those who attended that one must be humble in heart and must be ready to invite the poor, crippled, the lame and the blind who cannot pay back the generosity. Every time we come to the celebration of the Eucharist, there is an open invitation for all of us from Christ. We must adhere to this invitation because we are poor, lame crippled and lame spiritually. We are incapable of paying back Christ for his kindness and mercy nonetheless, he never hesitates to invite us to his heavenly banquet. Jesus gives us a place of honor as long as we are humble in our hearts. When we ask ourselves the question;"Am I worthy?" A humble person is the one who feels that he or she is nothing compared to others, a person who cares for others without expecting to be paid back. He or she is ready to share with others in every way. A humble person is the one who wants to see others better than him or her. That is why our Christian faith calls us to empty ourselves for the sake of others, in the imitation of Christ. Let us therefore pray for the grace of humility to be of service of the Gospel and humanity. Amen



Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don and Susan DeGroot, Bryan Mendoza, Deacon Robert Esposito, Dawn Boroden, Sherry Savage, Leonardo V. Corpez, Jan Kilb, Trinika Skiptunas, Rose Kmetz, Emy Balmaceda, Jim Thomas, Jean Morgan, Grace Hopkins, Chandler Jacob, Christian and Dana Brewer, Diane Esposito, Luz Cardenas, Connie Collins, Suzie Neely, Chantal Rose Denman, Yolanda Santiaguél, Beth Park, Susan Parr, Abelino Santiaguél, Marilyn Miller, Paula Turgeon, Sarah Harrington, Zenaida Palompo, Harry Tennin, Mike Turner, Norma Comia, Margarita Qualle, Olive Stanley, Marlene Slate, Roberta Bernardini, Betty Wemhoff, Osbaldo Toledo, Alex Cooke, Francisco Solis, Jun Cruz, Fay Harrington, Ralph Knappa and Erlinda Mariado.

Welcome New Parishioners: Matthias and Julietta Einwallner and Aracely Flores Alonso

Justice and Peace

Food Pantry Item: peanut butter

Please visit the Justice & Peace page on our St. Mark parish web site for more information and other current/upcoming Justice & Peace focus, events, and opportunities. Updates also available and posted on Justice & Peace bulletin board weekly.

www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace



SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Our School Supply collection has ended Thank you to all who donated. Please watch bulletin and web site for an update on how you helped area children in need.



Cold Weather is coming!! For the months of September and October our Justice & Peace will be collecting winter clothing items. Items include: Gloves, Winter Hats, Men's socks, blankets, etc. Please visit the Justice & Peace

Bulletin Board for complete lists of needed items and more information.



Red Cross Blood Drive: Thursday, September 19th 2PM-7PM Let's show our community and the patients in need of blood just how much we can do. Schedule your donation appointment after all Masses this weekend August 31st/

September 1st. Contact: Joyce Gridley 675-6486 or

justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



Take a stand for life:

September 25 - November 3, our community will take part in "40 Days for Life Vigil". Join us as we pray for the end to abortion outside Planned Parenthood, Virginia Beach. St. Mark will have a

group on Mondays from 9am-10am and Tuesdays from 5pm-6pm. Contact: Joyce Gridley 675-6486.



For the month of **September** our **Diocese** will be focusing on the **Dignity of Work**. As we celebrate this Labor Day and throughout this month, please take a moment to pray for all those who continue to seek gainful

employment, and seek ways in which you can advocate for fair wages and an economy that "serves the people and not the other way round".

FEED OUR NEIGHBOR: Hats off to our Y3S youth for their great work preparing and serving dinner at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on August 18th. Thank you to all who donated needed food item we served a hamburger/cheese burger diner to 24 of our brothers and sisters in need.



DID YOU KNOW: Our Migrant Ministry was presented by Bishop Barry Knestout a certificate from President Trump for our work with the migrant ministry. Congratulations to Lita and Pert Razon our Migrant Ministry Coordinators and all our Migrant volunteers for their hard work and dedication.



This Week at Saint Mark September 2nd -September 8th

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| MON | OFFICE CLOSED NO FOOD PANTRY | |
| | Back to Office Hours 9am-3pm | |
| TUES | 8:30am | MASS |
| | 7:00pm | Liturgy Committee Meeting in the Conference Room |
| | 7:30pm | Adult Choir Practice |
| | 9:00pm | Cantor Practice |
| WED | 10:00am | Food Pantry in the Great Hall |
| | 7:00pm | MASS |
| THURS | 8:30am | MASS |
| | 9am-6pm | ADORATION |
| | 9:30am | Plann Ministry in the Great Hall |
| | 6:30pm | ROSARY |
| | 7:00pm | BENEDICTION |
| FRI | 9:30am | Moms Group in Conference Room |
| | 10:00am | Food Pantry in the Great Hall |
| | 6:30pm | First Friday Rosary |
| SAT | Baptisms Weekend | |
| | 11am-3pm | Parish Picnic |
| | 4:00pm | RECOILIATION |
| | 5:30pm | WEEKEND MASS |
| SUN | 8:30am | WEEKEND MASS |
| | 10:30am | WEEKEND MASS |
| | 11:45am | Youth Choir Rehearsal |
| | 1:00pm | Family Mass for Religious Formation |
| | 5:00pm-9pm | Knights Of Columbus Grand Knights in the Great Hall |

Do hear the call to Liturgical Ministry?



We are in need of Ushers at all Masses - not only men, but women and young people to be ministers of hospitality. Altar Servers for young people who received their First Communion and are at least 9 years old. Also, we are still in need of Parish Information

Team Members, especially for 5:30pm and 10:30am. Training available for all of these ministries. If you are interested in any of these ministries please contact Deacon Mike Johnson at 479-1010 or email - deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC?



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA is a process to learn and grow in the Catholic Christian Faith. It begins with Inquiry, where

you come to ask questions and determine if this is right for you. It is open to those who have never been Baptized or are coming from a different Christian Faith experience or not fully formed in the Catholic Faith. Formation sessions are conducted on Monday evenings, starting at 7:15pm. If you are interested please contact Deacon Mike Johnson at 479-1010 or deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org.



Greatest Parish Picnic EVER!
Saturday, September 7th
11am-3pm



Women's Book Club News!

Currently we are reading *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother* by Kate Hennessy. Our next meeting will be Tuesday,

September 10, 2019, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the St. Mark Library. Please consider joining us for a lively and informative discussion. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Bernadette Michalak at thehobbygirl@aol.com.

Financial Box Score –New Fiscal Year!

| Fiscal Year July-June | August 18 | Offertory Year to Date | Needed Year to Date | Excess/ Short |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$19,775 | \$118,317 | \$118,300 | \$17 |

Family Count: 1065
 Families using envelopes: 283
 Families using online donation: 99

From the Bookkeeper: ATTENTION ONLINE DONORS

We are in the process of migrating to a new online donation service so that we may consolidate all of our accounting programs under one umbrella. The new service also accepts credit cards as well as the direct debit choice we currently use. Our new online donation website is:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb> (this link is also on our website in a box titled Online Giving)

If you are currently an online donor, it would be a great help if you would sign up for online donation at our new site. I can cancel your donation on the older site once I see your name in the new one. Any trouble with this feature? If so, please call the office at 479-1010.



SENIORS
 (aka Wisdom Seekers)

Our Annual Memorial Mass/Potluck Luncheon is Friday, September 13th, at 12:30. Our group will meet in the Daily Chapel as we begin our fall session remembering our deceased members. Following mass we will enjoy our potluck luncheon in the Great Hall and catch up on activities and our fall schedule. Our functions and meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Should you have any questions, please call Sandy Barczak, 963-8598.



Drone Photograph St Mark is revamping our web page and would like to have photography of the Church and the property. We are looking for someone with experience, the equipment and the willingness to help. Contact Deacon John at: deacon_john@stmark-parish.org

FAITH

Pass It On!

Join us in passing our faith and in helping the children and teens of the parish grow in their personal relationship with Jesus! You don't have to be an expert—we provide training and support!

For the Sun 12:30pm Session, we need:

*1st Grade Lead

* 2nd Grade Co-Catechist

*5th Grade Co-Catechist

For Wed 5:30 Session, we need:

*4th Grade Co-Catechist

*5th Grade Lead & Co-catechist

*Sacramental Prep Co-Catechists

For the 6pm Session, we need:

*6th Grade Co-Catechist

*7th Grade Co-Catechist

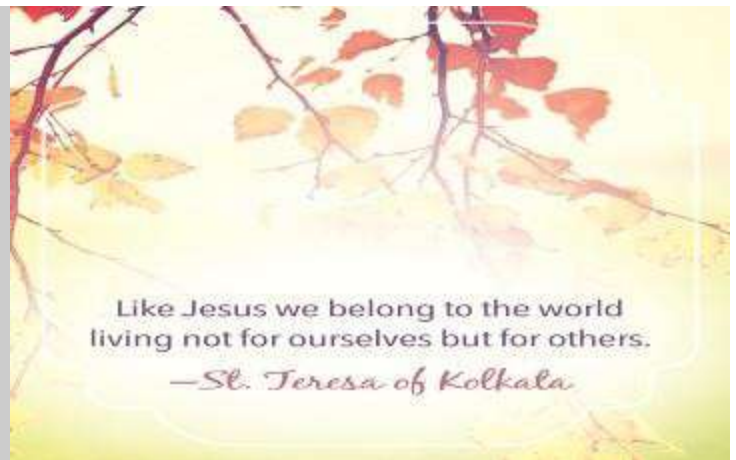
*9th Grade Catechist

Also important, we need:

*Substitutes for all grades

*Youth Mentors

Contact the Religious Formation Office for more information at 479-9897.



Like Jesus we belong to the world living not for ourselves but for others.

—St. Teresa of Kolkata



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Baptism Preparation Class
Saturday, September 28, 2019
9am-noon

POC: Sharon at 479-9897 or sharon@stmark-parish.org



Tickets are now available this weekend, after all masses.
POC: Marilou Huling at 757-553-7385



Saint Mark Music Ministry

Summer is almost over, students and teachers are back in school, and Labor Day is upon us.

The Music Ministry at St. Mark is returning to our normal seasonal schedule.

All Choirs return to work after Labor Day.

The Adult Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings starting September 4th at 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm

Adult Cantors will rehearse Wednesday evenings starting September 4th from 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on Sundays starting September 7th from 11:45 am until 12:45 pm

Our very young Cherub Singers will join youth choir on the 3rd Sundays of each month from 11:45 am until 12:15 pm... they will sing a

Gathering Hymn on Sundays at 8:30 am with the youth choirs.

We are always accepting adult and youth singers, cantors, and instrumentalists!

Please contact Music Director Michael K. Williams at 757-214-4649

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