



Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 24, 2023

SAINT MARK

The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2023



Welcome to St. Mark Catholic Church

Thank you for being a part of our parish, either as a visitor or a long-time parishioner.



Our Mission: We are all called as one by Christ to embrace the spirit of stewardship and engagement to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts and Connect in Faith. This mission is our quest for holiness. It is by our intentional discipleship that each of us become stewards of the gifts God has given us and to share them with others. Our time, our talent and our treasure is given to us by God to share with others by spreading the Gospel and building His kingdom.



There are two holy days of obligation this year — one to celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent and one to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. Please plan to attend one Mass from each day.



If you are attending Mass in the church, all of the readings can be found in the black St. Augustine Hymnal in the pews on the pages listed below. A separate music handout is available at the entrances. Please see an usher if you did not receive one. If you are at Christ the King Catholic High School, a handout will be provided with the readings for the Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass.

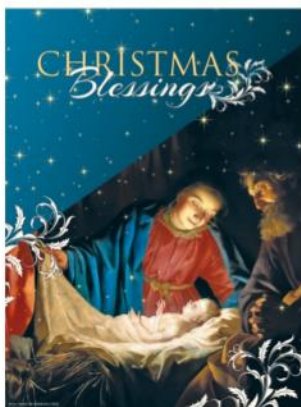


4th Sunday of Advent Readings and Mass Times:

December 23
4 pm and 6 pm (Spanish)

December 24
7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am

Hymnal page 957



Nativity of the Lord Readings and Mass Times:

December 24:
3 pm, 5 pm, Christ the King High School
4 pm, 6 pm (Spanish) 8 pm, Midnight
Vigil Mass Hymnal page 815
Midnight Mass Hymnal page 817

December 25
9 am
Christmas Day Hymnal page 820

Guidelines for Communion For Catholics

1. To be in a state of grace, that is to say, to be free from any unconfessed mortal sin.
2. To abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine.
3. To know what you are receiving and to approach the altar with devotion.
4. **St. Mark uses altar rails. Please go to the far end of the rail and either kneel to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or remain standing to receive in your hand. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended.**

For Non-Catholics: We welcome you to Holy Mass and are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate by singing, standing, kneeling, etc. However, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for Catholics in a state of grace. At the time of Communion, please feel free to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing or to remain in your pew. See page 1302 in the hymnal for more information.

We invite you to make St. Mark your parish home! If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Mark, please go to stmarknc.org/registration or scan the code. You may submit the form online or bring a paper copy to the Welcome Desk during normal business hours. Forms can be found in the narthex. Please know, you do not need to be Catholic to join and come to our parish.



Stay up-to-date on all happenings at the parish by following us on social media or signing up to receive our e-newsletter at stmarknc.org/emailnewsletter.

FROM THE PASTOR



There is just one day left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live this last day of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among

the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2023

Pastoral Pondering - Christmas is a wonderful time of year that comes and goes in the world much too quickly. The Church savors the principal holy days so that we can immerse ourselves more deeply in the profundity of their meaning. The world, however, because of rampant

consumerism, is putting out stock for Valentine's day before New Year's Day arrives. Hence, as Catholics, we must be very intentional about allowing our celebration of the Lord's Birth to continue even after the world has moved on.

With that in mind, I want to "plug" the resources that are available to our parishioners on [FORMED.org](https://formed.org), a tremendous Catholic online resource sponsored by the Augustine Institute. St. Mark has a parish subscription which provides access to the many FORMED resources to all our parishioners. You just need to sign up for a free account. Some of the resources that you can find there are: *How to Keep Your Kids Catholic*, *7 Keys to Catholic Parenting*, and daily Scripture reflections by some well-known Scripture scholars. There are also great resources for children, youth, and every other demographic. With the FORMED app for smartphones, you can also listen to podcasts that focus on issues of faith important to the particular vocation of the laity.

Finally, as we celebrate the Savior's birth, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas. As Father Yumo often said, *God is good all the time*, and He has shown His goodness in the gift of His Son. Thank you for being a part of this parish family and be assured that the priests, deacons, and staff are praying for you as we enter into this Holy Season. Please pray for us as well that we might be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and obedient to the call of the Father in our daily lives. Next week, I will get back to our discussion of marriage and family as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Until then, enjoy your week of Christmas joy!



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Please Pray For...

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Sharon Antoszyk	The Juster Family
Des Arrup	Steve Kaminski
Katherine Arvesu	The Kantra Family
Laura Ashley	Carol & Frank Kenny
Daisy Bayona	The Kube Family
Ofelia Beltran	Kelly Scherer Lang
Michelle Bissinger & Family	Jeanne LoPriore
Brian Blatchford & Family	Jane Mayhew
Don & Cathy Blackwell	Kay McAfee
Len & Michele Boos	Jim McLaughlin
Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Laura Mulvihill
John Brannon	Deacon Robert Murphy
Gretchen Burke	Michael Newton
Anne Caestecker	Keith Noble
Donna Castoria	Scott O'Halloran
Janelle Cataldo	Evelyn Pachana
William Conklin	Josie Pais
Dwight Corley	Shannon Peake
Shawn Davis	Mary Lynn Polly
Mary Deininger	Joette Reid
Emma Drummond	Lindsey Remington
James P. Durcan	Jose Raymond Rios
Jack Evans	Ronald Robinson
David Fogarty	Crys Roeder
Richard Foy	Marilyn Sacek
James Freer	Mickey Shannon
Elyse Pancheri-Freer	Deacon Ronald Sherwood & Family
Maureen K. Frost	Ben Smith
Matthew Giannone	Reese Tenga
(Navy LCDR)	Tom Thompson
Helen Haddad	Lucia Solis Vallarino
Ron Haley	Julio Velez
Dave Heaton	Lewis Vellia
Madeline Louise Henwood	Maria Vilchez
Pat Herkey	Vilchez Hernandez Family
Kevin Herman Sr.	Virginia (Ginny) White
Zohra Hunter-Rezgui	

To submit a prayer request visit: stmarknc.org/prayerchain.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 24, 2023

Sun. Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Mon. The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Mass During the night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Mass at Dawn: Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20
Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4,
5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Tue. Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab,
16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wed. Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Thu. Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-----2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Fri. Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sat. 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Sun. Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Mass Intentions

Sunday December 24

7:30 am † Frances Addamo
9 am Olga Roman
11 am † Lisa Tober
3 pm Ethan Volk
4 pm St. Mark Parishioners
5 pm Meira Volk
6 pm † Anne & Daniel J Cleary
8 pm St Mark Parishioners
11:55 pm All Souls In Purgatory & Conversion of Sinners

Monday December 25

9 am Jim & Sharon Pecka

Tuesday December 26

7 am Andrea & Belisario Solorzano
9 am Alex & Caitlin Collins

Wednesday December 27

7 am † Catherine Weiner
Emilio & Itsel Gomez
6:30 pm † Purgatorial Society Mass
† Michael & Rose Hopkins
† John Hopkins
† Angela Andreo
† Rose Yurick

Thursday December 28

7 am † Dual Gianechini
9 am Colin Pecka

Friday December 29

7 am † John Putnam Sr.
9 am Russell Pecka
7 pm Rosa Jimenez

Saturday December 30

9 am † Samuel N Nasife Sr.
5 pm † Marcella & Louis Clark

Sunday December 31

7:30 am † Bob Keating
9 am Family of Ly Nguyen
11 am Frank & Carol Dixon
1 pm † Don Bombay
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

† Deceased

Prayers For Our Military

Air Force: SrA Brennen Brown;
Airman Gregory Burke; Airman
Antoinio Diaz; Capt Stephen
Hack; Lt Col Douglas Lincoln;
Capt Ryan Loyd; Alejandro
Martinez; Sgt James McCormick;
SrA Benjamin Salber; Airman
Chloe Scott

Army: 1st Lt. Patrick Camatcho; Major Robert
Caraccilo; Lt Col Michael Dragoon; SSgt Darcy
Fisher; Kyle Hawk; PFC J. Parker Hogan; Pvt Chaz
Margo; Maj Daniel McCormick; Maria Morell; PV2
Matthew Pressley; Maj Stephen J. Romeo;
Andrew Santos; Capt Ramon Ricardo Tapia; Spl
Forces Nolan Tillotson; Josh Wagner; 1st Lt Nick
Worth; Sgt Matthew Quillinan

Marines: LCPL Richard Breier; Sgt Andrew Sales;
Maj. Matthew Santoli; Cpl Ben Holden

Navy: Lt. Albert Remmey, Jr.; LCDR Jordan Mayo;
STG E-4 Colton McLaughlin; OSSN Daniel Pressley;
LCDR Jenna Hehn Quist; ENS Tyler Spear; LCDR
William Vey; CTT2 Zachary Wortham...

and all service members not listed.

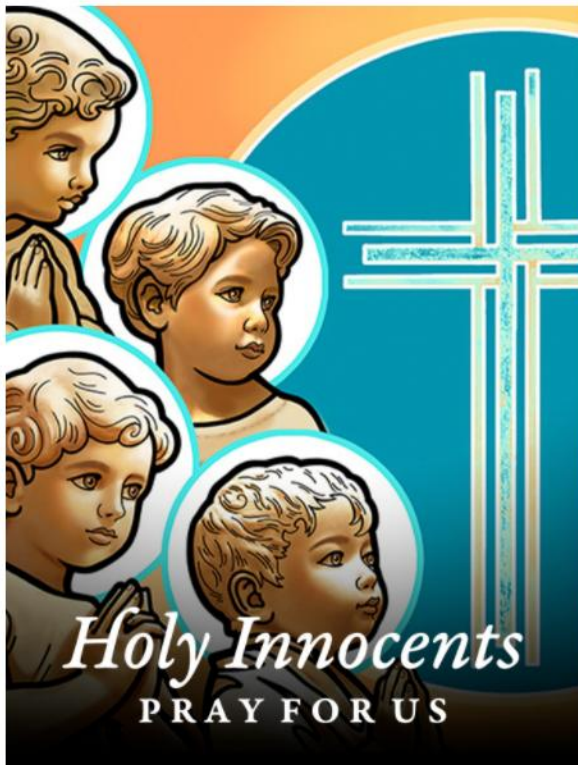


RESPECT LIFE

Feast of the Holy Innocents: Annual Holy Hour of Reparation

When: Thurs., Dec. 28, 7 pm

Where: Church



Each December 28, the parish hosts a Holy Hour of Reparation for the sins of abortion to commemorate the feast of the Holy Innocents, the little ones who were slaughtered by Herod in the name of Christ.

From 7-8 pm, St. Mark clergy will lead a special Holy Hour of Reparation to offer penance for today's innocents killed by abortion. With Charlotte being one of the leading abortion cities in the Southeast (10,000 annually), all are welcome to attend and offer prayers for an end to abortion.

The event is organized by St. Mark Respect Life Committee.

Questions: contact Mike FitzGerald at respect.life@stmarknc.org

Vigil of the Two Hearts: Fr. Carlson

When: Jan. 5 and 6 (See schedule below)

Where: Cathedral of St. Patrick, 1621 Dilworth Road E., Charlotte

Join us each first Friday through first Saturday in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, to pray for our families, offer penance for our sins (especially abortion) and pray for our nation's conversion. This is to honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance.

Devotion begins with 8 pm First Friday Mass, January 5 (offered by Fr. Carlson) followed by nocturnal Adoration and a holy hour of reparation at 9 pm and concluding with 8 am First Saturday Mass on January 6. All families and parishes are invited to adopt an hour!

Sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times and stay updated on future vigils by joining our email list at ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts or contact us at info@prolifecharlotte.org.

Walking with Moms in Need

Dear Parish friends,

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to share an update on St. Mark's new ministry, Walking With Moms In Need. Since our official launch in October, the call has been answered to help both pregnant, and mothers of young children in our community.

Starting with our first Parish-wide Diaper Drive, where we stocked three full shelves worth of both diapers and wipes, to coming alongside the Annual Coat and Toy Drive where we served 40 mothers.

We have provided diapers and wipes to the Lake Norman Pregnancy Center when they have been out of specific sizes.

Walking With Moms has also been asked to connect and support individual mothers, and soon to be mothers, with needs varying from not just diapers, but baby clothes and groceries.

With our volunteers' support, we were able to give bags of groceries to a pregnant mother who was 'down to her last vegetable' in her refrigerator. We have been able to give Food Lion and Harris Teeter gift cards to make sure a young mom and her three young children didn't go hungry that week.

Walking With Moms has provided a helping hand for moms that the Diocese connects with, then asks to send our way.

One of which, thanks to the Sidewalk Advocates and Fr. Peter Ascik at the Diocese's Family Life Office, made the

decision to walk out of the abortion clinic, and said yes to her baby, has truly started to turn things around for herself, and is happily awaiting the birth of her son while continuing her college courses. I regularly connect with her, and cannot wait to meet her baby boy once he arrives!

Earlier this December, WWMIN was asked to support a mom with a simple box or two of diapers. After hearing her heartbreaking story, and praying about it, our ministry not only provided diapers, but we gave warm winter clothes for her newborn baby girl, and provided her two small children with Christmas gifts.

Although Christmas gifts are not something we set out to do as a ministry, this was a certain circumstance where the mother stopped believing in God because of the devastation that has hit her family. After our prayers, donations, and gifts, I was thrilled to hear that she is now considering sending her 9-year-old daughter through the faith formation to receive her First Communion!

As you enjoy the time celebrating the start of the new year with your family and loved ones, please consider joining our ministry. Walking With Moms In Need is proving to be such an invaluable ministry at St. Mark, that is truly making a difference in women and children's lives.

To join our email list, and stay up to date on ways to get involved, please email stmarkwwmin@gmail.com.

God Bless & Happy New Year,
Liz Swanson



The Season of CHRISTMAS

We've had Eastertide, Allhallowtide,
and now it's Christmastide:

The Holy Season of Christmas!

While the rest of the world is packing things up, we as Catholics are just getting started. You will notice that it is only now that we adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias, Christmas trees, and our beautiful Nativity. It's time for the proverbial 12 days of Christmas, so let the festivities and Christmas Carols begin!

The first 8 days are known as the Octave of Christmas, a time of solemn rejoicing. In the Catholic Church, solemnity doesn't mean grim, it means the highest ranking which means serious rejoicing, pomp and glory. Each of these 8 days are celebrated just like they were Christmas day itself from Christmas Eve Vigil until the Solemnity of Mary on January 1.

In reality, there aren't always 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated on the first Sunday after January 1, and this year that date is January 7. The Christmas Season officially comes to end after Monday, January 8, when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

Try to keep your Christmas tree up until then, but if you cannot, at least keep your Nativity on display.

Christmas Calendar of Events

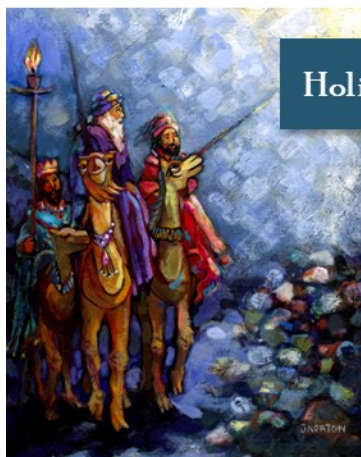
Make time for daily Mass to celebrate the Season of Christmas. Confession is offered 45 minutes before all Masses.

December 26	Feast of St. Stephen, 7 & 9 am
December 27	Feast of St. John the Apostle, 7 am & 6:30 pm
December 28	Feast of The Holy Innocents, 7 & 9 am Holy Hour of Reparation 7 pm
December 29	Feast of St. Thomas Becket, 7 & 9 am, 7 pm (sp)
December 31	Feast of the Holy Family Vigil Mass 5 pm (12/30) Feast Day 7:30, 9, 11 am, 1 pm (sp), 5 pm
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 7 & 9 am
January 2	Feast of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory, 7 & 9 am
January 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus, 7 am & 6:30 pm
January 4	Memorial St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 & 9 am
January 5	Memorial St. John Neumann, 7 & 9 am, 7 pm (sp)
January 6	Memorial St. Andre Bessette, 9 am
January 7	The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass 5 pm (1/6) Feast Day 7:30, 9, 11 am, 1 pm (sp), 5 pm
January 8	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 7 & 9 am
January 9	Ordinary Time Begins



The true joy of Christmas is not tied to wealth of goods under the tree, but to the abundance of love and generosity that fills our hearts and spills out to others. As we welcome baby Jesus into the manger, reflect on our own attitude towards the things we possess. Let us share with others who are less fortunate — not only material goods but share of ourselves.

Angel Tree gift cards are still needed for Mira Via and Missionaries of the Poor. If you can give, go to stmarknc.org/angel-tree.



Holiday Service Project for Families: Assemble Epiphany Home Blessing Kits!

Thursday, December 28, shifts from 9:30 am-7 pm, in the Parish Hall

Each year the parish provides Epiphany Home Blessing Kits for our parish families. It's a great way to prepare for the new year, but we need some help.

To assemble 2000 kits, we need people to help unbox and carefully fill bottles with Epiphany Water, fold prayer guides, break chalk, label bags, and package all of these items into bags and boxes.

Please sign up with your family by going to stmarknc.org/epiphany or scan the code. All those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Complete details in the SignUp Genius. Thank you!



PARISH LIFE



On this Holy Night a Room In the Inn

On Christmas night, we will host homeless men and women from Charlotte. Our Room In the Inn night takes place on Monday night; homelessness doesn't take a break from Christmas, New Year's Day or any other holiday. They don't need gifts or clothing (unless you want to donate from the supply request at stmarknc.org/RITI) but they do need our prayers. Please also pray for the people who volunteer for our Room In the Inn program. We have several people who have organized this program for years. We couldn't do it without people willing to drive back and forth from Charlotte, spend the night, launder sheets and clothing, come here at 5:30 am to prepare meals and drive them back to Charlotte, prepare and serve food.

We would also like to ask for prayers for the repose of the soul of Larry Hauser. Larry was integral in starting Room In the Inn and committed to serving the homeless in Charlotte. In truth, however, we need more help to continue his legacy. If you can drive, launder, serve at 5 am, or spend the night, we need you. Please go to stmarknc.org/RITI and prayerfully ask God if there is a way you can help.



A Christmas Gift from St. Mark Beautiful Eucharist

"How beautiful it is then that God gave us the Eucharist? It is His eternal invitation to come find Him, the only one who can truly fulfill the deepest desires of our hearts." - Bobby Angel, Beautiful Eucharist

As you know, St. Mark has given out books as a Christmas gift to our parishioners, which we are continuing to do again this year.

Over the years we have seen how the Holy Spirit has led us to choose something that will help us grow in our faith, deepening our relationship with the Lord. This year is no different! As we continue our year of Eucharistic Revival, we are especially excited to give to you the book *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly.

The Eucharist is beautiful. It is a gift that is given to us at Holy Mass and a beautiful gift that is also given to us each day and night in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. It is the gift of Jesus himself, body, blood, soul and divinity. All of Him contained in a little white host.

Years ago, I was a second grade Faith Formation teacher. Teaching second grade was my favorite year to teach. I was excited to help these little ones prepare for their first Holy Communion. Preparing them to receive Jesus for the very first time was such a blessing.

I took this role seriously because unfortunately so many people did not and sadly still do not believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Like this book invites us to better understand the gift of the Eucharist, I too wanted to help the second graders come to know and love Jesus in the Eucharist.

It can be difficult for us as adults to understand this mystery but that is our Catholic Faith.

For the children, after praying about it the thought of a multi vitamin came to my mind. I know this sounds a little crazy but bear with me. I explained to them that a multi vitamin is made up of all different vitamins. We cannot see all of them or taste all of them but they are there. I read the label with all of the different vitamins listed. We then tried to come up with additional examples. I remember one child offering her example of the many ingredients it takes to make a cake. She was very pleased with herself. The children started to open up their minds and hearts to the mystery of the Eucharist!

I went on to say that just as the host is made up of the Body of Christ. We can only see the host but we know that there is so much more to this little white piece of bread.

I share this with you today praying that this book will put a desire on your heart to look beyond the ordinary and to go deeper, encountering Jesus in the Eucharist in a new way.

Not only do we receive Jesus at Holy Mass, but He also invites us to come and spend time with Him in Our Adoration Chapel.

This Christmas season, I would like to invite you to come and spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Come and bring Him all the things that you carry in your heart.

If you are interested in finding out more about Eucharistic Adoration or registering for a Holy Hour, please email donna.fodale@stmarknc.org.

Peace,
Donna Fodale, Adoration Coordinator,
St. Mark Catholic Church

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund. During the Christmas Season, we will keep all in our prayers. We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list.

In Memory or Honor Of	M/M DiRubio	Allyson & Doug Riley	Helen & Bob Jaeger; Doris	Ms Aidee Martinez
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PARISH LIFE

Chris Stefanick at St. Mark: Get a REBOOT, Give a REBOOT

When: Wed., Jan. 10, 2024

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church

How often do we get caught in the hustle and bustle of life and forget to enjoy the moment? This happens often in family life and frequently around holidays. Celebrating our Savior's birth is an tremendous experience when you can take the time to enter into what is happening. This happens in our faith life too. Sometimes we are active in our faith and other times not. Now is the perfect time to make an early New Year's resolution. Resolve to get back into your faith. Get involved with the Church. One way to kick this off is to come to REBOOT that takes place on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm in the Church.

Come and hear Chris Stefanick give a presentation that will motivate you and make you want to go beyond where you are. Invite your friends and family and maybe even the co-worker with whom you have been discussing your faith.

Tickets are \$39 per person for this special opportunity to see and hear internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host Chris Stefanick. Stefanick has devoted his life to sharing the love of Jesus, and helping others do the same.

His live seminars, TV, radio, and video ministry have reached millions, and his educational initiatives are turning the tide in the Church. He authored a confirmation prep program that's been used by over a million people, the popular SEARCH program and most recently released another bestseller, Living Joy.

Chris is a recipient of the Papal Benemerenti (Benny-ma-ren-tee) Medal which was previously given by the pope for Military valor, but today is given for achievement in ministry.

A graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Chris is also the founder and president of Real Life Catholic, a non-profit organization that makes his initiatives for renewal a reality.

Above all, he's proud to be husband to Natalie and father to their six children, and two grandchildren!

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. Are you ready to take your life to a new level - practically, and spiritually? If you want that "something more" for your life - and who doesn't? - then do not miss Reboot! Live.

This is your chance to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for.

REBOOT! is for all ages, 12 and up, from teens to grandparents. So bring the whole family. And please consider inviting a friend, especially someone who doesn't usually come to events at Church. You'll be amazed at the impact this event will have on them!

Don't wait! Buy your ticket today at www.reallifecatholic.com or scan the code.

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Reboot!

Jan 10, 2024

6:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Mark Catholic Church

14740 Stumptown Rd.

Huntersville, NC 28078

**ADMIT
ONE**



Did You Know?

By Deacon Rich

Did you know that if you are a Catholic and marry someone who is not Catholic, with a minister or civil authority officiating and without receiving the approval and the marriage preparation the Church requires of a Catholic, your marriage is not recognized as a valid marriage by the Church? If that marriage were to end in divorce and you now wish to marry another in the Church you are still required to petition the marriage tribunal to declare the first civil marriage null and void due to lack of form. This is usually not a long process and is less involved than the normal annulment process.



We Need your Help!! 2023 Pastoral Plan Survey

The St. Mark Pastoral Planning Committee is in the process of completing a new Pastoral Plan (the last one was created in 2017).

Our goal is to have more than 1000 people complete the survey. Please take few minutes to assist Fr. John by giving your feedback.

Go to stmarknc.org or scan the code to complete the survey and tell us what you think.

Thank you!



Divorce Support Group Holiday Schedule

The Saint Mark Divorce Support Group will not meet on both Monday, December 25 nor on Monday, January 1. Holidays can be an exceptionally stressful time, so we can meet another night during the week if needed. However, if you need support during that time, please email divorce.support@stmarknc.org. Our weekly Monday meetings will resume on Monday, January 8 at 7 pm in room 204.

Merry Christmas from Coffee and Conversation!

Due to the holidays, there will be no Coffee and Conversation on Tuesday, December 26 or January 2. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year when we resume on January 9 at 9:30 am.

“A woman clothed with the sun.”

Thank you to the Palillo family for the donation and installation of the new Blessed Virgin Mary statue under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

She is over 8 feet tall and carved in Italy from a ton and half of white marble. We are humbled by the continued generosity of those who continue to add sacred art to our parish.

“The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary.” — St. Louis de Montfort

Mother Mary, pray for us.



Charitable Service Committee (CSC)

Proverbs 19:17 teaches us that *whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord*. To that end, St. Mark has formed a Charitable Service Committee (CSC) and a new way of communicating service opportunities and requesting signups of volunteers. The CSC is actively working with our parish partners and the wider diocesan community to serve the needs of local communities and to help facilitate linking volunteers to the needs. Frequently charitable service organizations are in greater need of volunteers even instead of money! St. Mark has created a new Volunteers web page on our official parish website and we now have a “Sign-up Genius” to make it simple to find service opportunities and sign-up. Please scan the QR code below to see how you can help our Parish help the community.

For more information, please go to stmarknc.org/charitable-service-committee.



Saint Mark Purgatorial Society

Saint Mark offers the opportunity for you to have your loved ones remembered at a monthly Wednesday 6:30 pm Mass for a calendar year. Names enrolled for the year will also be placed on the altar during our Masses in November. To enroll a family member, please contact the Office at 704-948-0231 or complete the form on our website at www.stmarknc.org/purgatorial-society.

The following members were remembered on November 29, 2023
Mr. Frank J. Seabo, Sr.
Karl Slusser
Winifred Slusser
Dale Slusser
Ross Slusser
Marie Slusser

The following members will be remembered on December 27, 2023
Michael & Rose Hopkins
John Hopkins
Angela Andreo
Rose Yurick



Bring the family, blankets, pillows, and pajamas for the fun evening movie-watching event.

Popcorn and hot cocoa will be provided.

Saturday

01.06.2024

7:00PM

Kerin Center

Please RSVP on Sign-up Genius (QR code)



Featured Movie title:

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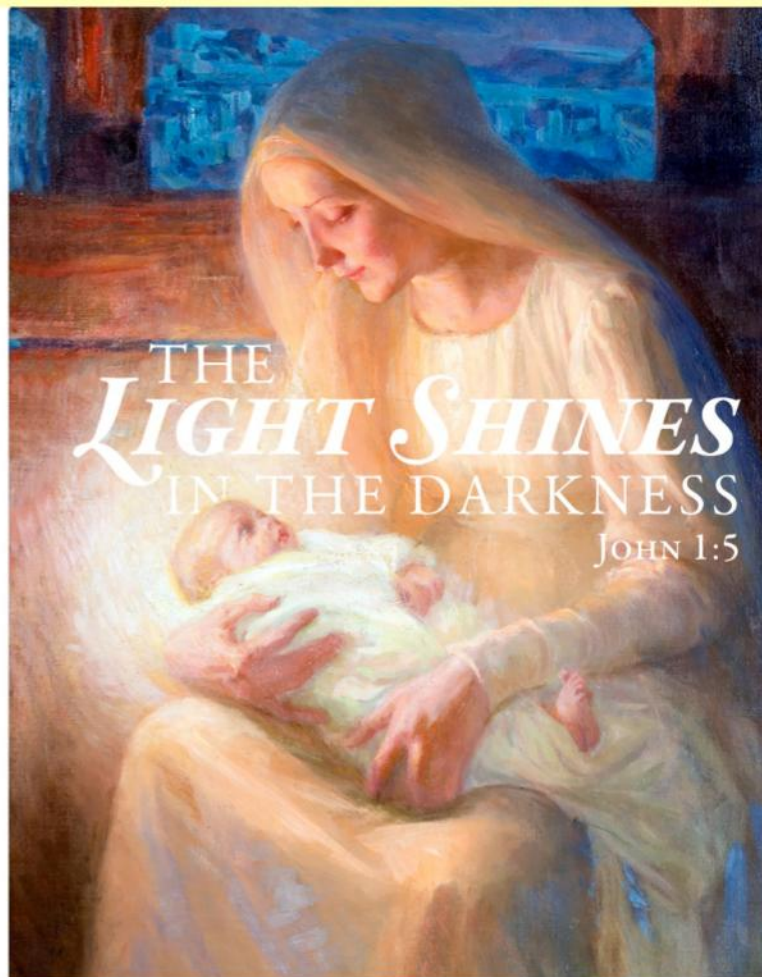
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To Jesus through Mary

**Make a Family
New Year's
Resolution Today!**

**Preparation begins
January 9.**

**Consecration is Sunday,
February 11, following the
9 am Mass in the Parish Hall.**



We invite families to join the Family Fellowship Ministry on a special journey of Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

A Family Consecration is a commitment to live your baptismal promises with the help of the Holy Family and set your family apart for God. You will spend 33 days on a personal family journey then come together with us for special consecration ceremony in February.

There are many resources that you may use as a guide but we recommend these two books by Tan: "Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary" or "Marian Consecration for Children." Both are easy to follow, especially for families.

**For complete details and to sign up for the Family Consecration,
go to stmarkffm.com or scan the QR code.**



Entrust you and your family to Jesus and Mary in 2024.

Family Fellowship Ministry

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight Life: A Weekly Knights of Columbus Update

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our wonderful parish for the support you continue to show us year after year! May you rejoice in the miracle, the gift and the promise of Christmas!

We look forward to serving God, our church, our parish, and our community in 2024!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

When: Sat., Jan. 13, drop-in 9 am and Noon

Where: Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

It's time for our annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Championship. This is a fun, drop-in event to show your hoop skills. Girls and boys ages 9-14 (as of January 1, 2024) are invited to come out, see how many baskets they can make, eat a hot dog and snacks, and have fun with friends. Winners from each age category will receive a medal and earn the right to compete at the district level in February.

Children 9-11 will shoot from the 12-foot foul line; all other age groups will shoot from the normal foul line which is 15 feet from the basket. Certificate of age is required. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

There is no entry fee. Register on-site or use the QR Code to get registration form. You can send the completed form via email to Frank Salvato or bring the completed form to event.

Questions? Frank Salvato at GK6831@msn.com or 703-585-0534



Date Night!
February 10, 2024
In the Family Center Parish Hall

Come and share a special evening with your spouse!

Enjoy a delicious meal, mingle with other married couples, and listen to a dynamic presentation.

In our content-saturated, calendar-packed world, it is easy to take our spouse for granted and lose sight of the gift of marriage. Through this presentation you will learn five keys to safeguarding your marriage from stagnation and keeping love alive.

\$50 per couple/\$60 after January 10
Register at stmarknc.org/marriage-ministry or scan the code.



2024 meal packaging event



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Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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Mass Schedule

Mon/Tue/Thu: 7, 9 am
Wed: 7 am, 6:30 pm
Fri: 7, 9 am
7 pm (Spanish)
Sat: 9 am, 5 pm Vigil
Sun: 7:30, 9, 11 am,
1 pm (Español), 5 pm

All Masses may be watched live:

stmarknc.org/livestream

The Nursery remains CLOSED at this time.

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Please do not attend Mass if you are sick, have a fever or are in a high-risk group.

Confessions

Confessions are held 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass for a 30 minute duration.

In addition, Wednesday: 6 pm–7:15 pm and Saturday: 3 pm–5 pm

Rosary in the Church

Tue: 7–7:30 pm

Wed: Immediately preceding 6:30 Mass

Sat: Immediately preceding 5 pm Mass

Sun: Immediately preceding 7:30 am Mass

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Available in the Monsignor Bellow Adoration Chapel in the Family Center.

See stmarknc.org/adoration for complete details.

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 administer 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. (Please note that weddings and baptisms cannot be celebrated during Lent.)

Financial Counseling

Complimentary and confidential services are available to provide financial literacy training, personal financial coaching, and/or advocacy support for you and your family. Contact the Parish Office.

Carolina Catholic Corner Gift and Book Store

Open daily in the Family Center

Coffee & Conversation Social Gathering

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall.

Cursillo

Are you looking for a Cursillo group to join at St. Mark? Contact Holly Kennedy at 704-875-8328 or ehjazzkenedy@gmail.com for information on our local group, or visit stmarknc.org/Cursillo.

Natural Family Planning

Joe and Kathy Hack; Sympto-Thermal Method; 704-548-1834; hackhouse@bellsouth.net; ccli.org
Elisabeth Laskowski; Creighton Model; creightonmodel@gmail.com; 484-332-9084

Crisis Pregnancy Help

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman: 704-727-0535

Catholic Charities: 704-370-3262; Birthright: 1-800-550-4900; Post Abortion: 1-800-5-WE CARE

Poor prenatal diagnosis? You're not alone. There is help. benotafraid.net

Parishioner Assistance:

Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:
Leanne.Vaccaro@stmarknc.org

Life Crisis:

Stephen Ministry
stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry

Food Insecurity:

Parish Office
stmarknc.org/assistance or
Leanne.Vaccaro@stmarknc.org or
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Ellen | 704-907-8555

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tom | 704-604-7739

Alateen program

Paul G. | 704-641-0654

Divorce Support Group

For anyone going through separation and/or divorce. Meetings are held Monday evenings at 7 pm in Room 204. When parish offices are closed, meetings are held at Lowe's Foods at exit 23.

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org



DEL PASTOR



Del Pastor - Cuarto Domingo de Adviento-B 24 de diciembre de 2023

Solo queda un día para que comience la celebración de la Navidad. Vivamos bien este último día de Adviento.

Leemos en el pasaje evangélico de hoy de San Lucas las maravillosas palabras del "fiat" de la Santísima Virgen, su "sí" al plan de Dios. "He aquí, yo soy la esclava del Señor. Hágase en mí según tu palabra". Estas son algunas de las palabras más queridas del Evangelio. Pero la siguiente

oración también es importante para el mayordomo cristiano.

Después del fiat de María, leemos: "Entonces el ángel se apartó de ella".

¡Nuestra Santísima Madre se quedó con muchos detalles inexplicables sobre el plan de Dios para ella! Sin embargo, siguió la voluntad de Dios a la perfección. Se entregó a sí misma y a su vida plenamente a Dios como un regalo. Ella fue la primera discípula. Estamos llamados a seguir su ejemplo hoy.

En esta Navidad, resolvámonos a hacer de toda nuestra vida un regalo a Aquel que nos lo ha dado todo. Él nos dará toda la ayuda y la fuerza que necesitamos. ©Consultores de Mayordomía Católica, 2023

Reflexión pastoral - La Navidad es una época maravillosa del año que va y viene en el mundo demasiado rápido. La Iglesia saborea los principales días santos para que podamos sumergirnos más profundamente en la profundidad de su significado. Sin embargo, el mundo, debido al consumismo desenfrenado, está sacando existencias para el Día de San Valentín antes de que llegue el Año Nuevo. Por lo tanto, como católicos, debemos ser muy intencionales en permitir que nuestra celebración del nacimiento del Señor continúe incluso después de que el mundo haya avanzado.

Con eso en mente, quiero "enchufar" los recursos que están disponibles para nuestros feligreses en FORMED.org, un tremendo recurso católico en línea patrocinado por el Instituto Agustín. San Marcos tiene una suscripción parroquial que brinda acceso a los muchos recursos FORMADOS a todos nuestros feligreses. Solo necesita registrarse para obtener una cuenta gratuita. Algunos de los recursos que puede encontrar allí son: *Cómo mantener a sus hijos católicos*, *7 claves para la crianza católica* y reflexiones diarias sobre las Escrituras de algunos eruditos bíblicos conocidos. También hay excelentes recursos para niños, jóvenes y cualquier otro grupo demográfico. Con la aplicación FORMED para teléfonos inteligentes, también puede escuchar podcasts que se centran en temas de fe importantes para la vocación particular de los laicos.

Por último, al celebrar el nacimiento del Salvador, quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para desearles a ustedes y a los suyos una muy feliz Navidad. Como el Padre Yumo solía decir, *Dios es bueno todo el tiempo*, y Él ha mostrado Su bondad en el regalo de Su Hijo. Gracias por ser parte de esta familia parroquial y tenga la seguridad de que los sacerdotes, diáconos y personal están orando por ustedes a medida que entramos en esta Temporada Santa.

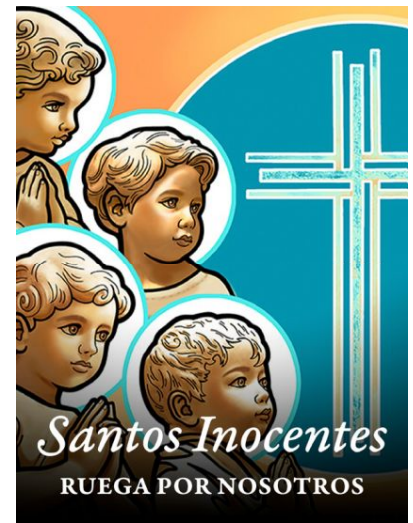
Por favor, oren también por nosotros para que podamos estar atentos a los impulsos del Espíritu Santo y ser obedientes al llamado del Padre en nuestra vida diaria. La semana que viene, volveré a nuestra discusión sobre el matrimonio y la familia mientras celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Hasta entonces, ¡disfruta de tu semana de alegría navideña!

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1. Visite si.gnup.formed.org
2. Introduzca el código postal o el nombre de su parroquia.



Fiesta de los Santos Inocentes: Hora Santa Anual de Reparación

Cuándo: Jue., 28 de diciembre, 7 pm

Dónde: Iglesia

Cada 28 de diciembre, la parroquia organiza una Hora Santa de Reparación por los pecados del aborto para conmemorar la fiesta de los Santos Inocentes, los pequeños que fueron sacrificados por Herodes en nombre de Cristo.

De 7 a 8 pm, el clero de San Marcos liderará una Hora Santa especial de Reparación para ofrecer penitencia por los inocentes de hoy que han sido víctimas del aborto. Dado que Charlotte es una de las principales ciudades con abortos en el sureste (10,000 anuales), todos son bienvenidos a asistir y ofrecer oraciones por el fin del aborto.

El evento está organizado por el Comité de Respeto a la Vida de San Marcos. Preguntas: comuníquese con Mike FitzGerald en respect.life@stmarknc.org.

¿Sabías que...?

¿Sabías que si eres católico y te casas con alguien que no es católico, con un ministro o autoridad civil oficiando y sin recibir la aprobación y la preparación matrimonial que la Iglesia requiere de un católico, tu matrimonio no es reconocido como un matrimonio válido por la Iglesia? Si ese matrimonio terminara en divorcio y ahora desea casarse con otro miembro de la Iglesia, aún debe solicitar al tribunal matrimonial que declare nulo y sin efecto el primer matrimonio civil debido a la falta de forma. Por lo general, este no es un proceso largo y es menos complicado que el proceso normal de anulación.



*A Jesús
a través de
María*
**Haga una resolución
de año nuevo
familiar hoy!**

**Comienza la preparación
9 de enero.**

**La consagración es el domingo
11 de febrero, después de la
Misa a las 9 am en el Salón
Parroquial.**



Invitamos a las familias a unirse al Ministerio de Compañerismo Familiar en un viaje especial de Consagración a Jesús a través de María.

Una Consagración Familiar es un compromiso de vivir sus promesas bautismales con la ayuda de la Sagrada Familia y apartar a su familia para Dios. Pasarás 33 días en un viaje familiar personal y luego te reunirás con nosotros para una ceremonia especial de consagración en febrero.

Hay muchos recursos que puedes usar como guía, pero te recomendamos estos dos libros de Tan: "Consagración total a Jesús a través de María" o "Consagración mariana para niños". Ambos son fáciles de seguir, especialmente para las familias.

Para obtener todos los detalles e inscribirse en la Consagración Familiar, vaya a stmarkffm.com o escanee el código QR.



Encomiéndate a ti y a tu familia a Jesús y María en el 2024.

Ministerio de Compañerismo Familiar



Comparte tus pensamientos: Encuesta del Plan Pastoral 2023

El Comité de Planificación Pastoral de San Marcos está en proceso de completar un nuevo Plan Pastoral, ya que el último se creó en 2017. La Diócesis requiere que cada parroquia actualice su plan cada varios años. Parte de este proceso incluye recopilar sus comentarios. Por favor, visita stmarknc.org/survey para completar la encuesta y decirnos qué piensas.

Es importante que formes parte del proceso. Por favor, ayuda al Comité y al Padre Juan dándonos tus comentarios al completar una encuesta de 15 minutos. Agradecemos tu colaboración en este esfuerzo. Gracias.



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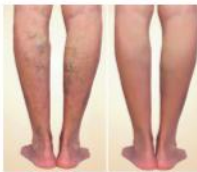
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