

Feast of St. Mark, April 25

Mass & Celebration, 7 pm

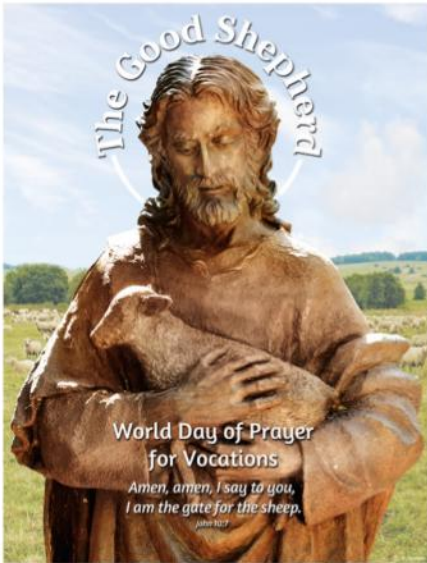


SAINT MARK

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Welcome to St. Mark



It's still Easter! Rejoice! Alleluia! Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The readings can be found on page 996. Music handouts are at the entrances; see an usher if you did not receive one.

Thank you for being a part of our parish, either as a visitor or a long-time parishioner. We are thankful that you are here and welcome you back anytime for Mass, prayer in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel or any of our programs.

At St. Mark, we believe 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 are given to us by God to share with others by spreading the Gospel and building His kingdom.

If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Mark, please go to stmarknc.org/registration or use the QR 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.

Please follow us on all social media platforms or sign up to receive our weekly newsletter at stmarknc.org/emailnewsletter. All of our Masses can be found at stmarknc.org/livestream if you would like to join us virtually if you do not live here. If you live here, please join us weekly. The complete Mass and Confession schedule can be found on page 14.

Notice:

We have made some much-needed repairs to the fountain and even installed new lights!

It is very important that you do not allow children to throw anything — including mulch or flowers — in the fountain. Please do not allow pets or children to play in the fountain as it will damage the lights.

St. Mark will be hosting the Ordination of the new Bishop-Elect Martin on Wednesday, May 29, followed by the Diaconate Ordination on Saturday, June 1, then the Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 15!

In preparation, we will be working on facility improvements and grounds beautification. We ask that you not allow children to pick the flowers or plants, walk in the areas with mulch, nor move the drainage rocks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we prepare to witness these sacred and historical events in our Diocese!



FROM THE PASTOR



On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward – do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent

to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ’s – even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits, and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don’t even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, ‘who is my Shepherd?’ and ‘have I gone astray?’ Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

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Pastoral Pondering - There has certainly been lots of news over the last couple of weeks. As you know on April 9 it was announced that the Holy Father accepted the resignation of Bishop Jugis for reasons of health and appointed Father Michael Martin, OFM Conv. as the fifth Bishop of Charlotte. The Bishop-Elect’s ordination will take place here at St. Mark on Wednesday, May 29 and the new bishop will take possession of his Cathedral on May 30. Please keep Father Martin in your prayers as he prepares to become our new bishop.

On April 8 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a document which has been in development for the last five years entitled *Infinite Dignity*. The document deals with matters connected with human dignity that our current culture touches on directly. It is strongly rooted in the magisterium of Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, especially *Fratelli tutti*.

Some of the specific issues that are addressed include: the drama of poverty, war, the travail of migrants, human trafficking, sexual abuse, violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia and assisted suicide, the marginalization of people with disabilities, gender theory and sex change, and, finally, digital violence. This last topic is especially timely considering the widespread use of social media and the negative impact it has had on culture, especially our children and young people.

The document is not overly academic and is worth reading, especially for those who would like a better understanding of the Church’s perennial teaching on the dignity of the human person and Her response to the cultural milieu. It can be found at this QR code.



First Saturday Devotion & Family Dinner

When: Sat., May 4, 6:15-8:30 pm
Where: St. Mark School Cafeteria

Join us for the fourth of the Five First Saturdays devotion dinners in the St. Mark School cafeteria.

All are invited to come together for **food, prayer and family fellowship!** **You can bring your own meal, or order in advance and it will be there for you and your family. This month we will have a taco bar, salad, and dessert. The cost is \$5 per person; to order dinner, please go to stmarknc.org/ffm or scan the code.** Thank you to our Family Fellowship Ministry who is preparing this dinner at an affordable cost for families. (If not ordering food, no RSVP is needed – just show up with your own meal.)

Dinner will be followed by games and fellowship and then we will pray the Rosary with a meditation before ending.

This evening is not only a time for parishioners to come together in a fun, social environment, it also honors the First Saturday of the month began when Our Lady of Fatima promised many graces and blessings to those who would dedicate five, consecutive first Saturdays of the year to praying for sinners and offering reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 21

7:30 am † James Ashear
9 am † Joseph Gattuso
11 am St. Mark Parishioners
1 pm † Alvaro (Al) Torres
4:30 pm † Peter Schultz
5 pm † Robert M. Lis

Monday, April 22

7 am † Morgan Harrington
9 am Lauren Theriot

Tuesday, April 23

7 am Stephanie Panizza
9 am Lina Maria Hernandez

Wednesday, April 24

7 am Justin Luis Negron
† Hannah Graham
6:30 pm Purgatorial Society Mass

Thursday, April 25

7 am Raquel Neri Cur
9 am † Marilyn Chapman

Friday, April 26

7 am † Emma Larson
9 am Janina Burdzinska &
Brendan Way

7 pm Raquel Neri

Saturday, April 27

9 am Chad Theriot
5 pm Ken Comperda

Sunday, April 28

7:30 am † Thomas Sloan
9 am † Brian Porter
11 am † Sharon Antoszyk
1 pm Lupita & Imelda
4:30 pm † Michael Schell
5 pm The Daiz Family
† Deceased

Please Pray For...

Janice Anderton
The Antoszyk Family
Des Arrup
Katherine Arvesu
Laura Ashley
Keefe Barnes
Daisy Bayona
Michelle Bissinger &
Family
Brian Blatchford &
Family
Don & Cathy Blackwell
Matthew Bloom
Len & Michele Boos
Viola Cleo Bradshaw
John Brannon
Kenneth Brodie & Family
Gretchen Burke
Carmen Cabranes
Anne Caestecker
Mark Carolla
Donna Castoria
Janelle Cataldo
Catherine Clark
William Conklin
Dwight Corley
Eddie Darden Jr.
Baby Cristian Noha Davis
Shawn Davis
Mary Deininger
Kevin B. Dennis
Emma Drummond
James P. Durcan
Jack Evans

Frances & Kai Ferel
David Fogarty
Tom Fox
James Freer
Elyse Pancheri-Freer
Maureen K. Frost
Carmine Gallo
Paige Grieshop
Rachel Grieshop
Helen Haddad
Ron Haley
Dave Heaton
Madeline Louise Henwood
Kevin Herman Sr.
Zohra Hunter-Rezgul
Steven Jackson
Julie Jones
The Juster Family
Steve Kaminski
Carol & Frank Kenny
Jonathon Kraeger
Kelly Scherer Lang
Jeanne LoPriore
Jane Mayhew
Kay McAfee
Jim McLaughlin
Manuelita Tejera Molina
Dannielle Murphy
Deacon Robert Murphy
Rose Mary Murphy
Michael Newton
Erika Noble
Keith Noble

Evelyn Pachana
Josie Pais
Shannon Peake
Angela Piraino
Gianni Piraino
Mary Lynn Polly
Joette Reid
Lindsey Remington
Jose Raymond Rios
Kenneth Robinson
Ronald Robinson
Sonji Robinson
Crys Roeder
Jon Ross
Marilyn Sacek
Mickey Shannon
Deacon Ronald Sherwood
& Family
Todd Singh
Ben Smith
Patrick Sullivan
Patricia Tarasiewicz
Stacey Tarasiewicz
Dr. Debra Terrell
Tom Thompson
Shelly Trenholm & Family
Lucia Solis Vallarino
Julio Velez
Mister Walker
Maria Vilchez
Vilchez Hernandez Family
Virginia (Ginny) Whit
MaryJane Zimmerman

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

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.

Claudio Florian Ramirez Ventura will be remembered on April 24, 2024

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

Marines: LCPL Richard Breier; Sgt Andrew Sales; Maj. Matthew Santoli; Cpl Ben Holden; 1st Lt. Nathanael Rusciollelli

Navy: LCDR Matthew Giannone; Lt. Albert Remmey, Jr.; LCDR Jordan Mayo; OSSN Daniel Pressley; LCDR Jenna Hehn Quist; ENS Tyler Spear; LCDR William Vey; CTT2 Zachary Wortham and all service members not listed.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3;
43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



PARISH LIFE

St. Mark Homeschool Ministry Spring Registration

When: April 22 - May 31, 2024

Calling all homeschooling families! The spring registration for the St. Mark Homeschool Ministry (SMHSM) 2024/2025 ministry year opens to new members on April 22. Our mission is to encourage an environment in which Catholic homeschool families and children grow in faith, build a faithful home church, collaborate in works of service to one another and the outside community, advance in knowledge academically and liturgically, and form virtuous and supportive Christian friendships.

We are currently a community of 60+ families with nearly 200 children of all ages. Our ministry offers family support and friendship, prayer and encouragement, liturgical celebrations, cooperative classes (co-op), extracurricular activities, adult events, and community service opportunities. If you are interested in joining our vibrant community, please contact us!

Contact: Diana Smith, 704-578-7827, dianacsmith@hotmail.com



FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!

ECHO: Kindergarten - Fifth Grade

EDGE: Sixth Grade - Seventh Grade

CONFIRMATION: 8th or 9th Graders who have completed a year in EDGE already

Students are eligible to receive First Communion in 2nd grade or older, in their second year of class.

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HERE:**



YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart Lunch and Learn Program

When: Mon., Apr. 29; 11 am

Where: St. Mark Parish Hall

Venitra White-Dean, Certified Dementia Practitioner, Executive Director of the Frankie Mae Foundation, Alzheimer's Association Community Educator, will be our speaker. Her topic will be "Know the Ten Signs." The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. This program will provide information and greater understanding of the differences between age-related memory loss and dementia, what to do if you have signs of dementia and the importance of early detection, diagnosis and intervention.

Lunch is complimentary.

RSVP: Paula Fischlein-516-457-3548 or pmf424@yahoo.com

Honoring Huntersville Police

The Young at Heart Ministry will be honoring Huntersville Police Department with a Police Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st at 11 am in Monsignor Kerin Hall. The donation for this event is \$10.00 per person. There are envelopes at the Reception Desk to be deposited in the Black Box by the Doors into the Parish Office Area. Before lunch, we will play a little Bingo! Clint Schaney will be preparing our meal and, as always, it will be delicious. Reservations must be in by Monday, April 22.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

FEAST DAY *of* ST. MARK

Mass 7 pm (bilingual)

Join us for a light celebration outside after the Mass. Cookies and beverages served.

On Thursday, April 25, we celebrate the feast of our patron saint the Gospel writer St. Mark.

That makes this day not only a feast day, but elevates it to a solemnity which is the very highest celebration which we have in the Church.

Thursday is a day of celebration!

The word patron comes from the Latin word *patronas*. Simply put, it is a person who has undertaken to protect the interests of the community. In this case, the parish of St. Mark and all of its parishioners.

How does a saint protect and guard a community through their power and their authority?

By the very fact that in 1997 Bishop William G. Curlin named this church after St. Mark, he entrusted it, and all of us, to the most capable protection of St. Mark himself.

Each one of us are spiritual sons or spiritual daughters of St. Mark, simply in virtue of being parishioners here. We remember this after each Mass when we asked for St. Mark to pray for us.

But how often do we remember that in personal prayer? How often do you remember that St. Mark is your patron watching over you, begging God for the graces that you need and helping assist you to come closer to Heaven?

Remember to invoke the help, in your times of prayer, of our heavenly patron St. Mark.



“GO INTO THE WHOLE WORLD

Scriptural Art at St. Mark: The mission that the disciples were given by Christ to announce the Resurrection is important. In fact, at St. Mark we are so committed to this message that we have it emblazoned upon our church walls. Take some time to look up, walk around, and read the entire passage given to us: Mark 16:14-18.

...be a witness for Christ!

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Mark has a written Mission Statement with Core Purpose, Values, and even Strategic Anchors on how we will succeed. The following was just presented at a parish leadership meeting. Take a look and find out why we do what we do. Thank you for being a part of this amazing parish. To find out ways to get more involved in the parish, go to stmarknc.org/stewardship-directory.

Mission: What Do We Do?

We are called as one to embrace a sense of stewardship and engagement to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts, and Connect In Faith.

The Parish of St. Mark Strives to...

- Be a welcoming, dynamic, and united faith-filled community of intentional disciples leading a joyful Catholic life.
- Offer fitting worship to Almighty God through the Holy Mass and sacraments along with traditional devotions.
- Embrace a spirit of stewardship and engagement to generously Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts, and Connect in Faith.
- Inspire profound faith and spiritual formation through attentiveness to Sacred Scripture and deepened lives of prayer.
- Provide vibrant and engaged youth ministry.
- Serve others through compassionate, personal, and ministerial outreach, especially in our concern for the poor and marginalized.

Core Purpose: Why Do We Exist?

- The love of Christ commands us to accompany/evangelize as many people as possible to the eternal happiness of heaven.

Core Values: How Do We Behave?

- Count on Me Reliability: Attentive to other's needs with intentional follow through.
- Ownership Beyond the Parish Role: Presence in the parish beyond the role/responsibilities in the position one holds. Accountable to the needs of the role and responsible to the needs or mission of the parish.
- Enthusiastic Accompaniment: Joyfully support one another in the parish by working together.

Strategic Anchors: How Will We succeed?

- Provide quality Catholic formation so that we can serve and share our faith with others.
- Allocate resources to support the Mission of the parish.
- Focus on supporting the Domestic Church.



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PARISH LIFE

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is so named because in today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus speaks of himself as the Shepherd who is prepared to lay down his life for his sheep.

When a man becomes a priest, he sacrifices his own will and chooses instead to follow Jesus and he aspires to become as Christ to others. In doing so, he answers Christ's call to serve the Church and its people.

Below are photos of our priests, deacons and seminarians from St. Mark over the past few weeks. Please continue to pray for an increase in men who say yes to the call to Holy Orders.

Your support of the Diocesan Support Appeal is vital to ensure that we will have priests and deacons for many years to come. Go to DioceseofCharlotte.org/DSA to make a donation or scan the QR code. Thank you for your commitment to supporting vocations.



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Prayer for Vocations

*O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live; grant, we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.*

*Our Lady, Cause of our Joy,
Pray for us.*

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. John Paul II, Pray for us.

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and an application please visit
www.charlottevocations.org

PARISH LIFE

About *The Good Shepherd* Stained Glass Window

by Erin Carter, artist

On May 15, 2008, my husband Jim and I lost our middle child, Joshua, to an accident while home for a short break from serving as an army infantry soldier in the Iraq war. Joshua was 22. The devastation from losing him at such a young age was more than my husband and I could bear. We felt as if our hearts were ripped out and that we would never be able to heal and move forward with our lives. Our other two children, Hank and Rachael, no less felt the same. One minute Josh was there, and the next minute, he was gone. I have learned to live with a "little gray cloud" that hovers over my head every day of my life now. Sometimes it just hovers, while other times it bursts and pours down on me in a flood of deep and desperate emotions. At these moments, I think of the stained glass and the little lost lamb depicted as "my Joshua" being held close in the arms of Christ.

When the new Saint Mark Catholic Church was being built, my husband and I went to Monsignor Bellow and asked him specifically if we could do something in honor of our son for the church. We asked if it would be possible to memorialize the round-stained glass over the altar for Joshua. Father Richard looked me straight in the face and responded, "I have got an idea better than that, and I understand you're an art teacher, so why don't you just design it yourself?"

I was delighted to be given such a task. We asked our family and friends to make memorials to Saint Mark for the stained glass over the altar in honor of Joshua. With God's help we were able to raise enough funds to supplement our initial gift and create the large stained-glass window up over the altar, a memorial to my beautiful son, Joshua Manning Carter.

Father Richard and I discussed the theme for the window. He was quick to let me know of his love for the "Good Shepherd." That is all it took. I worked on the design during my summer break from teaching art at Hopewell High School as I also have always been comforted by thinking of the Good Shepherd. I wanted to paint Christ holding a little lamb. It brought comfort to me to think of the little lamb as my Josh. Not long after my painting was made into the large stained-glass window, it was installed up over the altar in this beautiful new Saint Mark Church. My husband and I were there with everyone else on the stained-glass window committee to see the stained glass being installed.

Finally, my Josh is at rest and my family draws a most amazing comfort knowing that Joshua is high above the altar looking down on us all. My Lord gave me an artistic gift that I never realized would help me create a long and lasting memorial for a soldier whose life ended way too soon.





Men's Evening of Reflection

Join us for a talk on leadership with executive coach and dynamic Catholic speaker Mike McCartney and enjoy a beer and food with brothers.

May 4, 6:30 pm - The Kerin Center
RSVP with QR Code below

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another
Proverbs 27:17



PARISH LIFE

Job Description: High School Youth Ministry Coordinator

Saint Mark Catholic Church is seeking a full-time High School Youth Ministry Coordinator, who is a dynamic, energetic, practicing Catholic. The Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry should be passionate about inviting, accompanying, and inspiring high school youth into a lifetime of pursuing deeper knowledge and love of the Catholic faith as intentional disciples of Christ.

Job Responsibilities:

- Plan and lead regular youth ministry nights (Life Teen resources), geared toward supporting the development of teens spiritually and socially - forming a community of engaged Catholic disciples.
- Recruit adult Core team and parent volunteers, train and equip Core Team in skills of small group leadership and mentoring through regular collaborative team meetings.
- Coordinate and lead retreats and trips including parish youth retreats, diocesan retreats and pilgrimages, summer Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference and Life Teen Camp opportunities, and social outings.

- Develop and oversee youth discipleship, leadership and service opportunities, through effective relational ministry and accountability.
- Develop strategies for outreach and support for parish high school teens and families, pursuing contacts and relationships with local High Schools and Youth Ministries.
- Collaborate with Faith Formation team to support all youth formation, and ensure the implementation of a united vision across all ages in the parish community.
- Communicates upcoming youth ministry programs and events.
- Works with the Director of Faith Formation to develop and manage an annual youth ministry budget.
- Implements and ensures adherence to all Diocesan Safe Environment protocols.
- Attends required staff meetings, continuing formation events, and other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

An ideal Youth Ministry Coordinator Candidate should have:

- an active relationship with God through regular prayer and reception of the sacraments.
- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills - and comfortability with public speaking, with the ability to relate to youth, parents and volunteers.
- The ability to think creatively and adapt to changes to develop innovative approaches to youth ministry in response to the parish's circumstances and needs.
- A bachelor's degree in Theology, Catechetics, or a related field is preferred
- 2+ years of youth ministry experience, either professional or volunteer.
- Strong administrative, organizational, and computer skills.
- A willingness to work evening and weekend hours for youth ministry and parish events.
- Preferred bilingual in Spanish and English.

An email resume and cover letter should be sent to sarah.rider@stmarknc.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight Life: Golf!

Despite the tight planning timeline of just eight weeks, our annual golf tournament was a huge success! More than 100 golfers came out to Northstone Country Club on a picture-perfect sunny day. As a bonus the eclipse added a touch of celestial wonder to the event.

A special thanks to our sponsors, especially Bob Gordon, Primal Brewery and Christian Brothers Automotive repair. And of course, brother Knights Steve Keane, Steve Genenbacher and Steve Genenbacher's sister Terry, who does more for this organization than most people realize. Thank you all for working so hard!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, Northstone Country Club and Deacon Rich for his unique and well thought out blessing before the event! To our Parish and Parish friends, your continued support of our fund-raising efforts is remarkable and has made a significant impact, proving that even under time constraints, we can achieve greatness together.

We are always looking for new members to join the Knights of Columbus. If you're interested in finding out how you can participate, please let us know. We aren't hard to find. Contact Ray Fitzgerald at rfitzg@aol.com or join online at KOFc.org!





Registration Open:
2024 Vacation Bible School!
June 24-28, 9 am-12:30 pm
Kindergarten-5th Grade Participants
6-12th Grade and Adult Volunteers!

In the Kerin Family Center

Send your children on a mission to shine the light of Christ!
Vacation Bible School is for rising kindergarteners through 5th grade.
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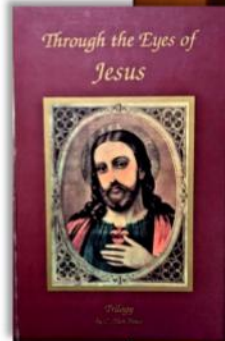
Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 pm

Come to this grace filled evening with Mass, talk by Alan Ames, and healing service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

alanames.org

Alan Ames made his first visit to St. Mark on November 5, 2015. He returned again to the parish in 2017 and 2022. Please join us in welcoming him back to St. Mark and the Diocese of Charlotte for 2024:

Wednesday, May 1, St. Mark, Huntersville
Thursday, May 2, St. Michael, Gastonia
Friday, May 3, Holy Family, Clemmons
6:30 pm



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Talitha Koum

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JUNE 24-28, 2024
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Mass Schedule

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

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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
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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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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.)

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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



En este cuarto domingo de Pascua, escuchamos que Jesús es el Buen Pastor y nosotros somos sus ovejas. Nuestras lecturas de hoy nos llaman a reflexionar hacia adentro: ¿permitimos que Jesús pastoree nuestras vidas?

En nuestro Evangelio, Jesús revela su amor radical por nosotros. Él dice:

"Pondré mi vida por las ovejas". Jesús nos dice que somos Suyos. Podemos comparar esta relación con la de un padre amoroso con su hijo. El padre da sin mucho a cambio y si algún mal se acercaba al niño, el padre haría cualquier cosa, incluso daría su vida por su bebé.

Somos de Cristo, incluso más de lo que un hijo lo es para sus padres. Él nos creó y sostiene nuestras vidas cada día. El mal persiste en nuestro mundo, por lo que Jesús voluntariamente dio su vida por nosotros en el Calvario para nuestra salvación. Él es nuestro Buen Pastor, ya sea que permanezcamos en Su rebaño o nos descarriemos.

Pero, así como un bebé es más feliz en los brazos de un padre, así también nosotros somos más felices en el rebaño de nuestro Pastor. Y así como las ovejas se descarriarían, nosotros también nos desviamos de Dios, probamos nuestros límites e incluso seguimos a falsos pastores.

Afortunadamente, nuestro Pastor es un Buen Pastor, y Él dio Su vida por nosotros sabiendo cada pecado que cometeremos. Por lo tanto, examinemos nuestros corazones y volvamos a nuestro rebaño. Ni siquiera necesitamos encontrar el camino. Él está ahí, siempre esperándonos para guiarnos a casa.

Miremos hacia adentro esta semana y preguntémosnos: '¿Quién es mi Pastor?' y '¿Me he extraviado?' Nombra las áreas de tu vida que has descuidado. Pídele a Jesús que te lleve a casa. Ora por Su misericordia, busca Su perdón en los sacramentos y comienza de nuevo. © Consultores de Mayordomía Católica, 2024

Reflexión pastoral - Ciertamente ha habido muchas noticias en las últimas semanas. Como sabéis, el 9 de abril se anunció que el Santo Padre aceptó la renuncia de Mons. Jugis por motivos de salud y nombró al P. Michael Martin, OFM Conv, como quinto Obispo de Charlotte. La ordenación del Obispo electo tendrá lugar aquí en San Marcos el miércoles 29 de mayo y el nuevo obispo tomará posesión de su Catedral el 30 de mayo. Por favor, mantengan al Padre Martin en sus oraciones mientras se prepara para convertirse en nuestro nuevo obispo.

El 8 de abril, el Dicasterio para la Doctrina de la Fe publicó un documento que se ha estado elaborando durante los últimos cinco años titulado *Dignidad infinita*. El documento aborda cuestiones relacionadas con la dignidad humana que nuestra cultura actual toca directamente. Está fuertemente arraigada en el magisterio del Papa San Juan Pablo II, el Papa Benedicto XVI y el Papa Francisco, especialmente *Fratelli tutti*.

Algunos de los temas específicos que se abordan son: el drama de la pobreza, la guerra, las tribulaciones de los migrantes, la trata de personas, el abuso sexual, la violencia contra las mujeres, el aborto, la gestación subrogada, la eutanasia y el suicidio asistido, la marginación de las personas con discapacidad, la teoría de género y el cambio de sexo y, finalmente, la violencia digital. Este último tema es especialmente oportuno teniendo en cuenta el uso generalizado de las redes sociales y el impacto negativo que ha tenido en la cultura, especialmente en nuestros niños y jóvenes.

El documento no es excesivamente académico y vale la pena leerlo, especialmente para aquellos que deseen comprender mejor la enseñanza perenne de la Iglesia sobre la dignidad de la persona humana y su respuesta al medio cultural.

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana del 21 de Abril

Domingo	Cuarto Domingo de Pascua Hch 4, 8-12; Sal 117, 1 y 8-9. 21-23. 26 y 28cd y 29; 1 Jn 3, 1-2; Jn 10, 11-18
Lunes	Hch 11, 1-18; Sal 41, 2-3; 42, 3. 4; Jn 10, 1-10
Martes	Hch 11, 19-26; Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7; Jn 10, 22-30
Miércoles	Memoria de San Fidel de Sigmaringen Hch 12, 24-13, 5; Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8; Jn 12, 44-50
Jueves	Fiesta de San Marcos, Evangelista 1 Pd 5, 5-14; Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17; Mc 16, 15-20
Viernes	Hch 13, 26-33; Sal 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11; Jn 14, 1-6
Sábado	Hch 13, 44-52; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 14, 7-14
Domingo	Quinto Domingo de Pascua Hch 9, 26-31; Sal 21, 26b-27. 28 y 30. 31-32; 1 Jn 3, 18-24; Jn 15, 1-8

Quo Vadis Días

¡Atención a todos los jóvenes católicos de 15 a 19 años! ¿Sabes a dónde va tu vida? El Señor Jesús tiene un gran plan para ti! Estas invitado a asistir al undécimo campamento anual Quo Vadis Días para pasar tiempo con otros jóvenes de tu edad mirando el llamado del Señor en tu vida mientras te diviertes. QVD está dirigido por sacerdotes y seminaristas de la diócesis y cuenta con el apoyo de la Oficina diocesana de Vocaciones. Quo Vadis se llevará a cabo del 10 al 14 de junio de 2024 en Belmont Abbey College en Belmont. El costo del campamento es de \$150.00. **Fecha límite para registrarse es el 29 de mayo de 2024.**

Si estás interesado, visita nuestro sitio web: charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days o contacta al Padre Brian Becker, Promotor Diocesano de Vocaciones, en bjbecker@rcdoc.org.

Aviso:

¡Hemos realizado algunas reparaciones muy necesarias en la fuente e incluso instalado nuevas luces!

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¡San Marcos será el anfitrión de la Ordenación del nuevo Obispo Electo Martín el miércoles 29 de mayo, seguido de la Ordenación Diaconal el sábado 1 de junio,

luego la Ordenación al Sacerdocio el sábado 15 de junio!

En preparación, estaremos trabajando en mejoras de las instalaciones y embellecimiento de los terrenos. Pedimos que no permitan que los niños recojan las flores o plantas, caminen en las áreas con astillas ni muevan las rocas de drenaje.

¡Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión mientras nos preparamos para presenciar estos eventos sagrados e históricos en nuestra Diócesis!



Duc in Altum / Talitha Koum

¡Atención a todas las jóvenes católicas de 16 a 19 años! ¿Sabes adónde va tu vida? ¿Tienes el deseo de crecer más profundamente después del modelo de Nuestra Señora? Está invitada a asistir al octavo campamento anual de *Duc in Altum* para pasar tiempo con otras jóvenes de tu edad observando el llamado del Señor en tu vida mientras se divierten y reciben las herramientas para una vida de oración fuerte. DIA está dirigido por sacerdotes y religiosos de la diócesis y cuenta con el apoyo de la Oficina diocesana de Vocaciones. El campamento de *Duc in Altum* se llevará a cabo del 24 al 28 de junio de 2024 en Belmont Abbey College en Belmont. El costo del campamento es de \$150.00.

¡Además, nos alegramos a presentar *Talitha Koum* para jóvenes católicas de 12 a 15 años de edad! *Talitha Koum* es un retiro de un solo día para adolescentes, para acercarse a Jesús y María, crecer en confianza, descubrir más el tesoro de nuestra fé, y pasar tiempo y divertirse con compañeras de la misma edad. Este retiro será como un "mini" *Duc in Altum* y tendrá lugar el 24 de junio en Belmont Abbey College, de las 8:00am a las 4:00pm. El costo de *Talitha Koum* es \$25.00.

Fecha límite para registrarse (para los dos eventos) es el 12 de junio

Si estás interesada, visita nuestro sitio web: charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum/ o ponte en contacto con la Hermana Mary Jacinta al 704-370-3248 or mjacinta@rcdoc.org

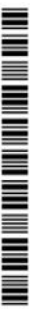


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