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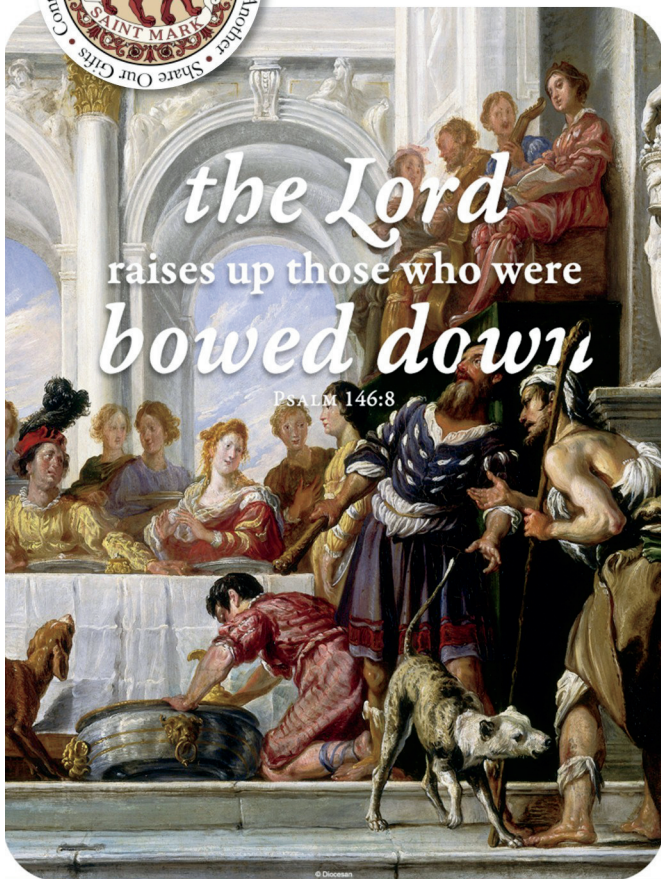
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SAINT MARK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2025, Spanish Page 15



Welcome to St. Mark



Today we celebrate 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 1190. 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 business hours, including Sunday 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Forms can be found in the narthex. Please know, you do not need to be Catholic to join and come to our parish.



At the close of Mass, join us in the Prayer to St. Michael. **Please do not leave the church until after the priests, deacons, and servers have exited the church.** Thank you

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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.**
5. **Please consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.**

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And that

failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld, while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good?

By embracing stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him. ©*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*, 2025

Pastoral Pondering – Even though this year is not a presidential or mid-term election, local elections are quite important, and we often don't take them as seriously as we should. This year we have two parishioners running for office, Dan Boone is running for town council, and Bill Fountain is running for school board. To some these positions may seem insignificant, but it is at the local level that we, as Catholics, can have the greatest impact. I thought it might be helpful then to give a reminder of the duties of Catholics in political life.

The Church teaches that lay Catholics bear primary responsibility for temporal affairs, including politics, as an extension of baptismal vocation (CCC 1913). Key duties include:

Forming Conscience: Study Church teachings to discern moral priorities; avoid reducing faith to single issues but prioritize intrinsic evils like abortion.

Active Involvement: Vote informatively, run for office, join parties or advocacy groups, and dialogue with officials to apply Gospel values. Pope Francis stated, "A good Catholic meddles in politics," offering the best of oneself to help leaders govern justly.

Non-Partisan Advocacy: The Church engages issues (e.g., life, family, peace) but avoids partisanship to focus on principles. Parishes can host voter education but not endorse candidates.

For Public Officials: Catholic politicians must align actions with Church moral teachings; supporting grave evils like abortion risks scandal and cooperation in evil.

Separation of church and state protects, rather than hinders, faith-based action in public life.

Challenges and Encouragement

In polarized environments, Catholics may feel disenfranchised, but the Church calls for renewed engagement to transform society incrementally toward justice. Resources like the USCCB's Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (updated periodically) guide voters on applying Catholic Social Teaching. Ultimately, political action flows from love of neighbor, proving faith through works (James 2:14–17).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John Donahue".

Update on Growing Home Capital Campaign

If you've driven past the church lately, you've seen it — the new rectory is taking shape! The foundation has been poured, the framing is going up, and before long this house will become a home for our priests. What a blessing to watch these walls rise as a visible sign of your generosity and the hard work behind our Growing Home Capital Campaign.

This is only the beginning. The next phase — the Monsignor Bellow Life Center and the Adoration Chapel — cannot begin until we meet the required cash threshold. That means every pledge payment matters. So far, we are on track, but we need it to continue. If you haven't yet started your pledge payments, we kindly ask that you do so soon. Together, we can keep this momentum going and move confidently into Phase Two.

So far, we've received \$3,689,730 of the \$10,500,000 pledged — a strong foundation, both literally and figuratively, for what lies ahead. Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your commitment to building a stronger home for our parish family.

If you have any questions about your pledge or the campaign, please don't hesitate to reach out to Karen Donahue at Karen.Donahue@stmarknc.org. (Note: If you are new to the parish, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to the campaign. Info: StMarkNC.org/Growing-Home.)



PARISH LIFE

Prayer & Praise Night

When: Sept. 30; Rosary at 7 pm; Prayer and Praise 7:30-8:30 pm

Where: In the church

We would like to invite you to come and spend an hour praising God and opening ourselves to His healing touch. Come to experience God in a profound way as we worship our Lord in prayer and song. If you have never been to these evenings, please pray to see if God wants you to come. If you have been to one of these evenings, consider coming back to support what God is doing during these times of prayer and praise.

Future dates: October 14, November 25, December 9

Contact information:

Fernando at 252-412-9978 (call or text)

Help. Hope. Healing. Stephen Ministry at St. Mark

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual care/ support to fellow parishioners as well as to those in our community. This ministry is a confidential, one to one opportunity to receive Christian care in a comfortable meeting place, whether in your home, parish hall, or even in a park setting. For more information, please contact Leanne Vaccaro leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull rkull@optonline.net or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.

THIS SATURDAY 9/27!

SeptemberFest Parish-Wide Family Social Saturday, September 27, 6-9 pm

This is a parish-wide, just-for-fun, connect-with-others-who-share-a-love-of-Christ, celebration, and family social event!

Thank you to the many volunteers, ministries, apostolates, groups, staff, and vendors who work to bring us this parish social each year.

Outside on the lawn and the Parish Hall

FOOD TRUCKS and DRINKS!

No Admission: This is not a fund raiser. Food and beverages will be available for sale from vendors (cash, debit/credit accepted.) Ice cream, hot dogs, and beverage tickets will need to be purchased from the Stewardship Tent. Picnic baskets are welcome!

Six Food Trucks: Lobster Dogs; Muchachos Tacos; Libretto's Pizzeria, St. Mark Hispanic Ministry Tamales, Elotes (Mexican Corn on The Cob), Fruit Cup, and Aguas Frescas; Fishbaugh Hot Dogs; and The Butcher Grill. Pay with cash or credit; Fishbaugh Dog will only take tickets.

Beverages: Primal Brewery, Wine, Soda and Water

Desserts: Bruster's Ice Cream and Kona Ice

GAMES and ENTERTAINMENT!

Activities: All activities are free. Split Second Sound DJ and Dance Party, Candid Capture Photo Booth, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Football Toss, Cornhole, Game Truck, Bingo, Face Painting, Crafts, Cookie Walk, and more.

Fun for the Entire Family: This is a family event. We will have tables outside but you can bring a chair, blanket and friends. There will be activities outside and in the Parish Hall.



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NEXT SATURDAY 10/4!

JOIN THE FAMILY MINISTRY FOR

WINGS & TRIVIA



Saturday,
October 4
6:15 - 9PM

Free
Register Now!



Registration Closes 9/30!



Bring Your
Fully-Charged Phone
for Trivia with Kahoot!

Menu: Chicken wings, chicken nuggets, carrots & celery, pizza, dessert & drinks!

PARISH LIFE

Roof Above Monthly Meal Ministry

When: Oct. 8, 4-7 pm

Where: 1210 North Tryon St., Charlotte

Please help us as we serve dinner to the gentlemen of the Roof Above North Tryon Campus. On the second Wednesday of every month we prepare, cook and serve dinner to around 150 gentlemen at the Roof Above Men's Shelter. This is a wonderful ministry great for middle schoolers and up with a parent.

We serve the *second Wednesday of every month* at 4 pm and prepare and cook the meal and then leave promptly at 7 pm as the residents clean up. Sign up at [SignUpGenius](#) and search by the email below.

Please contact Carol Palillo for more information.

Information:

cpalillo1@gmail.com

Contact:

Carol Palillo

704-363-4128



Blessing of Pets Next Saturday!

When: Sat., Oct. 4, 10 am

Where: Memorial for Life

Please join us with your finned, feathered and furry friends for a special Blessing of the Pets to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Please note the time and location change: We will meet outside the right transept at the Memorial for Life at 10 am.

The 9 am Mass is a special 25th Anniversary Mass for the Knights of Columbus. Although we ask that you not bring your pets inside the church, you can listen to the Mass outside or in your car on our livestream at stmarknc.org/livestream.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For

Julie Andrews
Sarah Armstrong
Donald Arrup
John & Casey Ball
Daisy Bayona
Deidre Beck
Richard Biddy
Beatrice Bilodeau
Brian Blatchford & Family
Virginia "Gini" Bond
Kathy Brandt
Dave Breen
Helen Sally Buff
Elaine Burkinshaw
Carmen Cabranes
Anne Caestecker
Michelle Chichone
Murphy Clark
Beth Collins
William Conklin
Janice D'Angelo
Sheila DeArmon
Judy and Rich Deboer
John Deluca
Henry Diener
Jane & William Dragoon
James Dupree
Barbara Dutty
James P. Durcan
Jack Evans
Frances & Kai Ferell & Family
Charles Fillipo
Al Fischlein
Joseph Fiore
Tom Fox
Alan Friedl & Family
Maureen K. Frost
Carmine Gallo
Teri Gay
Denny & Monica Golden
Josette Grace
Robert Graham
Paige Grieshop

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

Rachel Grieshop
Hank Griffin
John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Kevin Herman Sr.
Hannah Hopkins
Frank Hunnicutt III
Jerry Jackson Jr.
Cathi Kalberier
Karen Kastle
Gary Katz
Carol & Frank Kenny
Dennis Koenig
Jackie Kopicki
Peggie Lauricella
Joan Lesch
Marie Ligon
Peter R. Loew
Kitty Long
Mary Jo Lucey
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
Patrick & Annette Mann
Rosina Marcucci
Vernon McCord
Cathy Milligan
Terry Milstead
Lucille Modica
Vincent Montoya
Haleigh Moss
Elizabeth Mulligan
Jamie Mulvihill
Angeles Murphy
Maria Magdalena Murphy
Carl Muti
Paul Nealon Jr.
Paul Sr. and Sally Nealon
Margaret Nelson
The Ober Family
Blanca Yolanda Ojeda
Margaret Paquette
Hazel Palmer
The Patterson Family
Fernando Paverpai

John Pecoraro
Doug Peterson
Angela Piraino
Gianni Piraino
Ella Postlewait
Nicole & Bruce Preiss
Thomas Ranney
Gretchen Rasheed
Joette Reid
Lindsay Remington
Butch Remesch
Lola Rodriguez
Madge Root
Maria Rubinos
Phyllis Searles
Daniel Sheffield
Deacon Ronald Sherwood & Family
Mark Shields
Sue Sia
Todd Singh
Robert Somerville
Betsy Spartz
Jeff Stark
John Williams Stoker & Family
Terri Summers
The Tate Family
Kenneth Terry & Family
Cheryl Thompson
Mike Tolbert
Alston Torres
Zaida Torres
Lucia Solis Vallarino
Robert Virgint
Caroline Vogel
Jonathan Wark
Welcome Retreat Staff
Paul Widman
Carol Woodard
Mary Jane Zimmerman

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 28

7:30 am † Frank & Phyllis Mauri
9 am † Virginia (Ginny) White
11 am † Richard Rogoulot
1 pm St. Mark Parishioners
4:30 pm † Kay McAfee
5 pm † Judith Echevarria

Monday, September 29

7 am † Mark Pietroboni
9 am Lari Pietroboni

Tuesday, September 30

7 am Jonathan Wilder Hernandez
9 am † Richard Amatuzzo

Wednesday, October 1

7 am † John Donahue
† Victor Proffitt
6:30 pm Mylene Doretha Matthews
6:30 pm † Dr. Carl Sferry

Thursday, October 2

7 am Paige McCall
9 am Mary's Women of Joy

Friday, October 3

7 am † Mary Jo Lucey
9 am † James Byrnes
7 pm Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 4

9 am Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and
Eileen Garberina
5 pm † Barbara Conklin

Sunday, October 5

7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners
9 am † Benjamin D. Helmer
11 am † Virginia White
1 pm † Francisca Leon
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

†Deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Monday **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Doctor of the Church**
Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday **Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin**
Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday **Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-10

Pray for Our Military

Air Force: Airman Gregory Burke; Airman Antoinio Diaz; Lt. Col. Michael Dragoon; Capt. Stephen Hack; Lt. Col. Douglas Lincoln; Capt. Ryan Loyd; Alejandro Martinez; Sgt. James McCormick; 2nd Lt Connor Milligan; SrA. Benjamin Salber; Airman Chloe Scott

Army: 2nd Lt. Amelia Andretti; 1st Lt. Patrick Camatcho; 1st Lt. Sarah Camatcho; Major Robert Caraccilo; SSgt. Darcy Fisher; Kyle Hawk; PFC. J. Parker Hogan; Capt. John Hughes; Pvt. Chaz Margo; Maj. Daniel McCormick; 2nd Lt. 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 Rusciolelli

Navy: DCFN Matthew J Bixler Jr.; LCDR. Matthew Giannone; SR Chase T. Golden; Lt. Albert Remmey, Jr.; LCDR. Jordan Mayo; ENS. Rory Moran, OSSN. Daniel Pressley; LCDR. Jenna Hehn Quist; ENS. Tyler Spear; LCDR. William Vey; CTT2. Zachary Wortham
and all service members not listed.

PARISH LIFE

Coat, Blanket & Toy Drive

When: Sat., & Sun., Oct. 11 and 12

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

Just a friendly reminder to set aside any gently used or new items for the annual St. Mark Coat/Blanket/Toy Drive!

We will collect items in the Kerin Family Center on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12. We are collecting coats for children (birth to 12), teens, women and men; blankets and comforters; and toys, games, puzzles, books for all ages (birth to teens). We will also take bikes. No clothes please! Tax receipts available. community!

Questions:

Katherine Ducey

duceyfive@yahoo.com



Singles 45+ Fellowship Event

When: Sun., Oct. 19, 4–8 pm

Where: Torrence and Knox,
20936 Torrence Chapel Road,
Cornelius

Please join us for a relaxed, fun afternoon of fellowship. Enjoy wonderful conversation, a lively atmosphere and delicious food. Take this opportunity to connect, make new friends and build community. Feel free to bring a friend! We'd love to see



everyone again!
There's a perfect outdoor space for us to meet.

Please scan code to RSVP.

Questions? 45plussingles@gmail.com

Mass Schedule Changes

Mon., Oct. 6 -Fri., Oct. 10

We will have a visiting priest this week and will only have 7 am Masses. Our priests will be participating in their annual Retreat, and we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Monday, October 13 , Columbus Day:
The Office and Kerin Family Center will be closed for the holiday.

Lunch and Learn: Crime Prevention in Our Communities

When: Mon., Oct. 20, 11 am-1 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Officer Matthew Choice, Huntersville PD, along with his crime investigators will raise awareness on crime in the Lake Norman area. They will provide safety tips to avoid becoming a victim as well as the influx of illegal drugs infiltrating our community.

A complimentary lunch is included.
Registration required.

RSVP: Kevin & Janet Urban,
urbkeve@yahoo.com, 704-689-3847



TO HIM BE HONOR & ETERNAL POWER

1 Timothy 6:16



Coming Up at Saint Mark

Saturday, September 27

SeptemberFest Annual Parish Social

Tuesday, September 30

Prayer and Praise

Saturday, October 4

Blessing of Pets, 10 am, Memorial for Life Wings and Trivia

Sunday, October 5

Prayer Chain for Life

October 11 and 12

Coat and Blanket Drive

Sunday, October 12

Pro-Life Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 14

Prayer and Praise

October 18

Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins

October 20

Lunch and Learn

Astralis Concert Series, 7 pm

Thursday, October 23

Estate Planning Seminar

October 25

Called and Gifted Workshop

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

Catholic Charities Furniture Collection

First Saturday Dinner

November 2

Christmas Giving Tree Gift Campaign

November 6

Special Suicide Talk: Emily Hogan

November 8 and 9

Men's Welcome Retreat

Saturday, November 15

Mass of Consolation

Wednesday, November 19

Young at Heart Luncheon

Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins, St. Nicholas Brunch

Saturday, December 6

First Saturday Dinner

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation, Offices closed

Tuesday, December 9

Prayer and Praise

Saturday, December 13

Parish-Wide Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 25

Christmas, Holy Day, Offices closed

January 1

Holy Day, Offices Closed

January 3

First Saturday Dinner

Saturday, January 17

Meal Packaging Event

Events scheduled may change. Exact times and details will be in the bulletin and newsletter in the weeks before event.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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October 2025

Respect Life Month begins Next Week!

Each October the Church celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

Stand and Pray: Annual National Life Chain **NEXT SUNDAY!**

When: Sun., Oct. 5, 2-3 pm

Where: In front of the church along Stumptown Road

October is National Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday.

Come together with the world as our parish joins together to stand and pray for life during the annual National Life Chain prayer vigil.

Since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to prayerfully stand for Life.

Bring your ministry, Small Group, apostolate, parish group, school class or anyone you know and stand shoulder to shoulder to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life.

We will organize at the Memorial for Life statue of Mary and then fan out along Stumptown Road, from the main entrance to past the school.

Signs will be provided in English and Spanish if you would like; a Rosary is recommended. You are welcome to bring a chair or an umbrella.



Walking with Moms in Need:

Community Pregnancy Center Walk for Life

When: Sat., Oct. 4 check-in 8:30 am/Walk 9:30 am

Where: Langtree, 150 Landings Drive, Mooresville

Please help the St. Mark Walking With Moms In Need (WWMIN) team to raise the most money for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman!

This is an easy, 1.5-mile family-friendly walking course that everyone can come to. To donate or walk with us, register by visiting: stmarknc.org/wwmin or scan code.

Have questions or need help? Go to stmarknc.org/wwmin or Beth@Zuhosky.com.



Walking With Moms In Need:

Infant and Toddler Clothing Drive

When: Sun., Oct. 12

Where: Pro-Life Ministry Fair — Please Do Not Leave in Narthex

Walking with Moms in Need are collecting new and gently used infant and toddler clothes up to 4T. Please bring your donations to the Pro-Life Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 12. We will have a table at the Fair to collect these items. (Note: This is separate from the Coat, Blanket, and Toy Drive.)



Thanking for Supporting Moms in Need!

RESPECT LIFE



Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

When: Now-Sun., Nov. 2

Where: Abortion Centers in Charlotte

Join us for prayer, fasting and community outreach to stop abortion! The Fall 2025 40 Days for Life campaign, a peaceful, prayerful and law-abiding campaign, starts on Wednesday, September 24, and ends Sunday, November 2, There will be two campaign locations in Charlotte this fall:

- Planned Parenthood 700 Torrence St., Charlotte, from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday.
- A Woman's Choice facility 421 N. Wendover Rd., Charlotte from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Saturday.

Go to 40DaysforLife.com/charlotte for more information and to sign up or just show up.

Monthly Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

When: Fri., Oct. 17, 9 am

Where: St. Mark Catholic Church

The Respect Life Committee invites you to come pray for the end of abortion and for abortion-minded women to choose life. Please join us for St. Mark's quarterly Respect Life Mass at 9 am on Friday, Oct. 17 followed by peaceful prayer outside of Planned Parenthood (700 S. Torrence Street, Charlotte).

Contact: Mike FitzGerald at respect.life@stmarknc.org

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5



Vigil of Two Hearts: First Fridays & Saturdays

When: Fri., and Sat. Oct. 3-4

Where: Cathedral of St. Patrick, 1621 Dilworth Rd, Charlotte

Join us for this overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, to pray for families, offer penance for our sins, and pray for the conversion of our nation.

Schedule of Events:

- 8 pm First Friday Mass 10/3
- 9 pm-8 am Nocturnal Adoration
- 9 pm Holy Hour of Reparation
- 8 am First Saturday Mass 10/4

Info and to sign up for a Holy Hour by scanning code.

Adopt Your Hour Here



3rd Annual Pro-Life Ministry Fair

When: Sun., Oct. 12, after 9 am, 11 am, & 1 pm Masses

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

The St. Mark Respect Life Ministry is pleased to host our 3rd annual Pro-Life Ministry Fair. This special event enables parishioners to meet and learn about various pro-life organizations in our community. This is a time to find ways to support these organization or maybe even sign up to help both moms and babies in our community.

Abortions are on the rise in North Carolina and Charlotte. This is an important opportunity to help build a culture of life in our community.

Year	Charlotte Abortions	North Carolina Abortions
2017	9,912	27,183
2018	10,411	27,581
2019	10,854	28,450
2020	11,098	30,004
2021	11,864	32,454
2022	16,606	40,037
2023	19,251	42,954

Source: NC Dept. of Health & Human Services - State Center for Health Statistics

Please come, enjoy a cup of coffee, a bite to eat, and learn how you can make a difference. The following organizations will be represented:

Birthright of Charlotte

Carolina Family Coalition

Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman

MiraVia

North Carolina Right to Life

St. Mark Respect Life Ministry

Walking With Moms In Need

For more information or to have a table, contact Mike FitzGerlad respect.life@stmarknc.org.

GRATEFUL FOR LIFE

Babies in the womb, witnessing God's creative power.

The young and single, building a culture of life through the virtue of chastity.

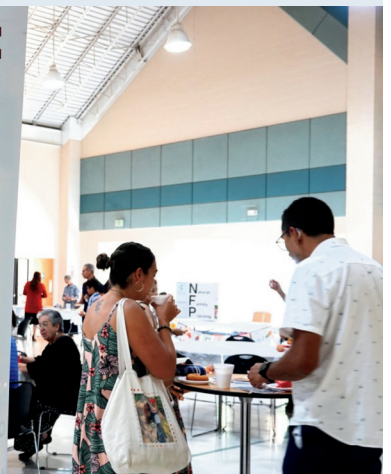
Married couples, saying "yes" to the gift of life.

Families, building a peaceful future through prayer and service to one another.

**For Every Human Life,
Created in God's
Image and Likeness**

The handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility.

The elderly, witnessing the



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Spotlight on Angels & Sparrows

Although we may not immediately identify with the rich man in our gospel reading today, if we have enough food to sustain us, we are closer to being rich than to the poor who do not. Our spotlight today highlights Angels & Sparrows, a Huntersville non-profit organization that helps “empower families to overcome barriers and gain upward mobility by ensuring food security and providing access to essential educational opportunities.” St. Mark parishioner and Angels and Sparrows volunteer, Garland Jackson, compared their mission to the quote, **"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."** (Mrs. Dymond ~ Anne Isabella Thackeray Ritchie)

In addition to Monday through Friday seated lunch service from 11 am – 1 pm, summer bag lunch program, and an emergency food pantry for urgent food needs, Angels & Sparrows also provides:

- Neighborhood outreach for communities needing extra support.
- English and High School Equivalency (HSE) classes for adults with opportunities for additional training.
- Literacy support and tutoring for elementary-aged children.
- Social emotional learning, tutoring, and college and career readiness for teens.
- Family support and coaching through Mobility Mentoring.

Wraparound services: financial and transportation assistance, mental health support, and referrals.

Angels & Sparrows “envisions a community where a child’s future is not determined by the household income in which they are raised. Each adult and child possess inherent potential and genius, and when given access to the tools and resources necessary, can experience a Fresh Start.” Their Food Security Programs, coupled with their Pathway Program’s evidence-informed, nationally recognized 2Generation framework, equips economically challenged families with the foundational education courses, resources, and tools needed to end the cycle of food insecurity and poverty.

Our calling and mission, as Christian stewards, includes serving and connecting with others through compassionate personal and ministerial outreach, especially in our concern for the poor. The services provided through Angels and Sparrows are excellent opportunities to serve and connect as we are called. Ways to get involved include in-kind and financial donations, as well as volunteer opportunities. Go to <https://angelsandsparrows.org/volunteer/> for details.

Special Event in October!

Called and Gifted **Charism and Gifts** **Discernment Workshop**

When: Sat. Oct. 25; 9 am-3:30 pm

Where: Family Center/Parish Hall

St. Mark has the unique opportunity to host the Catherine of Siena Institute for their transformative *Called and Gifted* workshop on

Saturday, October 25. This one-day experience will help you discover the unique spiritual gifts, called charisms, that God has given you, not only for your personal journey but to serve others and reflect Christ’s light in the world.

Whether you’re navigating one of life’s transitions, a new or returning Catholic, a young adult or simply wondering, “How can I follow Jesus’ plan for my life?”, this workshop is for you.

This event is the first step in a three-part discernment process which also includes a personal interview and small group discernment. There is a \$20 registration fee. Lunch will be provided. Register at stmarknc.org/small-group-registration or scan the code.



CATHERINE OF SIENA
INSTITUTE
EQUIPPING PARISHES TO FORM LAY APOSTLES



Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

A Special Opportunity for Men

- **What?** An incredible experience that will help you discover what’s missing in your life and what to do about it
- **When:** Sat./Sun. **November 8th & 9th**
- **Where:** St. Mark’s Kerin Center
- **Why?** You deserve a break! Join fellow parishioners for a weekend of respite, renewal, fellowship, & good food!
- **How to Sign up:** Scan the QR code below or register at <https://stmarkretreat.com/>
- **Questions:** Call joe Smith (610) 883-7753



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus 25th Anniversary Mass

When: Sat., Oct. 4, 9 am

Where: Church

Join us in giving thanks as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mark!

Founded in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. For 25 years, our local council has supported parish life, fostered brotherhood, and served those in need within our community.

The day begins with a special Mass at 9 am, followed by a reception in the Kerin Family Center.

Together, we will honor this milestone with gratitude—reflecting on the Council's accomplishments, sharing memories, and remembering our deceased Brothers.





1ST ANNUAL

DAVID CALABRASE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Presented by the Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Knights of Columbus Council #12654 Huntersville, NC

Monday, November 10, 2025

NORTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

11 AM SHOTGUN START, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

\$160/Per Golfer for Green Fees; \$20 for Mulligan Package.

*50/50 Raffle; Putting Contest; Closest-to-Pin
Chicken & BBQ Buffet*



Questions or want to sponsor a hole?

Bill Pugh / bill.pugh@cmc.com / 704-309-7466

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Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND - A Ministry of Liturgical and Fine Art Photography and Spirituality

When: Oct. 11-12, after Masses

Where: St. Mark Piazza

Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, SND, will visit St. Mark next weekend. Stop by to view and purchase her award-winning liturgical, nature, and landscape photography. Sister Rose Marie Tulacz is known as the "Nun with a Nikon," and has spent a lifetime working to spearhead projects around the globe and helping vulnerable, underserved women and children.

Cards, prints, and framed artwork will be available for sale. All proceeds support the spiritual and humanitarian outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Please check out her website to learn more and see her fine work:

www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com



YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Life Teen: Back to the Garden Life Night Series

When: Sundays, 6-8 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Come celebrate the conclusion of our *Back to the Garden Life Night Series*, with a "Garden Party!" Dinner, games, prizes, dessert, and more; 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. All High Schoolers are welcome! **Wear floral clothes!**

Basketball, foursquare, and board games will run from 5:30-6:10 pm.

Upcoming Events:

10/5: Fall Fest Movie and Fall Festival Night for Middle and High Schoolers, 6-8 pm

10/12: New Life Night Series
Life in Color: A Life Night Series on Hope. **Dress messy for color games!**



Stay Connected!

REMIND App: Class code smhsym2025

Instagram: @stmarkncyouth

Sunday Bulletin - Updates Every Sunday

Email List: augustine.free@stmarknc.org



LIFE NIGHT SERIES:
BACK TO THE GARDEN

**PART V:
GARDEN PARTY
+
TENDING THE
GARDEN**

PIZZA-GAMES-PRIZES-DESSERT
SUNDAY, 9/28, FROM 6-8PM.
BASKETBALL FROM 5:30-6:10PM

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME!
WEAR FLORAL CLOTHES!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
~ 10/5 FALL FEST AND MOVIE NIGHT
~ 10/12 - NEW LIFE NIGHT SERIES!
LIFE IN COLOR: A LIFE NIGHT SERIES ON HOPE. DRESS MESSY FOR COLOR GAMES!



Attn: Middle School Students! You're Invited!

Fall Festival and Movie

When: Sun., Oct. 5, 6-8 pm

Where: Parish Hall

Middle school students are invited to join Life Teen for a special night of Fall Fun! We will have dinner, festival-style festivities, followed by a movie.

Info: augustine.free@stmarknc.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry

If you are 21 -39 and looking for ways to connect with other faithful, our Young Adult Ministry would love to have you join them. Activities include both group study and social events. This group may be especially helpful for those new to the parish or otherwise looking to build new friendships.

The best way to learn about upcoming events for this ministry is through their GroupMe address: https://groupme.com/join_group/87871689/ffPiyWbp or by scanning the QR code.

Contact ministry leader Sean Meier at seanmeier1@gmail.com if you have any questions about this group.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Drexel High School Parent Information Night

When: Thurs, Oct.30; 6 pm

Where: St. Mark Parish House

Come and learn about Drexel High School, a Classical high school in the Catholic tradition!

Parents and students: please join us as Drexel High's faculty and headmaster discuss the school's approach to a Classical education in the Catholic tradition. Learn about our mission, scheduling a visit, how to enroll, and scholarship opportunities. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP! Visit us at drexelhigh.org or email admissions@drexelhigh.org for more information!



ADORATION



Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14

By: Donna Fodale/ Adoration Coordinator
Throughout scripture we see these beautiful encounters that people have with Jesus.

Each encounter offering some sort of teaching, healing, transformation or an opportunity to choose Jesus over sin.

When we read some of these passages we can often relate to one of the people that encounter Jesus. Over the next several weeks I will be sharing some of these encounters. I would like to invite you to read them in Adoration. When we come before the Lord in Adoration we too, like the Samaritan woman in the passage below, encounter Jesus. We know that Jesus is truly present in the Monstrance. Each one of us meets Him with our own temptations and sins. Each one has their own story and wounds that they carry into the Chapel. Just as Jesus knew that this woman would be going to the well that day, he knows that you are coming to be with him, if only for a moment in Adoration. Each encounter you have with him holds the promise of a deeper understanding of the love that he has for you. How does this passage below speak to you? Are you thirsty for the living water that Jesus is offering each of us?

The first passage scripture passage that I would like to share is from John 4-15:

The Samaritan Woman (Woman at the Well)

He (Jesus) had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.)"

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

[The woman] said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the well is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Please prayerfully consider signing up for a holy hour or becoming a sub. Each hour that you spend with the Lord in adoration. Choose an hour that works with your schedule register at: www.stmarknc.org/adoration

TO BE A SUB PLEASE CONTACT
donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

OTHER

Retrouvaille Charlotte Marriage Help

When: Oct. 3-5

Retrouvaille Marriage Help offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on Oct. 3-5, 2025 for couples, Email:

3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or

Call: 727-343-6701; Website:

HelpOurMarriage.com



25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

When: Sun., Oct. 26, 3 pm

Where: Cathedral St. Patrick

If you were married during 1975 or 2000, you are invited to the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass on at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Limit of 2 guests per couple. Please register by scanning the QR code or visiting this link <https://charlottediocese.org/form-wedding-anniversary-mass/>



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Sun 8:15 am-12:15 pm | Phone: 704-948-0231

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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

Please use Online Giving or mail in your offertory

stmarknc.org/Online-Giving

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 pm 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 & Book Store

Open daily in the Family Center

Coffee & Conversation Social Gathering

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall.

Cursillo

Visit www.CharlotteCursillo.com for information on upcoming retreat weekends, ultreyas and group reunions.

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:

704-975-8572; Post Abortion: 1-800-5-WE CARE

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

Taken Abortion Pill? It may not be too late: Abortion Pill

Reversal 877-558-0333 or abortionpillreversal.com

Parishioner Assistance

Financial:

St. Vincent De Paul Society:

Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org

Life Crisis: Stephen Ministry

stmarknc.org/stephen-ministry

Food Insecurity:

Parish Office

stmarknc.org/assistance or

Emily.Bixler@stmarknc.org or

704-948-0231, Ext. 102

Al-Anon

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. If parish offices are closed, meetings are held at Lowe's Foods, exit 23.

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



Dios nos ha dado un gran poder en forma de Tiempo, Talentos y Tesoros. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que este poder está

destinado a ser utilizado para un gran bien. Y ese no hacerlo tiene consecuencias eternas.

Vemos la urgencia de que hagamos un buen uso de nuestros poderes en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy de San Lucas. Nuestro Señor cuenta la parábola bastante escalofriante del hombre rico que ignoró al pobre Lázaro durante sus vidas. En el momento de la muerte del rico, descendiendo al abismo, mientras que Lázaro es llevado al gozo y consuelo eternos en el seno de Abraham. El hombre rico lamenta profundamente su indiferencia hacia las necesidades de Lázaro, pero es demasiado tarde para arrepentirse. Sus elecciones se han cumplido, y ahora el hombre rico enfrentará las consecuencias de su fracaso en usar los dones que Dios le dio.

La búsqueda del reino de Dios y el cuidado de los pobres no son asuntos insignificantes. Nuestro Señor nos lo aclara una y otra vez en las Escrituras y en las enseñanzas constantes de nuestra Iglesia de 2.000 años de antigüedad. Somos libres de ignorar estas enseñanzas y vivir para nosotros mismos. Pero al final habrá resultados trágicos para nosotros. Y, debido a que estamos hechos para la eternidad, vivir egoístamente en esta tierra realmente no nos trae verdadera felicidad de todos modos.

Entonces, ¿cómo podemos usar nuestros grandes poderes para un gran bien? Adoptando una forma de vida de mayordomía. Poniendo a Dios en primer lugar en todas las áreas de nuestras vidas: en la forma en que pasamos nuestro tiempo, en las formas en que compartimos nuestros talentos, en las formas en que damos de nuestros recursos financieros. La vida de mayordomía nos llama a salir de nuestra zona de confort y a comprometernos con el Señor y las cosas que le importan. ©Consultores de mayordomía católica, 2025

Reflexión pastoral : aunque este año no es una elección presidencial o de mitad de período, las elecciones locales son bastante importantes y, a menudo, no las tomamos tan en serio como deberíamos. Este año tenemos dos feligreses que se postulan para un cargo, Dan Boo-

ne se postula para el concejo municipal y Bill Fountain se postula para la junta escolar. Para algunos, estas posiciones pueden parecer insignificantes, pero es a nivel local donde nosotros, como católicos, podemos tener el mayor impacto. Pensé que podría ser útil entonces dar un recordatorio de los deberes de los católicos en la vida política.

La Iglesia enseña que los católicos laicos tienen la responsabilidad principal de los asuntos temporales, incluida la política, como una extensión de la vocación bautismal (CIC 1913). Los deberes clave incluyen:

Formar la conciencia: Estudiar las enseñanzas de la Iglesia para discernir las prioridades morales; evitar reducir la fe a temas individuales, pero priorizar los males intrínsecos como el aborto.

Participación activa: Vote informativamente, postularse para un cargo, unirse a partidos o grupos de defensa y dialogar con funcionarios para aplicar los valores del Evangelio. El Papa Francisco afirma: "Un buen católico se entromete en la política", ofreciendo lo mejor de sí mismo para ayudar a los líderes a gobernar con justicia.

Defensa no partidista: La Iglesia se involucra en temas (por ejemplo, la vida, la familia, la paz) pero evita el partidismo para centrarse en los principios. Las parroquias pueden albergar educación electoral pero no respaldar candidatos.

Para los funcionarios públicos: Los políticos católicos deben alinear las acciones con las enseñanzas morales de la Iglesia; apoyar males graves como el aborto corre el riesgo de escándalo y la cooperación en el mal.

La separación de la iglesia y el estado protege, en lugar de obstaculizar, la acción basada en la fe en la vida pública.

Desafíos y estímulo

En entornos polarizados, los católicos pueden sentirse privados de sus derechos, pero la Iglesia pide un compromiso renovado para transformar la sociedad gradualmente hacia la justicia. Recursos como la *Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos* (que se actualiza periódicamente) guían a los votantes sobre la aplicación de la CST. En última instancia, la acción política fluye del amor al prójimo, demostrando la fe a través de las obras (Santiago 2:14-17).

Actualización de la Campaña de Capital Growing Home

Si has pasado en carro por la iglesia últimamente, lo habrás visto — ¡el nuevo rectorado está tomando forma! La cimentación ya se ha vertido, la estructura está en pie y, dentro de poco, esta casa se convertirá en un hogar para nuestros sacerdotes. Qué bendición ver cómo se levantan estas paredes como un signo visible de su generosidad y del arduo trabajo detrás de nuestra Campaña de Capital Growing Home.

Esto es solo el comienzo. La siguiente fase — el Centro de Vida Mons. Bellow y la Capilla de Adoración — no podrá comenzar hasta que alcancemos el umbral de efectivo requerido. Eso significa que cada pago de promesa cuenta. Hasta ahora vamos bien encaminados, pero necesitamos mantener ese ritmo. Si aún no has comenzado a realizar tus pagos de promesa, te pedimos amablemente que lo hagas pronto. Juntos podemos mantener este impulso y avanzar con confianza hacia la Fase Dos.

Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$3,689,730 de los \$10,500,000 prometidos — una base sólida, tanto literal como figurativamente, para lo que viene. Gracias por tu fe, tu generosidad y tu compromiso con la construcción de un hogar más fuerte para nuestra familia parroquial.

Si tienes alguna pregunta sobre tu promesa o la campaña, no dudes en comunicarte con Karen Donahue en Karen.Donahue@stmarknc.org.

(Nota: Si eres nuevo en la parroquia, por favor considera en oración hacer una promesa a la campaña. Info: StMarkNC.org/Growing-Home)



MES RESPETEMOS LA VIDA

octubre de 2025



¡El Mes de la Vida comienza la próxima semana!

Cada octubre, la Iglesia celebra el Mes de la Vida. Como católicos, estamos llamados a defender y proteger a los más vulnerables, desde el comienzo de la vida hasta su fin.

Último Fin de Semana: ¡Recolección de Pañales, Fórmula y Toallitas!

Por favor, deje sus donaciones en el contenedor del Nártex.

¡Bendición de las Mascotas el Próximo Sábado!



Cuándo: Sáb., 4 de octubre, 10 a.m.

Dónde: Monumento a la Vida

Acompáñanos con tus amigos de aletas, plumas y pelaje para una Bendición especial de las Mascotas en celebración de la Fiesta de San Francisco de Asís.

Nota sobre el horario y lugar: Nos reuniremos afuera, en el transepto derecho, en el Monumento a la Vida a las 10 a.m. La Misa de las 9 a.m. será una Misa especial por el 25.º Aniversario de los Caballeros de Colón y se espera que dure hasta las 10 a.m.

Aunque pedimos que no traigas tus mascotas dentro de la iglesia, puedes escuchar la Misa afuera o en tu automóvil a través de nuestra transmisión en vivo en stmarknc.org/livestream.

"Alabado seas, mi Señor, con todas tus criaturas." — San Francisco de Asís

Párate y Ora: Cadena Nacional por la Vida ANUAL EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

Cuándo: Dom., 5 de octubre, 2-3 pm

Dónde: Frente a la iglesia a lo largo de Stumptown Road

Octubre es el Mes Nacional de la Vida y el primer domingo de octubre es el Domingo de Respeto a la Vida. Únete al mundo mientras nuestra parroquia se reúne para pararse y orar por la vida durante la vigilia anual de oración de la Cadena Nacional por la Vida.

Desde 1987, los creyentes se han reunido a nivel nacional el primer domingo de cada octubre para defender la Vida en oración.

Trae tu ministerio, Grupo Pequeño, apostolado, grupo parroquial, clase escolar o cualquier persona que conozcas y párense hombro con hombro para hacer una manifestación pública, pacífica y en oración por la Vida. Nos organizaremos en la estatua del Memorial por la Vida de María y luego nos distribuiremos a lo largo de Stumptown Road, desde la entrada principal hasta más allá de la escuela. Se proporcionarán carteles en inglés y español si lo deseas; se recomienda un Rosario. También puedes traer una silla o un paraguas.

3.ª Feria Anual de Ministerios Pro-Vida

Cuándo: Dom., 12 de octubre, después de las Misas de 9 a.m., 11 a.m. y 1 p.m.

Dónde: Salón Parroquial del Centro Familiar

El Ministerio Respeto a la Vida de San Marcos se complace en organizar nuestra 3.ª Feria Anual de Ministerios Pro-Vida. Este evento especial permite a los feligreses conocer y aprender sobre diversas organizaciones pro-vida en nuestra comunidad. Es una oportunidad para encontrar formas de apoyar a estas organizaciones o incluso inscribirse para ayudar tanto a las madres como a los bebés de nuestra comunidad.

Los abortos están en aumento en Carolina del Norte y Charlotte. Esta es una oportunidad importante para ayudar a construir una cultura de vida en nuestra comunidad. Por favor, ven, disfruta de una taza de café, algo de comer y aprende cómo puedes marcar la diferencia. Las siguientes organizaciones estarán representadas: Birthright de Charlotte, Carolina Family Coalition, Community Pregnancy Center de Lake Norman, MiraVia, North Carolina Right to Life, Ministerio Respeto a la Vida de San Marcos, Walking With Moms In Need.

Para más información o para tener una mesa, contacta a Mike Fitzgerald en respect.life@stmarknc.org.

Lecturas de las Escrituras

Domingo Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Am 6, 1. 4-7; Sal 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; 1 Tm 6, 11-16; Lc 16, 19-31

Lunes Fiesta de los Santos Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael

Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Apo 12, 7-12; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 4-5; Jn 1, 47-51

Martes Memoria de San Jerónimo, Doctor de la Iglesia

Zac 8, 20-23; Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7; Lc 9, 51-56

Miércoles Memoria de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús

Neh 2, 1-8; Sal 136, 1-2, 3. 4-5. 6; Lc 9, 57-62

Jueves Memoria de los Santos Ángeles Custodios

Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 8-12; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Mt 18, 1-5. 10

Viernes Bar 1, 15-22; Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9; Lc 10, 13-16

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Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29; Sal 68, 33-35. 36-37; Lc 10, 17-24

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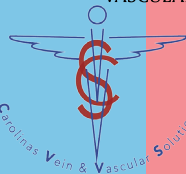
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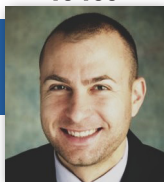
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