

The **SOLEMNITY**
of **ALL SOULS**

Today we remember
our loved ones.

Visit a cemetery, pray
for the dead, and gain a
plenary indulgence for
the faithful departed.

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SAINT MARK

All Souls Day, November 2, 2025, Spanish Page 16

Welcome to St. Mark



Today we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day. In a very rare occurrence, the liturgical color is black today. The readings can be found on page 1281. 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.

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online-giving](http://stmarknc.org/online-giving)**

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.

FROM THE PASTOR: ALL SOULS DAY



On All Souls Day, the Church prays for all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The Scriptures

remind us of the hope we share in Christ. The Book of Wisdom assures us that "the souls of the just are in the hand of God" (Wis 3:1), while St. Paul teaches that through Baptism, we were united with Christ in His death so that we might also live with Him forever (Rom 6:3-9).

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us words of profound comfort and promise: "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day" (Jn 6:40). Eternal life is God's greatest gift to us, and it shapes the way we live here and now.

As Christian stewards, we are called to make use of the time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us in ways that prepare us for eternity. Each day is an opportunity to serve God, love our neighbor, and hand on the gift of faith to others.

As we pray for the faithful departed today, may we also renew our own commitment to live as disciples who use well the gifts we have been given, so that one day we may share in the fullness of

life with Christ, who has promised to raise us up on the last day. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering

As we begin the month of November, hearts and minds quickly begin moving towards the Holidays. These weeks will go by quickly as we end the liturgical year and begin the season of Advent with a new liturgical year. Remember to use these days as opportunities to pray, to put faith into action through charitable outreach, and to seek to grow in our love for God and neighbor.

I also, before the end of the year, want to address the importance of the DSA, the **Diocesan Support Appeal**. I have had a few people express to me that because of their concern or disagreement with Bishop Martin, they could not support the DSA. Please be aware that this particular appeal does not support Diocesan administration. The DSA supports direct ministry in the Diocese including Catholic Charities and Vocations among others.

Moreover, the DSA is an assessed collection. This means that each parish is given a target that it is required to reach, either by freewill gift or taxation. If we do not reach our assessed goal, funds must be taken from general

offertory to cover the difference.

Hence, I would ask if you have not donated to the DSA this year, that you make a contribution to help us close the gap and reach our assessed goal. The most recent report indicates that we are still \$45,227.38 away from our goal of \$403,139.00 and have outstanding pledges of \$30,856.83. Thank you for your assistance with this important effort.

Finally, as already announced, Bishop Martin will be celebrating the *Rite of Ordination* to the diaconate for three men, including James Tweed, on Saturday, December 6. The Mass of Ordination will be celebrated at 10 am. at Immaculate Conception in Hendersonville. We are open to arranging bus transportation for those who would like to attend. In many respects, because of the year that he spent with us, James considers St. Mark his home, and he has already asked that his first Mass be celebrated here next summer. It would be wonderful if we could have a nice group from the parish to be present to support him and he begins ordained ministry. Please contact the office if you are interested or need more information.

Reflecting
God's
Light



**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2025**

Please make a
donation
to the
2025 DSA
today!



In Loving Memory: Rev. Deacon Dr. Ronald Sherwood

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Ron Sherwood, who was called home to the Lord on October 23. The funeral was Wednesday, October 29. His obituary can be found at James Funeral Home: jamesfuneralhome1kn.com

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Deacon Ron was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio in 1977. He and his beloved wife, Vicky, moved to Charlotte in 2004, when Deacon Ron was assigned to serve here at St. Mark. Over the years, he faithfully assisted at the altar, preached the Word, and ministered to our parish family with humor, humility, and a generous heart. Please keep Vicky and all of Deacon Ron's family in your prayers.



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
Vic Crognale
Janice D'Angelo
Sheila DeArmon
Judy and Rich Deboer
John Deluca
Henry Diener
Jane & William Dagoon
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

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

Paige Grieshop
Rachel Grieshop
Hank Griffin
John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Madeline Louise Henwood
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
Margaret Lynch
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
Rosina Marcucci
Vernon McCord
Cathy Milligan
Terry Milstead
Lucille Modica
Vincent Montoya
Mary Morgan
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
Joette Reid
Lindsay Remington
Butch Remesch
Lola Rodriguez
Maria Rubinos
Thomas Rynne
Phyllis Searles
Daniel Sheffield
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, November 2

7:30 am † Orlando Laise
9 am St. Mark Parishioners
11 am † Monty & Emma Elliott
1 pm Manny Mora
4:30 pm † Deacon Robert Murphy
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

Monday, November 3

7 am Gonzalo Modesto & Irene Luisa
Guillen Canino
9 am † Guillermo Solanilla

Tuesday, November 4

7 am Dorthy Welsh
9 am † Richard Amatuzzo

Wednesday, November 5

7 am Chris Anne Flynn
† Donna Johnsen
6:30 pm Tom Pecka
6:30 pm † David Calabrese

Thursday, November 6

7 am † Thuc-Cuong-To-Uan-Hang
9 am Nadia Wolk

Friday, November 7

7 am The Daughters of the Virgin
Mother
9 am All Souls in Purgatory &
Conversion of Sinners
7 pm † Ana Gordillo & Antonio
Tejada

Saturday, November 8

9 am Jake Bevan
5 pm † Alexandra Schaney

Sunday, November 9

7:30 am Maria Fernanda Meneses
9 am † Members of the Hlenski
Family
11 am St. Mark Parishioners
1 pm † Josefa Osorio
4:30 pm † Kay McAfee
5 pm John & Jean Huber

†Deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Monday	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2,3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Pray for Our Military

Air Force: Airman **Gregory Burke**; Airman **Antoinio Diaz**; Lt. Col. **Michael Dagoon**; 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.



All Souls Day

Good and gracious God, today we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. We commend them to Your loving mercy and pray that they may be at peace in Your Heavenly Kingdom. We thank you for the time we had with them, the love we shared and the memories of them that remain with us. We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Consolation that we live our lives with deepening faith and with the hope of one day being reunited with them in the everlasting love of Your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

Praying for the Faithful Departed

This year, All Souls Day — the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed — falls on Sunday, November 2, giving it a special prominence in our liturgical life.

On this day, the Church turns her heart toward those who have died and are still being purified before entering the fullness of Heaven. It is a day of hope and mercy, reminding us that death does not end love and that our prayers truly aid the souls of the departed.

Because All Souls Day falls on a Sunday this year, the liturgical color will be black, a rare and solemn sight. Black vestments express our Christian mourning and the gravity of death, yet also our confidence in the Resurrection and in God's infinite mercy.

How to Gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed

The Church grants a plenary indulgence, the full remission of temporal punishment due to sin, to those who devoutly pray for the souls in purgatory under the usual conditions:

1. Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead (even silently).
2. Receive Holy Communion that day.
3. Go to Confession within about 20 days.
4. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father and a Hail Mary suffice).
5. Be free from all attachment to sin, even venial.

This indulgence may be gained once per day from November 1–8, and applied only to the souls in purgatory.

All Souls Day beautifully connects Heaven, earth, and purgatory in one great communion of love. As we attend Mass clothed in the rare beauty of black vestments, let us remember: in praying for the dead, we proclaim our faith in the living Christ, who is “the Resurrection and the Life.”

Please remember in your prayers those who have passed in the past year. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*
Please excuse any errors or omissions to this list.

Richard Amatuzzo
Ken Andrews
Janet Atherton
Henriette Bleuzen
Anthony Bucci
John Burger
Mary Byers
David Gerald Calabrese
Violetta Mejia Camirio
Dimetri George Chaconas
Timothy William Connane
Frank Correale
Richard Covelli
Michael Crognale
Mary Phil Crow
Alice Ley Cwetna
Rafael Frias D'Vivo
Aminta Bayona De Medina
John Donahue
Ruth Donovan
Philip Eigenbauer
Mary Elizabeth Ewokolo
Elvira Eleanor Bokenko “Bonnie” Farrell
Robert Fernz
Tom Fields
Juana Alvarez Flores
Stephen Gajewski
Valeria Gerbasi
Brienne Greene
Ana Susana Gutierrez
Sean Hanrahan
Kathy Harmer
Matthew William Henderson
Judy Keith Herda
Walter J Hess
Carroll Hitch
Johannah Holleran
Porter Hoyt
John Hughes

Pauline Kielbasa
Orlando Laise
Mary Jo Lucey
Patrick “Pat” Mann
Ernesto Marrero
Kay McAfee
Thomas McClintock
Vernon McCord
Scottie Mickey
Anthony Montana
Bob Moon
Deacon Robert Murphy
Nancy Natale
Patricia Mackey Nestor
Daniel Joseph O’Keefe
Kathleen “Kathy” O’Sullivan
Evelyn Pachana
James Packard
Olga Martinez Perez
Patricia “Pat” Piedmonte
Roger Porubsky
Ximena Pradas
Pedro Jose Castro Rodriguez
Elizabeth “BJ” Romeo
Stephen Roth
Anthony Joseph Russo
Stephen “Babe” Senvisky
Sharon Sheridan
Andrew Sikso
Deacon Ronald Sherwood
Hobert Smith Jr.
Kenneth Springer
Elaine Stewart
Anna Stojek
Luz Maria Torres
Theodore Waldron
Mary Ellen Walsh
James Woodworth

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Spotlight: Praying for Souls in Purgatory

In November, Catholics are invited to meditate on the Communion of Saints.

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers" (CCC 962)

All Souls Day, begins the Church Militant's month-long focus on prayers for the dead. This dedicated period reminds us to pray for souls in Purgatory (the Church Suffering).

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macc. 12: 46).

Our readings today proclaim our hope in life everlasting with the Church Triumphant and all saints in heaven. Our prayers for souls in Purgatory are spiritual works of mercy and may, under proper conditions, gain plenary or partial indulgences.

We grow in our own conversion and holiness as we pray for the souls in purgatory, while helping souls attain heaven. St. John Paul II stated that, "the spiritual condition for receiving a plenary indulgence is the exclusion 'of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.' Therefore, it would be a mistake to think that we can receive this gift by simply performing certain outward acts. On the contrary, they are required as the expression and support of our progress in conversion."

September Financial Report

Monthly Offertory Contributions	Sep-25
	Amount
Contributions	\$ 322,280
Budget	\$ 330,750
Over (Short)	\$ (8,470)
Average Weekly Mass Attendance	4639

Fiscal Year to Date Offertory Contributions	July 1st, 2025 - June 30th, 2026
	Amount
YTD Contributions through September 2025	\$ 964,810
YTD Budget	\$ 972,250
Over (Short)	\$ (7,440)

2025 DSA Assessment	January 1st, 2025 - Oct. 22nd, 2025
	Amount
Total DSA Assessment	\$ 403,139
Total Paid Pledges	\$ 327,055
Total Unpaid Pledges	\$ 30,857
Total Over (Short) Including Unpaid Pledges	\$ (76,084)
Total Number of Donors	473

2025-2026 Priest Retirement Assessment	July 1st, 2025 - June 30th, 2026
	Amount
Total Priest Retirement Assessment	\$ 120,953
Total Collected through September 2025	\$ 40,222
Total Over (Short)	\$ (80,731)

Donut Sunday, Christmas Giving Tree Kick Off and Thanksgiving Food Drive This Sunday!

When: Sun., Nov. 2, after 7:30, 9, and 11 am Masses

Where: Kerin Family Center Parish Hall

Join us after Mass for an extra special Donut Sunday! It will be an extra festive morning when we kick-off the Christmas Giving Tree gift-giving outreach efforts and sort food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. So stop in, have a donut and coffee with friends, sort some canned goods, and pick an ornament off our trees.

It will be a great time to grow, serve, share and connect at St. Mark!



LAST WEEKEND: Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Please bring your food and gift card donations by the end of the day on Sunday! Grocery Store gift cards in the amount of \$25 and nonperishable, unopened food items are still needed.

PLEASE NO GLASS!

All donations will help families at St. Mark and the surrounding communities. Our goal is to give all adopted families a bag of groceries and a grocery store gift card so they can buy fresh meat and produce. Volunteers will be available to collect donations after all Masses on the weekend final weekend

REQUESTED DONATIONS:

Non-Perishable Thanksgiving Food:

Stuffing * Instant Potatoes * Rice * Macaroni & Cheese * Canned Yams / Sweet Potatoes Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Carrots) * Beans (Dried or Canned) * Gravy (Canned or Dried Mix) * Fruit (Canned, Fruit Cups, Applesauce) * Dessert Mixes (Cornbread, Brownies, Cookies, Cake Mix)

Non-perishable: General Food Items

Peanut Butter and Jelly * Pasta and Pasta Sauce * Canned Meat / Fish * Breakfast Foods (Oatmeal, Cereal) * Canned Soup * Juice boxes * Baking (Flour, Sugar) * Snacks (Crackers, Granola Bars, Cookies)

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL NON-PERISHABLES!

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Select Ornaments after All Masses in the Parish Hall

Christmas Giving Tree

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Through the Christmas Giving Tree, parishioners can help bring Christmas to children, families, and individuals in need within our community.

Beginning Saturday, November 1, our beautifully decorated trees will be set up in the Parish Hall, decorated with ornaments.

Each ornament has a gift request. Just take one (or more!), purchase the item, and return it in a gift bag with the tag attached. Online donations can be made at stmarknc.org/Christmas-Giving-Tree or scan code.

Your generosity helps share the love of Christ and the true spirit of Christmas with those who need it most!



Organizations Receiving Gifts in 2025:

Croft Community School
Blythe Elementary
Huntersville Elementary
Long Creek Elementary
St. Mark Elementary
Torrence Creek Elem.
Huntersville Oaks
Hope House
Children's Hope Alliance

Bridge of Hearts
Catholic Charities
MOP
Mira Via
Little Smiles
St. Mark Families
Walking with Moms in Need
Daughters of the Virgin Mother
Neighborhood C.A.R.E. Center

NOTE Our parish's beloved gift-giving tradition continues with a new name — the Christmas Giving Tree! In past years, this ministry was known as the Angel Tree. However, because Angel Tree is now a registered program name of The Salvation Army, we have adopted a new name that reflects the same mission and joy.

Make a Difference with Nourish Up! Volunteers Needed

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Join the Nourish Up Food Pantry team and help bring hope and nourishment to our neighbors!

We're seeking friendly, compassionate volunteers to assist clients in selecting food items at the pantry on Stumptown Rd. This is a hands-on, client-facing role - perfect for those who love connecting with people and making a direct impact.

Volunteers are needed to work on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Volunteer weekly, bi-weekly, or even just once a month- whatever fits your schedule!

Contact Lauren Steele at laurenfloyd@verizon.net to get started.





Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon

For ALL those **55+**

Wednesday, November 19, 11 am

in the Parish Hall

Come for our annual
traditional Thanksgiving meal,
prepared by our own parishioner
Clint Schaney.

Cost: \$15 donation

To reserve your spot, please fill out an envelope
— found at the Welcome Desk in the Family Center —
and deposit it in the black box on the wall.



*Cutoff for reservation is
Monday, November 10!*

Spain, Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage Information Session

When: Wed., Nov. 12; 7:00 pm

Where: Virtual via Zoom

Come here about our **inspiring Marian Pilgrimage with Father Kevin Martinez to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes!** This meeting will be an opportunity to see the itinerary, ask questions, and meet your fellow pilgrims!

Feel free to share this invitation with your family and friends — all are welcome to join and learn more about this beautiful experience!



Please help us plan with your RSVP at this link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44A5AE22ABFC1-59574151-fatima>

More Information:

www.WoodardLuxuryTravel.com/events-trips

Contact: Donny Woodard, 980-483-3620,
dwoodard@WoodardLuxuryTravel.com



**Coming Up at
Saint Mark**

November 2

Donut Sunday

Christmas Giving Tree Gift Begins

Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends

November 6

Special Talk: Emily Hogan, 6:30 pm

November 8

Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer

November 8 and 9

Men's Welcome Retreat

Monday, November 10

Charles Fraune Talk: The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day, Offices Closed

Saturday, November 15

Mass of Consolation, 9 am

Wednesday, November 19

Prayer and Praise

Wednesday, November 25

Young at Heart Luncheon

Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins

St. Nicholas Brunch

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation, Offices closed

Tuesday, December 9

Prayer and Praise

Friday, December 12

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13

Parish-Wide Holiday Celebration

December 15-23

Posada, nightly, Spanish

Thursday, December 25

Christmas

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day, Offices Closed

Saturday, January 3

First Saturday Dinner

Saturday, January 10

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
Volunteer Appreciation Event

Saturday, January 17

Meal Packaging Event

3rd Annual
**ST. NICHOLAS
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Following the 9 AM & 11 AM Masses

**\$7/person
\$50 max per
family**

- Hot breakfast including eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, and juice.
- Visit with St. Nicholas
- FREE Advent Liturgical Living Resources
- FREE Family Photo Opportunity



Registration Required

Registration closes November 25, 2025, or once capacity is reached.



SAINT MARK
FAMILY MINISTRY



Cursillo FYI Night

When: Thurs, Nov. 6, 7 pm

Where: St. Mark Parish House

Please join us for a 'Cursillo FYI Night' on November 6, at 7 PM. The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.

Contact: John Moloney

NorthCharlotteUltreya@gmail.com

www.charlottecursillo.com

James Tweed's Diaconate Ordination: Bus Trip Interest



We are considering a group bus trip to Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville, N.C. for the Diaconate Ordination of James Tweed on Saturday, December 6.

The bus would leave St. Mark around 7 am and return about 4 pm. Estimated cost: \$30-\$35 per person (meals to be determined).

Please go to our Sign Up Genius at www.stmarknc.org/james-tweed or scan the code. You may also leave your information with Paige, Karen or Sharon at the Welcome Desk.

If interested, please provide your name and the number in your group. *This is an interest sign-up only and does not guarantee a seat.*



MASS OF CONSOLATION

For all who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss.



Saturday, November 15

9am Mass

Those who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss are invited to our 3rd annual Mass of Consolation on Saturday, November 15. This year we will offer a series of short talks in the Monsignor Kerin Family Center Parish Hall after the Mass:

Attendees will have the opportunity to write their child and family name in a Book of Remembrance to be placed at the altar during the offertory. Families will also receive a blessed white candle to take home with them.

Thank you to the Respect Life Ministry and the Diocese of Charlotte Office of Family Life for offering this Mass to the community.



SAINT MARK Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC

DIocese of CHARLOTTE

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

Election 2025 Novena

When: Mon., Oct. 27-Tues., Nov. 5, 5:30-5:45 pm

Where: In the Church

The Respect Life Committee and the Holy Face Prayer Group are once again organizing our annual election novena in the nine days leading up to the election. **Please join us in the church from October 27-November 5, 5:30-5:45 pm to pray a parish-wide novena.** Note, you will need to pray the novena at home on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2 (you can also pray the novena each day at home.)

Novena Prayer:

Oh my Jesus! Cast upon us a look of mercy Turn Thy Face towards each one of us even as Thou didst turn to Veronica, not that we may see It with the eyes of our body, for we do not deserve to do so. But turn It towards our hearts, that being sustained by Thee, we may ever draw from that powerful source, the vigor necessary to enable us to wage the combats we have to undergo.

Amen. Through the merits of Thy Precious Blood and Thy Holy Face, O Jesus, grant us our petition: May voters choose elected leaders who will uphold the dignity of every human life, sanctity of marriage, liberty of the Church and her members; and may the newly elected officials be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions. Mary, our Mother, and St Joseph, pray for us. Amen.

Prayer for the Election: Consecration of the Election to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou whilst take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.
(Composed by exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Special Talk: Emily Hogan Caring Conversations: Supporting Teens & Young Adults Through Mental Health Challenges

When: Thurs., Nov. 6, 6:30 pm

Where: Family Center Parish Hall

Who: Parents and Loved Ones of High School Students and Young Adults

About the Talk

Suicide and self-harm are deeply painful issues in our communities, but they're also preventable.

Join us for a thoughtful and compassionate evening with **Emily Hogan, MS, MSW, LCSWA**, as she returns to the parish to lead a talk focused on the emotional



well-being of young people. Geared toward parents, grandparents, teachers, youth ministers, and other caregivers, this session will explore current trends in adolescent and young adult mental health, with a special emphasis on how we can better support those we love.

During the session, Emily will:

- Review what the research tells us about adolescent and young adult mental health today
- Describe common signs and symptoms of depression and suicidal thinking
- Outline important risk and protective factors
- Offer practical strategies for approaching difficult conversations about mental health and suicide
- Provide an overview of local and national community resources and supports

While this talk is limited to caregivers, we may plan a future session specifically tailored for teens and young adults themselves.

There will be time for Q&A and resource handouts will be provided.

Emily Hogan, MS, MSW, LCSWA is a St. Mark parishioner and a clinical therapist at Clover Counseling, PLLC in Huntersville. Emily spent eight years working at colleges and universities, including Davidson College, helping young adults navigate mental health concerns within the college environment. Emily specializes in supporting

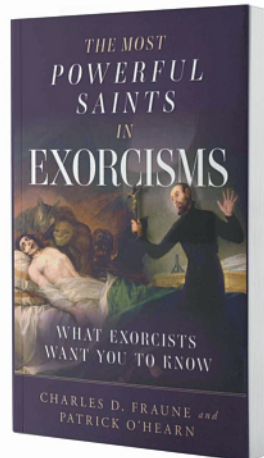


Talk by Author and Speaker

Charles D. Fraune
Monday, November 10th

Parish Hall @ 6:30pm!

"The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms: What Exorcists Want You to Know"



Endorsed by Bishops, exorcists, and those working in deliverance ministry.

In this talk, based on his recent book,

The Most Powerful Saints in Exorcisms: What Exorcists Want You to Know

Charles Fraune will present the inspiring teachings about the Saints, their power to help us, and their wondrous presence in the life of the Church, including within the ministry of exorcists.

St. Mark Catholic Church
Huntersville, NC

Monday, November 10th

This Book, and more
spiritual warfare Books on Sale
Book Signing

adolescents and young adults with anxiety, depression, eating disorders/ disordered eating, relationship conflicts, personality disorders, and many other mental health concerns. Over the past twelve years, Emily has taught numerous Mental Health First Aid USA courses to increase community awareness surrounding mental health concerns. She is passionate about improving mental health awareness and response within the Catholic community.

Alzheimer's Respite Ministry - A Place of Peace

When: Mondays 1-4 pm

Where: Kerin Family Center, Room 200

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be both beautiful and challenging. At Saint Mark Catholic Church we understand the deep need for companionship, spiritual support and meaningful engagement – especially in the early to moderate stages of Alzheimer's.

Our Alzheimer's Respite Ministry offers a safe, welcoming space where your loved one can experience prayer, friendship and joyful socialization. Our dedicated volunteers recognize that meaningful relationships are possible at every stage of Alzheimer's. We are here to nurture those connections with compassion and faith.

You are welcome to attend with your loved one or allow us to care for them while you receive some much-needed respite from your caregiving.

To enroll in this free program, contact:

Janet Urban, jgraceart@yahoo.com or 704-236-7475

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us!

Knights of Columbus

When: Mon., Nov. 3, 6:30 pm

Where: Family Center Room 200

Are you a Catholic man looking to grow in your faith, serve your parish and community, and become part of a brotherhood rooted in charity and Catholic values?

The Knights of Columbus invite you to be part of something greater. As a member you will have opportunities to:

- Deepen your spiritual life and faith formation
- Support local charitable causes and parish initiatives
- Participate in family and community events
- Build strong bonds of brotherhood with fellow Catholic men

Whether you're looking to give back, grow spiritually, or simply connect with like-minded men,

There is a place for you in our Council.

Our next general meeting will be Monday, November 3 in Room 202 at 6:30 pm. Please come as our guest to see what we are all about.

To learn more or express interest contact: Ray Fitzgerald at RFITZG@AOL.COM OR 704-992-1702

Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge

When: Sat., Nov. 8, 11 am

Where: Rescue Squad Park,
7819 Galway Lane, Denver

The Soccer Challenge is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. The competition is a penalty-kick contest, designed to let youth demonstrate their basic soccer skills in a friendly, structured format.

This initiative is part of a national Knights of Columbus program intended to promote sportsmanship, healthy competition, and youth engagement.

Info: Danny Walker:
walk6400@gmail.com.



1st Annual David Calabrese Memorial Golf Tournament

When: Mon., Nov. 10; 11 am

Where: Northstone Country Club

Join us for the inaugural **David Calabrese Memorial Golf Tournament** in support of the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit Operation LAMB, Room in the Inn, St. Mark Youth Ministry, St. Joseph College Seminarians, Davidson College Campus Ministry, Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, and more.

- **Format:** 11 am Shotgun Start, Captain's Choice
- **Cost:** \$160 per golfer (green fees); \$20 Mulligan Package
- **Extras:** 50/50 Raffle, Putting Contest, Closest-to-Pin

Lunch: Chicken and BBQ Buffet

Sponsored by Primal Brewery and Christian Brothers.

For questions or to sponsor a hole, please contact: Bill Pugh, bill.pugh@cmc.com, 704-309-7466 or John Knight, john.knight1@verizon.net, 704-618-3779

CHRISTMAS TREES SALE

The Knights of Columbus are announcing the annual

Christmas tree sale at St. Mark's, an event held for over a decade.

Proceeds from tree sales will be directed to charities supported by the organization.

A limited number of Fraser fir Christmas trees are available in three sizes:

6-7 ft.

7-8 ft.

8-9 ft.



Wreaths are also offered in 3 different sizes with the option to add decorations for an additional fee.

Delivery to your home is also an option.

Orders can be placed by scanning the QR code or visiting stmarknc.org/koc.

Order must be received with your payment by November 28, 2025

Pickup / Delivery date will be Saturday,
December 6, from 8am till 2 pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Clay Shoot Results & Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Council #12654 is pleased to announce the successful completion of its charity LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc.'s LAMB Clay Shoot fundraiser, held on September 26 to support individuals with intellectual disabilities in our local community. The event raised \$25,990.82, which will be distributed directly to local charities, including Holy Angels of Belmont, Special Olympics of NC, Shining Hope Farms, Hough High School's SAC/AU Program for Exceptional Children, Community School of Davidson's Exceptional Children Class, and Melmark of Carolinas. Twenty-one teams, each consisting of four members, participated in an engaging and friendly competition at Four Branches Sporting Preserve in Polkton, NC. Teams rotated through fifteen stations across a scenic one-mile course, shooting clay pigeons with 12- or 20-gauge shotguns and tracking their scores based on hits. Following the competition, attendees enjoyed a beef and pork barbecue luncheon prepared by the Knights' Kitchen Krew and heard presentations from representatives of Holy Angels, Shining Hope Farms, and Melmark of Carolinas—all beneficiaries of this fundraising initiative. The Knights and LAMB express their

gratitude to the participating teams and sponsors whose generous contributions ensured the event's success.

Key sponsors include:

Twin Acres Charitable Trust, providing a \$10,000 matching funds sponsorship! Foods, contributing a \$3,000 Five Stand Flurry DePalo Foods sponsorship.

NCR Management, offering a \$1,000 breakfast sponsorship.

Additionally, the following station sponsors each provided \$1,000: Birkdale Audiology Puma and Associates Realty Mountain Island Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

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Special thanks are extended to Dice Metal Works for donating a custom-made metal fire pit, auctioned for \$325, and to Knight Gary Patterson for donating a new shotgun, auctioned for \$783.59. Carolina Golf Cars also generously leased ten golf carts at half price, saving \$500.



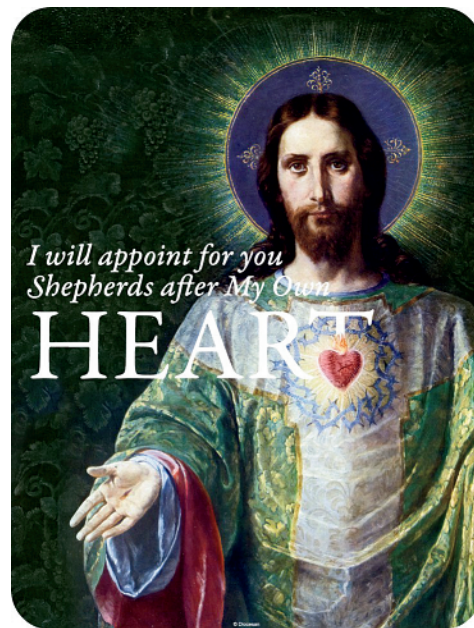
Seminarian Education Collection: November 1-2

We ask for your support of the Seminarian Education collection on November 1-2. This collection will help meet the growing needs of our Seminarian program and helps prepare the young men of our Diocese to serve. It allows them to focus on their

formation, rather than funding. Envelopes are in your monthly packet and can be dropped in the baskets, or you can donate online at



www.osvhub.com/stmarknc/funds/seminarian-education.



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ADORATION

Saints and Adoration

By: Donna Fodale/ Adoration Coordinator

Remember, the same Jesus that you adore in the Adoration Chapel, the saints also adored. They knelt before him and prayed for all the intentions that they carried in their hearts. They gave him honor, glory, praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings that they received from Him. It was in those moments, united with the Holy Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation, that saints were formed.

The Lord invites each one of us to walk the road of sainthood. Let us begin with the simple prayer.

"Lord make me a saint, help me always to do your holy will."

May the Saints along with the Blessed Mother intercede on our behalf helping us to always keep our eyes on our goal, to be with Our Savior Jesus Christ and all of them in the kingdom of heaven!

This weekend in honor of All Saints Day, I am excited to share with you some of my favorite Saint quotes on Eucharistic Adoration.

"The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us." - St John Damascene

"Jesus Himself is calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each Week." - St. John Paul II

"From the Eucharist comes the strength to live the Christian life with zeal and to share that life with others." - St. John Paul II

"Eucharistic Adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence." - St. Peter Julian Eymard

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" - St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Ligouri

"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are." - St. John Bosco

We also remember the Holy Souls this month. Please prayerfully consider offering one hour a week praying before the Blessed Sacrament for all those souls who are in purgatory. They need our prayers.

Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

"Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son Jesus in union with the masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory for sinners everywhere sinners in the universal church those in my own home and within my family. Amen. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"

Please prayerfully consider becoming a week adorer. To register go to: www.stmarknc.org/adoration

To find out more information on being a sub, please email: donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

If you cannot commit to a weekly hour please consider becoming part of our sub team, for more information on becoming a sub please email donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

PARISH LIFE

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual care/ support to fellow St. Mark 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. We all go through times of:

Grief	Unemployment
Children leaving home	Stress to being a caregiver
Divorce	Relocation
parenting	Hospitalization
Job Loss	Changes in living situations
Issues related to aging	Terminal Illness
Cancer diagnosis	Natural disaster
Adjustment to retirement	Chronic health conditions
Medical crisis	Adjustment to disability
Job stress	Rehabilitation from illness
Spiritual crisis	Marital separation

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone.

For more information, please contact either Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkull@optonline.net or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.

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LIFE IN COLOR

PT. II: OUR CONSOLATION

NOVEMBER 2ND

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PICK UP BASKETBALL STARTS AT 5PM!

All High Schoolers are welcome!

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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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
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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, ultreys and group reunions.

Parishioner Assistance

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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

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

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DEL PÁRROCO



En el Día de los Fieles Difuntos, la Iglesia reza por todos los que nos han precedido marcados con el signo de la fe. Las Escrituras nos recuerdan la esperanza que compartimos en Cristo. El Libro de la Sabiduría nos asegura que "las almas de los justos están en las manos de Dios" (Sab 3,1), mientras que San

Pablo enseña que a través del Bautismo, nos unimos a Cristo en su muerte para que también podamos vivir con Él para siempre (Rom 6,3-9).

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos da palabras de profundo consuelo y promesa: «Todo el que vea al Hijo y crea en él tendrá vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré en el último día» (Jn 6, 40). La vida eterna es el mayor regalo de Dios para nosotros, y da forma a la forma en que vivimos aquí y ahora.

Como mayordomos cristianos, estamos llamados a hacer uso del tiempo, los talentos y los tesoros que se nos han confiado de manera que nos preparen para la eternidad. Cada día es una oportunidad para servir a Dios, amar a nuestro prójimo y transmitir el don de la fe a los demás.

Mientras oramos por los fieles difuntos hoy, que también renovemos nuestro propio compromiso de vivir como discípulos que usan bien los dones que se nos han dado, para que un día podamos compartir la plenitud de la vida con Cristo, quien ha prometido resucitarnos en el último día. © Consultores de mayordomía católica, 2025

Meditación pastoral

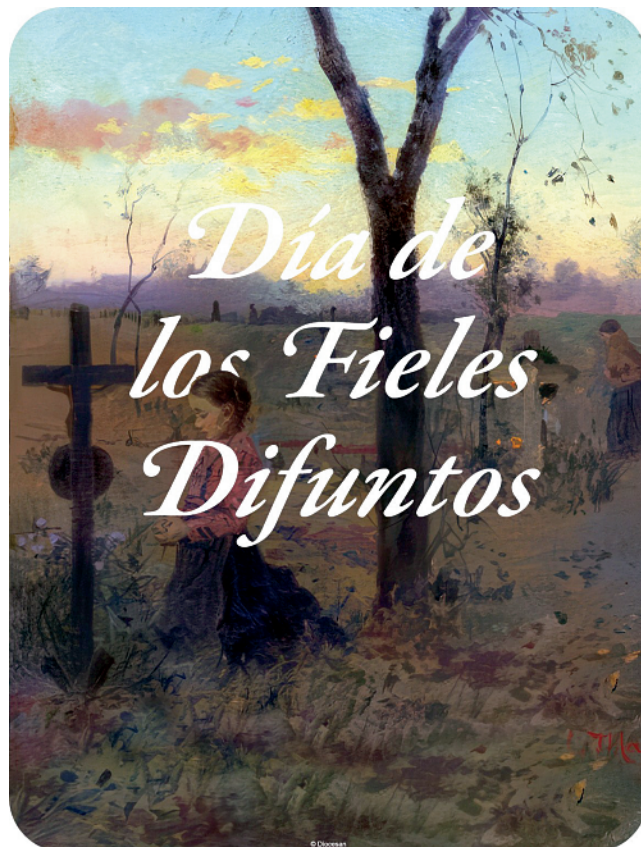
Al comenzar el mes de noviembre, los corazones y las mentes comienzan a moverse rápidamente hacia las fiestas. Estas semanas pasarán rápidamente a medida que terminemos el año litúrgico y comencemos el tiempo de Adviento con un nuevo año litúrgico. Recuerde usar estos días como oportunidades para orar, poner la fe en acción a través de la caridad y buscar crecer en nuestro amor por Dios y el prójimo.

También, antes de fin de año, quiero abordar la importancia de la

DSA, la Apelación de Apoyo Diocesano. Algunas personas me han expresado que debido a su preocupación o desacuerdo con el obispo Martin, no podían apoyar al DSA. Tenga en cuenta que esta apelación en particular no apoya la administración diocesana. La DSA apoya el ministerio directo en la Diócesis, incluidas las Caridades Católicas y las Vocaciones, entre otras.

Además, la DSA es una colección evaluada. Esto significa que a cada parroquia se le asigna un objetivo que debe alcanzar, ya sea por donación voluntaria o impuestos. Si no alcanzamos nuestra meta evaluada, los fondos deben tomarse del ofertorio general para cubrir la diferencia. Por lo tanto, le pediría que si no ha donado a la DSA este año, haga una contribución para ayudarnos a cerrar la brecha y alcanzar nuestra meta evaluada. El informe más reciente indica que todavía estamos a \$42,867.38 de nuestra meta de \$403,139.00. Gracias por su ayuda con este importante esfuerzo.

Finalmente, como ya se anunció, el Obispo Martin celebrará el *Rito de Ordenación al diaconado* para tres hombres, incluido James Tweed, el sábado 6 de diciembre. La Misa de Ordenación se celebrará a las 10:00 a.m. en la Inmaculada Concepción en Hendersonville. Estamos abiertos a organizar el transporte en autobús para aquellos que deseen asistir. En muchos aspectos, debido al año que pasó con nosotros, Santiago considera a San Marcos su hogar, y ya ha pedido que su primera misa se celebre aquí el próximo verano. Sería maravilloso si pudiéramos tener un buen grupo de la parroquia que estuviera presente para apoyarlo y comenzar el ministerio ordenado. Comuníquese con la oficina si está interesado o necesita más información.



Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 2 de Noviembre de 2025

Domingo	Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos Sab 3, 1-9; Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6; Rom 5, 5-11 o Rom 6, 3-9; Jn 6, 37-40
Lunes	Rom 11, 30-36; Sal 68, 30-31. 33-34. 36-37; Lc 14, 12-14
Martes	Memoria de San Carlos Borromeo, Obispo Rom 12, 5-16; Sal 130, 1. 2. 3; Lc 14, 15-24
Miércoles	Rom 13, 8-10; Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9; Lc 14, 25-33
Jueves	Rom 14, 7-12; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Lc 15, 1-10
Viernes	Rom 15, 14-21; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3bc-4; Lc 16, 1-8
Sábado	Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27; Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11; Lc 16, 9-15
Domingo	Fiesta de la Dedicación de la Basílica de Latrán Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; 1 Cor 3, 9-11. 16-17; Jn 2, 13-22




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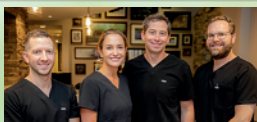
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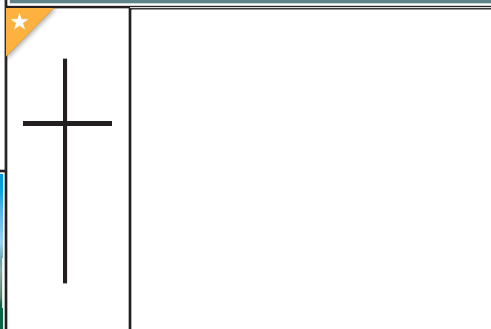
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