
SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
HUNTERSVILLE, NC
PASTORAL PLAN
2018-2023



Preface

The St. Mark Pastoral Council seeks to update our pastoral plan to align with the vision from our current pastor Father John Putnam. Father John's vision is for the St Mark parishioners to be intentional disciples who live a life of Stewardship which encompasses all areas of our life. The plan will cover the goals and objectives of the different commissions within the parish. This plan will assist with the development of continuous improvement in building God's kingdom on earth. The plan will allow us to keep growing as a vibrant Catholic community of believers seeking to grow in the image of Jesus so we can be the hands and feet of Christ to our brothers and sisters in St. Mark parish and all others within the parish's specific geographic area. The plan began with Father's vision statement and the mission statement created by our stewardship committee. For the next step, we conducted a parish survey to gain insights into the parish's perceived needs from our parishioners. We summarized the input from the survey and published it in our bulletin. The plan also included information given by each of the commissions and councils.

We give thanks to God that He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved son, in whom we have redemption for the forgiveness of our sins. We are so grateful to God for His mercy and for His many blessings of the St. Mark community. We ask God's blessing on our future plans to grow His kingdom on earth.

In Christ
John Benson
Chairman
Pastoral Council
St. Mark Catholic Church

Pastor's Vision Statement

Revised February 2018

Welcome to Saint Mark Parish. We are a suburban community composed of multiple ethnicities and backgrounds. Most of those who come to the parish were not born here and may find the south a completely different experience of Church. However, in the midst of this diversity, we find our unity in the reverent celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At St. Mark we strive to help each person recognize his God-given gifts and place them at the service of God and neighbor as an intentional disciple. Within our parish, we strive to support the poor, the ailing, and those struggling with a place to belong. We seek to embrace those who come to us with the love of Christ; always seeking the salvation of souls.

Area I - Growing in Christ

In order to be an intentional disciple, each individual must embrace the fullness of the Catholic faith by engaging their heart, mind and soul. The source and summit of this must find its source and summit in the Sacred Liturgy. We presently have four distinctive forms of worship arising from the musical style of the celebration or the lack of music at the early Mass on Sunday. Traditional, Contemporary and Latino are offered at the various Masses each weekend. My hope is that we will strive for excellence in each of these areas.

Growing in Christ also involves formation at all levels and for all ages. This formation should take its inspiration and direction from the liturgical life of the parish to aid those of all ages to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the faith so that they may engage with and respond to the increasing religious indifference and secularism that surrounds us. This growth would include a vibrant and engaged youth ministry as well as adult formation that equips adults to take on their rightful role as catechists, community leaders and evangelizers. Our formation and educational efforts must hand on our Catholic faith in its fullness but not in isolation. We must, out of necessity of being obedient to the Gospel, see our faith embedded in and influencing our larger society.

Area II – Sharing Our Gifts

In order to be an intentional disciple, each individual needs to recognize himself as gifted by God for the building up of the Kingdom. Each one of us, as a child of God, is blessed and called to respond to the Lord in heartfelt generosity. Even as the widow gave her mite, we are called to share our time, talent and treasure. In Stewardship of treasure, we have committed as a parish to move towards a true tithe of 10% of our offertory to charitable outreach. We are presently tithing at 6.5% of offertory and plan to continue working towards the true Biblical tithe. In order to accomplish this, our parish needs to be encouraged to practice true stewardship in giving. This requires giving because the Gospel calls us to do so. Also, as giving increases, the parish leadership needs to be conscious of transparency in the management of resources and striving to maximize return on the investments made by the parishioners.

Area III – Serving One Another

In order to be an intentional disciple, each individual needs to recognize the importance of serving one another. At present this service takes place in many ways. The Parish presently supports the food bank at Catholic Charities, Angels and Sparrows, Lydia's Loft Clothes Closet, Room in the Inn, Mira Via, Missionaries of the Poor, and seasonal support of those in need through Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach. This service needs to continue along with a concerted effort to increase volunteerism in the parish. At present about 10% of registered parishioners volunteer in a concrete way in the parish. This

needs to increase in order to bring about a transformation in the parish culture to one of true mission and outreach.

Area IV – Engaging with one another and the Community at Large

In order to become a parish of intentional disciples, we must be engaged with one another and with the community at large. As already noted, the growing religious indifference and secularism along with the hostility to Christian faith that is growing in the public sector requires a new and dynamic evangelization. With the size of the parish, ongoing efforts need to be pursued to bring smaller groups of parishioners together so that each person can feel connected and empowered to act in an intentional way.

Saint Mark is called to be a leaven in society, especially within the community of northern Mecklenburg County. The increasing violations of human dignity along with the increasing number of conflicts around the world, require us to share the light of the Gospel with those around us. Because the parish is not limited to those who are “registered” but includes all who live within the geographic boundaries of the parish, St. Mark needs to engage the wider community in cooperative efforts to respond to the pressing needs that surround us. We also need to look for common ways in which we can join efforts with other communities of faith to proclaim the Gospel in a way that is both attractive and effective to the unchurched and those who have fallen away from the practice of their faith.

Finally, St. Mark needs to become ONE parish in which the cultural heritage of each group is respected while at the same time working together to bring us together as one parish family. The occasional bilingual liturgy is not enough. Members of the Latino community need to be included in all levels of parish leadership and efforts, especially in the area of education and formation, should strive to integrate the various constituencies in the parish.

This area of engagement is the most pressing area, I believe, that we face. The parishioners of St. Mark are generous, caring, and faithful on many levels. However, there is much more to do in this regard, especially in engaging those who are on the peripheries and those who simply show up on Sunday with little or no other engagement with parish life.

Mission Statement

We are called as one by Christ to embrace a spirit of stewardship and engagement to grow in Christ, serve one another, share our gifts, and connect in faith.

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Chapter 1

Parish Organizations

St. Mark Catholic Church has two Councils, one Committee, five Commissions, and over ninety ministries.

The Pastoral Council is the chief consultative body to the pastor. Consultation is a sharing of wisdom which enables the parish to carry out its mission. Under the direction of our Pastor, the pastoral council discerns issues that impact the lives of parishioners; prays, studies, and discusses those issues; and recommends practical ways of addressing them.

The Finance Council is a consultative body of lay persons established to advise the Pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish.

The Stewardship Committee works to make St. Mark a stewardship parish, whereby all parishioners are living their lives as intentional disciples, serving as active stewards of all God's gifts.

Details on the purpose and functions of each commission are provided below.

Liturgy and Worship Commission: The Liturgy Commission provides ministry members for the Saturday/Sunday Masses and Days of Obligation, works with our Priests and Deacons in preparing for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, works with the First Holy Communion and Confirmation staff, plans and arranges speakers for the Parish Mission and Liturgical Commission Day of Reflection and Renewal.

Education Commission: The Education Commission of St. Mark Catholic Church coordinates all levels of educational programming and spiritual growth opportunities, for all parishioners, including faith formation and sacramental preparation for Catholic and public school children. The ultimate goal of these programs is to create disciples of Jesus Christ who, through growing in love, knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, will live a life that will be a light to the world.

Parish Life Commission: The Parish Life Commission fosters and supports a parish family environment that welcomes and provides fellowship and Christian support to our individual families and thus to our collective parish family. The goal of the commission is to get to know our family members and create an inclusive environment for all. The commission attempts to meet both the spiritual and social needs of families.

Communication Commission: The Communications Commission seeks to craft, organize, and disseminate information about St. Mark events and activities to all parishioners and the surrounding community as appropriate.

Community Life Commission: The Community Life Commission provides service to our community by effectively reaching out to individuals and other organizations that serve the needy both locally and globally. This commission supports many local service organizations financially, in volunteer time, as well as, by sponsoring several seasonal service projects.

St Mark also supports Affiliate ministries that support the parish vision, but which are managed on a level outside the parish. Outside of scheduling times and locations on the church campus, St Mark does not address specific goals and issues of these Affiliate ministries. Examples of ministries in this subcategory are Boy Scouts, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cursillo, Legion of Mary, Regnum Christi and Knights of Columbus.

Chapter 2

Goals & Objective of Stewardship Committee

Mission Statement: Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts, Connect in Faith
Stewardship to Discipleship...A Way of Life

The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to become a stewardship parish, whereby all parishioners are living their lives as intentional disciples, serving as active stewards of all God's gifts.

Goal 1: To encourage intentional discipleship through ongoing stewardship initiatives

Objectives:

1. **Grow in Christ** - Making time for God in the Mass, through scripture, through formation
 - a. Create opportunities for people to grow in relationship with the Lord (parish mission, speakers, yearly retreats, fireside chats, bible studies, small groups and other programs).
 - b. Continue Stewardship Renewal weekend for spending Time with God – Grow in Christ (during Lent – lay witness speakers, banner/bulletin, etc.).
 - c. Continue to emphasize ways to spend time in prayer, adoration, sacraments, scripture studies, Mass, etc.
2. **Serve One Another** – Increase awareness of opportunities to serve using one's talents/gifts
 - a. Continue Stewardship Renewal weekend of Serving One Another (August). Includes ministry fair, commitment cards, lay witness speakers.
 - b. Continue supporting our outreach organizations by providing volunteers, financial support and collection drives.
 - c. Formally set up a process to encourage Middle School, High School and Young Adults to perform service and/or have a mission trip once a year, June 2020.
 - d. Consider partnering with another church or organization to provide a service that connects our parishioners to a tangible, hands on outreach effort whereby the whole church supports it.
3. **Share Our Gifts** – Increase financial commitment by encouraging sacrificial giving, increase offertory 5% over next 5 years.
 - a. Encourage increased offertory commitment by promoting a "step up" approach. Increase giving by 1%, 1 hour of pay, 1 week's wages, etc.
 - b. Continue to encourage and promote online give – consistent, planned and intentional.
 - c. Continue to simplify second collections.
 - d. Continue Stewardship Renewal weekend of Share Our Gifts – treasure (Nov/Dec). Includes lay witness speaker, commitment cards, etc.
4. **Connect in Faith**
 - a. Increase Small Groups participation and involvement to include 100 new participants per year, Fall 2019.
 - b. Extend one on one invitation to parishioners to attend programs and events at Saint Mark, January 2019.
 - c. Form a plan for evangelization to the community, January 2020.

Goal 2: Promote ongoing stewardship education

Objectives:

- a. Continue to attend regional and international stewardship conferences yearly – committee and staff.
- b. Create a leadership summit meeting for all leaders of the parish – unveil the mission, vision, amazing parish concepts by May 2019.
- c. Promote stewardship during the liturgy (before Homily) in order to share the message about how our parishioners are living their faith.
- d. Continue to promote the stewardship message via all marketing/communication tools.

Goal 3: Create a parish environment that promotes stewardship of creation at an estimated cost of \$1000

Objectives:

- a. Establish a leadership team to promote sustainability at the parish level by June 2020.
- b. Replace all public trash receptacles in the buildings with sorting containers by June 2020.
- c. Establish a sustainable composting program for waste by June 2020.
- d. Reduce paper use by 25% through staff training in electronic resources for communication, such as file sharing/hosting services and collaborative platforms by December 2019.

Goal 4: Establish a Catholic spiritual gifts program to assess volunteers' strengths – January 2021

Objectives:

- a. Review the Living Your Strengths and Charisms programs by June of 2020
- b. Find a leader and have him/her trained in whichever strength program is chosen.

Goal 5: To provide more assistance and structured support for our leaders.

Objectives:

- a. Meet with current leadership to establish expectations and accountability by October 2018
 - Create a leadership handbook to define expectations of our leaders
- b. Create ongoing opportunities for leadership training and offer admin. guidance

Chapter 3

Liturgy and Worship Commission

Mission Statement: The Liturgy and Worship Commission seeks to enhance our parish family's love of, and faith in, Jesus Christ by encouraging Parishioners to serve others through the celebration of the Liturgy and to provide support of spiritual activities that bring God's Word to its fullness.

Goal 1: To improve the music at all Masses (English and Spanish) and establish Orchestral Masses throughout the year at a cost of \$32,000 by August 2020.

Objectives:

- a. Create section leaders for all choirs at a cost of \$5000 per year for 2 section leaders
 - 2 stipends for fall and spring semesters which cover the costs of cantoring one Mass per month and weekly choir rehearsals
- b. Hire orchestral musicians for major feasts and solemnities, providing the opportunity for six orchestral Masses per year by Advent 2022 at a cost of \$15,000 per year.
- c. Purchase new hymnals for the Hispanic Mass by August 2021 at an approximate cost of \$12,000

Goal 2: Transition to year-round RCIA program beginning 2019 at a cost of \$500 per year.

Objectives

- a. "Rite of Welcoming" celebrated quarterly on Sunday
- b. Create inquiry teams as a first point of contact to teach non-Catholics how to pray and how to read Scripture. These teams work through a narrative-based pedagogy.
- c. Create catechumenate teams that prepare the catechumens for Sunday Mass by teasing out the doctrine of the Church that is present in the Sunday readings.
- d. Create purification and enlightenment teams to assist the elect in their Lenten journey. These teams work through a neo-patristic model centered on the liturgy.
- e. Create mystagogy and neophyte teams to accompany the new Catholics through Pentecost and then through their first year as a Catholic. These teams plug the new Catholics into parish life by highlighting their gifts and talents.

Goal 3: Engage the children in the Mass.

Objective:

- a. Offer kid's Missal program which includes a children's Mass booklet to hand out prior to Mass by January 2020 at an approximate cost of \$2000.

Chapter 4

Parish Life Commission

Mission Statement: The Parish Life Commission fosters and supports a parish family environment that welcomes and provides fellowship and Christian support to our individual families and thus to our collective parish family.

This commission fulfills the mission within the various ministries as seen in appendix 4. In the past few years we have focused on developing social opportunities for our parishioners which includes hospitality after the Masses, SeptemberFest (parish social – 1,000 attendees), a program for mothers (Mothering with Grace), we continue to offer programs for our over 55 group (Young at Heart Ministry).

Goal 1: To minister to our younger families by providing opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth to connect to the larger parish family.

Objectives:

- a. Redesign the Baptism and Marriage Prep classes to be more engaging and inviting to parish life by Fall 2019. Sacramental Prep to be led by the Deacons with assistance of lay volunteers at a cost of \$2000 per year.
 - Three-part program for parents and sponsors that takes place quarterly in preparation for Baptism.
 - A rolling program for engaged couples that combines social interaction with peers with formation in the four ends of marriage through guided group discussion.
 - i. Offer two retreats per year, one for newlyweds and one for engaged couples, Fall of 2019.
- b. Increase family support to offer assistance with Mass attendance.
 - Open two nursery rooms at both the 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM Masses by October 2018
 - i. Infants and crawlers in one room
 - ii. Walkers to 2 years in another room
 - Offer SONday FUNday at the 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM Masses by October 2018
 - i. For ages 3 to 5 year old

Goal 2: To grow the Bereavement Ministry.

Objectives:

- a. Put together a support ministry for those who have experienced miscarriage and stillbirth by June 2019.
- b. Continue to build relationships between those who have experienced loss

Goal 3: To grow and foster an environment of hospitality at St. Mark.

Objectives:

- a. Increase participation in the Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers/Greeters/Parking Team).
- b. Continue to provide opportunities for parishioners to gather socially.

- c. Create a structured hospitality group, by January 2020, with leaders to provide:
 - Meals to those who are sick, families with newborns, grieving families
 - Create fellowship opportunities after all weekend Masses, wherein refreshments are provided, by January 2023
- d. Establish a welcome committee, by January 2020, who reaches out to new parishioners in the form of:
 - Develop a volunteer program that reaches out to new parishioners by phone to invite them into an active participation in the parish
 - Family to family mentorship program
 - Participate in planning and organization of New Parishioner Meet and Greet
- e. Encourage a culture of personal invitation
 - Train all leaders at the yearly Stewardship Summit starting in 2019.
 - Inform all parishioners to invite others to attend programs, events, Mass, etc.

Goal 4: To review and assess all activities of the various groups of the parish.

Objectives:

- a. To survey all leaders, including Hispanic leaders, of the various groups to aide them in fulfilling the vision and mission of the parish by January 2019.

Goal 5: Implement a ministry to serve the college-age population at the parish by August of 2020 at a cost of \$500 per year.

- a. Research college formation programs and opportunities
- b. Collaborate with the existing campus ministries at Davidson and UNCC
- c. Plan programs, events, or retreat throughout the summer for those home for the summer
- d. Establish a team of volunteers to serve in this ministry

Goal 6: Continue to grow the young adult ministry which serves our 21-39 year olds at a cost of \$500 per year.

- a. Develop a leadership team capable to grow the ministry by June 2019.
- b. Promote this ministry during both Marriage and Baptism preparation.
- c. Support ministry in offering multiple programs that serve the varying life stages of people (i.e. single, newlyweds, young families, etc.) in this age demographic.

Goal 7: Accompany and integrate Catholics with marital issues at a cost of \$500 per year.

Objective:

- a. Offer Divorce and/or Separated support group by fall 2019.

Chapter 5

Evangelization and Communication Commission

Mission Statement: The Communications commission seeks to craft, organize, and disseminate information about St Mark events and activities to all parishioners and the surrounding community as appropriate.

Goal 1: To improve and expand our electronic communications
Objectives:

- a. Update our internet streaming quality by the fall of 2021.
- b. Implement a weekly pastoral e-newsletter using Constant Contact by 2019.
- c. Begin employing video clip introductions to create a more dynamic website.

Goal 2: To review our current calendar and room request process by June 2019.
Objectives:

- a. To determine which groups, have priority, i.e. apostolate, ministry, committee, councils, etc.
- b. To assess our electronic calendar management program to determine if it meets the needs of our volunteers and staff.

Goal 3: Develop the evangelization component of the commission by fall 2020.
Objectives:

- a. Establish and train a leadership team.
- b. Research opportunities to be more visible and active in our local community.

Chapter 6

Education Commission

Mission Statement: The Education Commission of Saint Mark Catholic Church offers educational programming and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners. The goal of these programs is to create disciples of Jesus Christ who, through growing in love, knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, will live a life that will be a light to the world.

Goal 1: To establish a greater level of communication and structure between ministries in the commission.

Objectives:

- a. Fill the Education Commission Head position by December of 2018 with the following responsibilities:
 - Meet with and oversee all ministries within the education commission semi-annually
 - Report to the Director of Religious Education and act as a liaison between the staff and volunteers
- b. Restructure and organize the multiple men's groups by June of 2019.
 - Work with the 3 existing men's groups to develop a steering committee to assist the groups working towards a common goal of developing fellowship and deepening faith with other men in the parish

Goal 2: To create vibrant and engaging youth ministry programs that help form intentional disciples of Christ by helping middle and high school students form a solid faith foundation as they move into adulthood.

Objectives:

- a. Utilize the Edge and Life Teen resources as outlined by the national organization by August of 2021 at a cost of \$90,000.
 - Increase Edge budget to accommodate supplies for games, environment, etc. for approximately 500 youth
 - Provide training for adult volunteers for both EDGE and Life Teen focusing on the difference between classroom catechesis and youth ministry

- Advertise and recruit more adult volunteers as either CORE members, meal team, or environment volunteers.
- Create opportunities for youth minister and CORE members to be in local catholic, charter and public schools by August 2019

Goal 3: To use education to evangelize members of the parish over the next five years.

Objectives:

- a. Increase the Hispanic community's adherence to the sacramental life, particularly Marriage and the Sacraments of Initiation
 - Offer bi-monthly apologetics classes
 - Formational retreats quarterly with a focus on the sacramental life
 - Build a program to catechize parents during their children's faith formation classes by August 2020
- b. Implement an adult formation program by September 2018 at a cost of \$25,000
 - Create a Sunday morning program between the Masses utilizing multiple resources and speakers to engage the adults of the parish in their faith.
 - Offer different retreats throughout the year for adults at the parish.
 - Offer classes on weeknights and weekends to catechize busy adults.

Chapter 7

Community Life Commission

Mission Statement: The Community Life Commission provides service to our community by effectively reaching out to individuals and other organizations that serve the needy both locally, nationally and internationally. This commission supports many local service organizations financially, in volunteer time, as well as, by sponsoring several seasonal service projects. It is our goal to provide all of these services to the community with the help of your time and talents. We are continually in search of more volunteers to open their hearts and minds to charity. St. Thomas Aquinas states that charity is the highest virtue and source of all the other virtues. One who possesses charity loves God above all things and loves his neighbor with the love of God as he loves himself.

Goal 1: To better serve our local community outreach organizations.

Objectives:

- a. Provide collection drives, encourage volunteerism, and offer continued financial support to those organizations in Mecklenburg, Gaston, and Iredell counties through 2023.
- b. To increase our charitable giving from 8.2% to 10% of the offertory by June 2019

Goal 2: To explore options for partnering with a local food pantry to serve the needy within North Mecklenburg county by June 2019 with hopes of building a pantry in the next capital campaign (2023). Approximate cost of \$40,000 to support the yearly overhead.

Objectives:

- a. Research the needs of the community - 2019
- b. Find a volunteer leader and team to launch the partnership - 2019

Goal 3: To expand our international outreach to include support of St. Mark Catholic School in Tremessee, Haiti by June 2022.

Objectives:

- a. Take the missionaries that serve Missionaries of the Poor, Cap Haitian to St. Mark Catholic School to run Vacation Bible School in June 2019

- b. Provide ongoing financial support over the next 5 years increasing each year. Starting in December 2018 at \$10,000/year.
- c. Create a relationship with the students
 - Create a pen-pal program with Tremessee students and parishioners by January 2020




Goal 4: To establish an outreach effort to serve those in local prisons by January 2021 at an approximate cost of \$500.



Objectives:

- a. Research other successful prison outreach efforts
- b. Recruit a leader and core teams by October 2020
- c. Work with leaders to define the goals and recruit volunteers

Chapter 8

Buildings and Facilities

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|  | <p>New Church</p> <p>Groundbreaking for the new Church building began on April 25, 2008, the Feast of St. Mark. The new Church building was completed in September 2009. The Dedication Mass, led by Bishop Jugis, retired Bishop Curlin, and Monsignor Bellow, took place on August 23, 2009.</p> |
|  | <p>Adoration Chapel</p> <p>Monsignor Bellow began Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Church Chapel on May 1, 2011. The Chapel was later renamed the Monsignor Richard Bellow Adoration Chapel in 2015, the Monsignor Richard Bellow Chapel was renovated, and was reopened in August 2015.</p> |
|  | <p>Rectory</p> <p>New Rectory has living space to accommodate three priests. The new rectory is on the church property which allows the priest to walk over to the church. Renovations were conducted in 2015 to add new living space.</p> |

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|  | <p>Old Rectory</p> <p>The original building for the original parish staff. The building became the priest rectory and now is used as extra meeting space for young adult meetings. Two rooms are available for small meeting space of 10 people each.</p> |
|  | <p>Family Center</p> <p>The Monsignor Kerin Family Center has the following meeting spaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main auditorium- Fits approximately 700 people. Also updated the kitchen in 2017, invested \$200,000. The update provided industrial equipment to host multiple social events for the different parish organizations and ministries. • Five meeting rooms upstairs, each room can accommodate 10-12 people. • Room 200 and 201 can be combined to provide a meeting space for 40 people. • Preschool- 5 classrooms on the 1st floor. • Offices- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First floor-4 on the first floor for priests and the operations director for St. Mark ○ Second floor- Six offices for parish staff. |

Goal 1: To renovate the Monsignor Kerin Center.

Objectives:

- Replace the 20-year-old roof at an approximate cost of \$130,000 by January 2023
- Refurbish the 8 HVAC systems at an approximate cost of \$40,000 over a 5-year time span
- Establish new centralized office space after completion of second parish life center

Goal 2: To enhance the current sanctuary.

Objectives:

- Install 22 stained glass windows at a cost of \$484,000 by January 2020
- Build a 3rd confessional at a cost of \$10,000 by June 2019
- Install a permanent Baptismal font in the Narthex by June of 2020.
- Decorate the area around tabernacle at an approximate cost of \$3000 by July 2021.

Goal 3: To build a second parish life center to better accommodate our parish.

Objectives:

- Create a steering committee to work with Pastor to design layout by October 2018
- Have a site analysis done by Boudreau by October 2018
- Determine the purpose of the meeting space:
 - Banquet Hall
 - Fellowship Hall with coffee shop

- Sports studio to hold fitness classes
- New pre-school space
- d. Complete cost estimate of second building by Spring 2019

Goal 4: To build a new rectory to better serve the clergy by September 2023.

Objectives:

- a. Create a cost estimate for the rectory by Spring 2019.
- b. To include 6 bedrooms with private baths and living area, open concept kitchen and living room, and a chapel.

Chapter 9

Parish Financial Plan

Since the time the last pastoral plan was prepared, the parish assets have grown significantly. The major reason was an increase in the property category due to the construction of a new church.

| St. Mark Catholic Church | | | |
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| Statement of Financial Position | | | |
| As of June 30, 2018 | | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets | \$ 1,807,034 | | |
| Property and Equipment | \$ 14,012,260 | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | \$ 15,819,294 |
| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | | | |
| Current Liabilities | \$ 172,109 | | |
| Notes Payable | \$ - | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | | \$ 172,109 |
| NET ASSETS | \$ 15,647,185 | | |

Staff

Parish staff consists of the Pastor, two parochial vicars and five permanent deacons. There are 11 full time lay personnel and 10 part time involved in several ministries:

Director of Parish Operations
 (2) Receptionist
 Registrar
 Sacristan
 Finance Director
 (2) Financial Assistant
 Director of Stewardship
 Stewardship Coordinator

Director of Sacred Music
 Music Assistant
 Communications Coordinator
 Director of Religious Education
 Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator
 Confirmation Coordinator
 Youth Ministry Coordinator
 Hispanic Ministry Coordinator
 Preschool Director
 Public Relations Coordinator
 Director of Human Relations

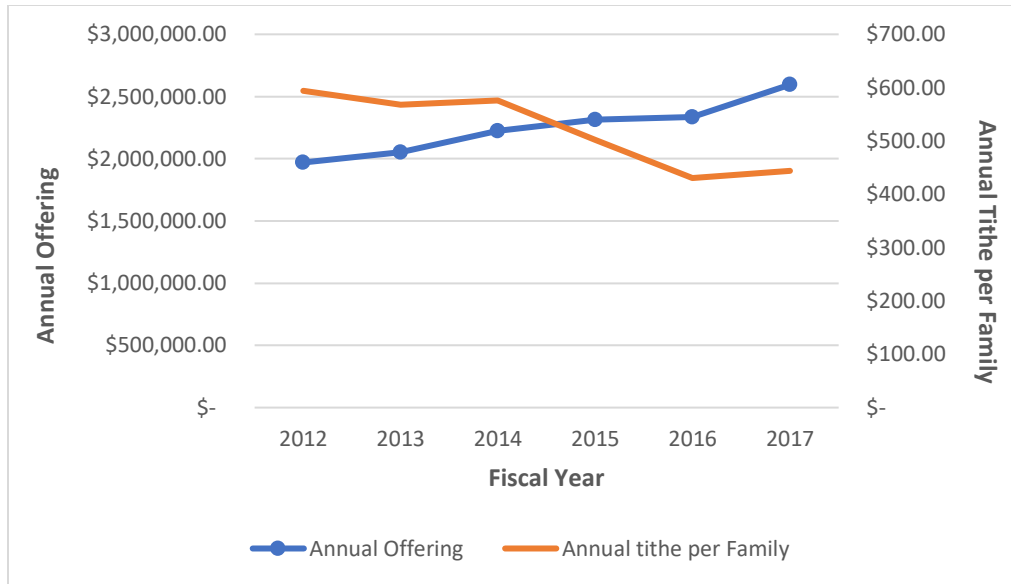
Parish Debt

As of December 31, 2017, the Parish carried no outstanding debt.

General Parish Income

The annual income from the weekly offertory in Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017 was \$2,595,367.00, an increase of 11.1% over the previous year. A summary of the income for the years 2012-2017 is located in the table below:

| Period | Registered Households | Annual Offering | Annual tithe per Family | Weekly Tithe per Family |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6/30/2012 | 3316 | \$ 1,970,015.52 | \$ 594.09 | \$ 11.42 |
| 6/30/2013 | 3616 | \$ 2,053,343.19 | \$ 567.85 | \$ 10.92 |
| 6/30/2014 | 3866 | \$ 2,226,056.24 | \$ 575.80 | \$ 11.07 |
| 6/30/2015 | 4610 | \$ 2,313,587.39 | \$ 501.86 | \$ 9.65 |
| 6/30/2016 | 5426 | \$ 2,335,919.98 | \$ 430.50 | \$ 8.28 |
| 6/30/2017 | 5846 | \$ 2,595,367.93 | \$ 443.96 | \$ 8.54 |



Parish Financial Plan June 30th 2018

| Category | Budget |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Income | |
| General Parish Revenue | \$3,206,470 |
| Ministry and Liturgy | \$23,800 |
| Religious Formation | \$156,695 |
| Charity/Outreach | \$98,800 |
| Preschool/Daycare | \$310,769 |
| Other Parish Programs | \$24,300 |
| Total Income | \$3,820,834 |
| Expenses | |
| Ministry and Liturgy | \$662,574 |
| Religious Formation | \$462,979 |
| Charity/Outreach | \$307,725 |
| School Subsidy | \$601,408 |
| Preschool/Daycare | \$300,573 |
| Other Parish Programs | \$33,274 |
| Facilities | \$454,603 |
| Diocesan Assessments | \$402,462 |
| General and Administrative | \$594,466 |

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,820,064 |
| Net Income | \$770 |
| Operating Cash | \$285,512 |
| Savings | \$1,450,801 |

Above is the Parish Financial Plan as of June 30, 2018.

Below is the projected operating income and expenses report through June of 2023, as well as the projected construction and maintenance costs over the next five years.

Normal Operating Income and Expenses 2018-2023

| Category | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| General Parish Revenue | \$ 3,206,470 | \$ 3,270,599 | \$ 3,336,011 | \$ 3,402,732 | \$ 3,470,786 |
| Ministry and Liturgy | 23,800 | 24,276 | 24,762 | 25,257 | 25,762 |
| Religious Formation | 156,695 | 159,829 | 163,025 | 166,286 | 169,612 |
| Charity/Outreach | 98,800 | 100,776 | 102,792 | 104,847 | 106,944 |
| Preschool/Daycare | 310,769 | 316,984 | 323,324 | 329,791 | 336,386 |
| Other Parish Programs | 24,300 | 24,786 | 25,282 | 25,787 | 26,303 |
| Total Income | \$ 3,820,834 | \$ 3,897,251 | \$ 3,975,196 | \$ 4,054,700 | \$ 4,135,794 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Ministry and Liturgy | \$ 662,574 | \$ 675,825 | \$ 689,342 | \$ 703,129 | \$717,191 |
| Religious Formation | 462,979 | 472,239 | 481,683 | 491,317 | 501,143 |
| Charity/Outreach | 307,725 | 313,880 | 320,157 | 326,560 | 333,091 |
| School Subsidy | 601,408 | 613,436 | 625,705 | 638,219 | 650,983 |
| Preschool/Daycare | 300,573 | 306,584 | 312,716 | 318,970 | 325,350 |
| Other Parish Programs | 33,274 | 33,939 | 34,618 | 35,311 | 36,017 |
| Facilities | 454,603 | 463,695 | 472,969 | 482,428 | 492,077 |
| Diocesan Assessments | 402,462 | 410,511 | 418,721 | 427,096 | 435,638 |
| General and Administrative | 594,466 | 606,355 | 618,482 | 630,852 | 643,469 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,820,064 | \$ 3,896,465 | \$ 3,974,395 | \$ 4,053,882 | \$ 4,134,960 |
| Net Income | \$ 770 | \$ 785 | \$ 801 | \$ 817 | \$ 833 |

Construction and Maintenance

Building and Grounds

Currently, there are no plans for land or building.

Maintenance

Routine maintenance costs are included in the budget. Operating Cash and Savings are sufficient to cover unanticipated costs.

Currently, we are anticipating the following expenditures for land and building improvement over the next 5 years.

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | Total |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Parking Lot | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| HVAC | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 40,000 |
| Roof - Kerin Center | - | - | - | 65,000 | 65,000 | 130,000 |
| | \$ - | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 170,000 |

Chapter 10

History of St. Mark Parish

Detailed History available in Appendix I

2004

- June 2: St Mark's celebrates 7th anniversary with a total of 2,782 families Registered in the Parish and a total of 8,581 individual members.
- July 5: St. Mark welcomes 2 new Priests: Pastor Monsignor Richard Bellow and Parochial Vicar Rev. Timothy Reid.
- August 1: Deacons Louis Pais and Ronald Sherwood join the staff of St. Mark.
- September 5: St. Mark kicks-off "Foundation for our Future" fundraising campaign to build church building.
- December 4: St. Mark holds a "Mortgage Burning Celebration" to mark the retirement of the debt on existing church campus structures

2005

- May 30 – Msgr. Bellow celebrates his 35th year of Priesthood.
- June 1 – Happy 8th Anniversary St. Mark Catholic Church with 2900 families and just over 10,000 parishioners
- September 23-24: First Eucharistic Congress held at Charlotte Convention Center.

2006

- June 4: Happy 9th Anniversary, St. Mark's. Our parish now consists of 3,181 families and 10,974 members.
- July 2: Welcome Father James Stuhrenberg, Parochial Vicar. Welcome Rev. Robert Murphy, Deacon. Farewell Father Timothy Reid and many blessings in his new assignment at St. Matthews
- October 15: New Adoration hours set to Friday 8:00 am through Saturday 8:00am in Adoration Chapel.

2007

- July 1: Welcome Father Patrick T. Hoare, Parochial Vicar. Blessings to Father Stuhrenberg on his next assignment

2008

- April 25: Groundbreaking for St. Mark Catholic Church officiated by Bishop Jugis.
- June 7: First St. Mark Community Outreach Day. Over 550 St. Mark parishioners served over 30 organizations in one day
- December 2: Consecration of ground at Northlake Memorial Gardens by Bishop Jugis.

2009

- July 12: Welcome Rev. Brandon Jones, Parochial Vicar. Blessings go with Father Pat Hoare on his next assignment.
- August 23: Mass and celebration for the Dedication of the new St. Mark Catholic Church is held.

2010

- March 21: Carolina Catholic Corner Book and Gift Shop opens at St. Mark
- June 16: Happy 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood to Reverend Monsignor Richard Michael Bellow

- June 26: Knights of Columbus conduct the first parish-wide Yard Sale event.
- July 4: Welcome Rev. David Miller, Parochial Vicar.

2011

- February 4 - 6: Women of Joy holds their 7th annual retreat. Father Michael Gaitley, Director of the Shrine of the Divine Mercy is the retreat director
- March 13: Farewell Father Brandon Jones and blessings on your new assignment
- December 15: First annual St. Mark Parish Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony immediately following the Children's Pageant

2012

- May 12: St. Mark Time Capsule Opening. Originally buried in 2000.
- June 14: 2nd annual Charlotte Men's Conference held at St. Mark with a theme of A Father's Day Reflection.
- July 10: Goodbye and Farewell, Father Miller, who has been re-assigned to St. Patrick Cathedral.
- July 15: Welcome Rev. Matthew J. Codd, Parochial Vicar

2013

- April 1-8: First International Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica is taken by 12 parishioners
- July 7: Monsignor Richard M. Bellow retires as pastor at St. Mark. We wish him God's blessings in his retirement.
- July 14: Welcome Father Roger K. Arnsperger, Pastor
- September 8: Memorial for Life statue dedicated.

2014

- January 12: Welcome Deacon Richard McCarron
- May 11: Initiative entitled "Forward in Faith, Hope and Love" introduced. This effort provides direct assistance for capital enhancements to St. Mark and through other western North Carolina parishes.
- June 8: Welcome Rev. Thomas McGahey, Deacon.
- July 13: Welcome the Very Rev. John T. Putnam, Pastor. Welcome Father Paul D McNulty, Parochial Vicar.
- September 21: St. Mark forms Legion of Mary
- November 9: Parish-Wide Marian Consecration begins for more than 300 individuals at St. Mark.

2015

- February 1 – Welcome Father Nohe Torres as our second Parochial Vicar.
- April 11-12 – International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visits St. Mark.
- June 13 – North Carolina Marian Rosary Congress held at St. Mark.
- July 7 – Farewell Father Nohe, who has been moved St. Aloysius in Hickory where he will be Parochial Vicar.
- July 18 – St. Mark participate in Stop Hunger Now, in lieu of Vacation Bible School. Over 700 volunteers made 60,000 meals for needy in Burkina Faso.

- September 26 – St. Mark holds the first SeptemberFest. More than 500 parishioners came for food, fun, and fellowship.
- October 1 - Renovation of the Monsignor Bellow Perpetual Adoration Chapel is completed.
- October 7 – New youth programs, Fidelis and Fraternus, begin.
- October 11 – Knights of Columbus hold their first Pastapaloosa.
- October 25 – Welcome Father Miguel Ubilus to St. Mark!
- November 5 – Alan Ames, Catholic Evangelist, visits St. Mark for a Mass, talk, and healing service.

2016

- January 10 – St. Mark begins an on-ongoing collection canned food collection for Catholic Charities.
- January 15 – Father Miguel Ubilus is recalled to Spain.
- January 17 – Alzheimer Caregiver/Family Support Group monthly meetings and weekly Alzheimer Respite sessions begin.
- February 7 – St. Mark begins work on two Habitat for Humanity houses with local area churches.
- June 5 – “After the Blessing” program begins. The group meets at the new coffee cart every Tuesday morning after 9 am Mass.
- June 6 – Monsignor Kerin Center Kitchen renovation begins.
- June 20 – Father Jose Maniyangat presents a Eucharistic Healing Mass at St. Mark.
- July 5 - Welcome Father Cory Catron as our second Parochial Vicar, newly ordained at St. Mark on June 18.
- July 16 – Over 900 volunteers participate in “Stop Hunger Now”, preparing 84,000 meal packets for the needy worldwide.
- August 15 – The Knights of Columbus sponsors Le Festa Assunta, a procession and rosary in celebration of the Feast of the Assumption.
- September 1 – “Called to Faith”, and Family Faith Formation program begins.
- September 17 – Second Annual SeptemberFest.
- September 18 – Kitchen renovation is complete. St. Mark now has a complete commercial kitchen.
- October 15 – Bilingual Rosary Rally, including a procession and Rosary recitation, takes place. Prays are for our Nation.
- November 2 – Mass commemorating All Souls is held at Northlake Memorial Gardens.
- November 20 – Guadalupana Torch visits St. Mark.

2017

- January 27 – St. Mark Mirror March is held, at the same time as the Washington DC March for Life.
- February 26 – Small Groups program begins.
- March 4 – St. Mark hosts the Charlotte Catholic Men’s Conference.
- March 3 - Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite begins on Fridays at 12:30.
- April 8 – The Vigil Project, a Lenten music event, comes to St. Mark.
- May 28 – Congratulations to Father John on his 25th Jubilee!

- July 11 – Goodbye to Father Catron, assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes, and to Father McNulty, assigned to St. Therese. Welcome to Father Noah Carter and Father Brian Becker as our Parochial Vicars.
- July 15 – The Rise Against Hunter event (formerly Stop Hunger Now) packaged 100,000 meals with 875 volunteers.
- July 17 - Vacation Bible School returns, after a two-year hiatus.
- September 10 – The middle school Edge program returns.
- September 16 – Third annual SeptemberFest and 20th Anniversary celebration is held.
- September 24 – Sunday Funday, a preschool age program during 11 am Mass, begins.
- October 13 – In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, St. Mark hosts the North American pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima.
- November 8 – Alan Ames, healer and evangelist, returns to St. Mark.
- December 3 - 20th Anniversary Parish Directory is published.

Chapter 11

Chronology

We have been blessed with many wonderful priests and deacons over the years.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph Kerin, Pastor (1997, 2003)

Reverend Peter Jugis, In Residence (1999)

Reverend David Brzoska, Parochial Vicar (2000)

Reverend Mr. Adrian Porras, Deacon (2001)

Reverend Christopher Roux, Parochial Vicar (2002)

Reverend Mark Lamprich, Pastor (2003)

Reverend Monsignor Richard Bellow, Pastor (2004)

Reverend Timothy Reid, Parochial Vicar (2004)

Reverend Mr. Louis Pais, Deacon (2004)

Reverend Dr. Ronald Sherwood, Deacon (2004)

Reverend Tien Duong, Parochial Vicar (2005)

Reverend Mr. Robert Murphy, Deacon (2006)

Reverend James Stuhrenberg, Parochial Vicar (2006)

Reverend Patrick Hoare, Parochial Vicar (2007)

Reverend Brandon Jones, Parochial Vicar (2009)

Reverend David Miller, Parochial Vicar (2010)

Reverend Mr. Edwin Rodriguez, Deacon (2010)

Reverend Matthew Codd, Parochial Vicar (2012)

Reverend Mr. Thomas McGahey (2012)

Reverend Mr. Richard McCarron (2013)

Reverend Roger Arnsparger, Pastor (2013)

Reverend Paul McNulty, Parochial Vicar (2014)

Very Reverend John Putnam, Pastor (2014)

Reverend Nohe Torres, Parochial Vicar (2015)

Reverend Miguel Ubillus, Parochial Vicar (2015)

Reverend Cory Catron, Parochial Vicar (2016)

Reverend Noah Carter, Parochial Vicar (2017)

Reverend Brian Becker, Parochial Vicar (2017)

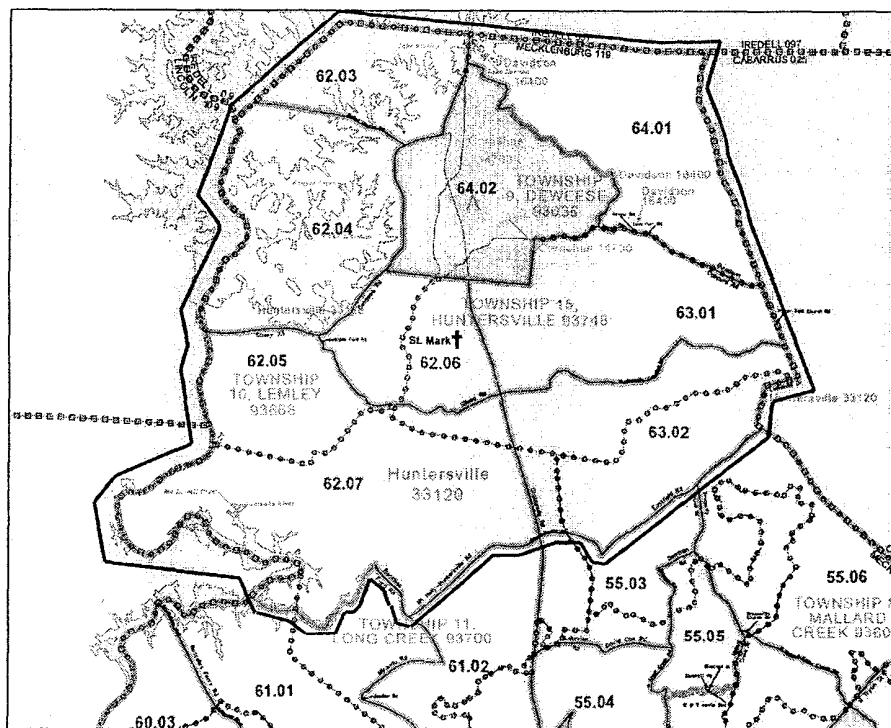
Chapter 12

Parish Profile

Detailed data available in Appendix II

Community Profile

The parish boundaries for St. Mark Catholic Church encompass the planning jurisdictions for the towns of Davidson, Cornelius, and Huntersville¹(referred to herein as “North Mecklenburg”) and include US Census Tracts 62.03, 62.04, 62.05, 62.06, 62.07, 63.01, 63.02, 64.01, and 64.02 as shown in the map below. The red line indicates the boundaries of the North Mecklenburg study area.



Census tracts for St. Mark Parish boundaries

North Mecklenburg’s population grew 21% from 2010 to 2016. See **Table DA-1** in the Demographics Appendix. During this period, the white population grew 10%, the african American population grew 24.83% and the Hispanic population increased 4.85 %. Hispanics made up 6% of the entire North Mecklenburg population in 2016. **Table 1** shows the rate of growth in various ethnic groups in North Mecklenburg during this period. The median household income of the North Mecklenburg population in 2016 was \$89,218. In 2017, over 56% of the North Mecklenburg population had a bachelor’s degree or better education, 4.13 % of the population did not graduate from high school and over 39% % had a high school diploma. In 2017 the unemployment rate of North Mecklenburg was below 4%. The foregoing

¹ There is a slight discrepancy between the southern extents of the parish boundary and the Huntersville planning jurisdiction. For the purposes of this analysis and presentation, they are considered to be coterminous.

data is from Towncharts.com/NorthCarolina/Demographics/Huntersville-town-NC-Demographics-data.html and the corresponding websites for Cornelius and Davidson.

Some of the largest employers in North Mecklenburg are Ingersoll Rand Corporation, Duke Energy's Mcquire Nuclear Station, the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, Novant Health, Davidson College, and many private companies located in the Huntersville Business Park. Major employment sectors are finance and insurance, manufacturing, healthcare and social assistance, and retail trade.

Table 1 Rate of Growth of Ethnic Groups in North Mecklenburg

| | <u>2010</u> | 2017 | Increase | % Increase |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|----------|------------|
| Whites | 70,286 | 91,203 | 20,917 | 10 |
| African Americans | 6,544 | 8,169 | 1,625 | 24.83 |
| Hispanics | 5,179 | 5,430 | _ 251 | _ 4.85 |

2010 Data in Table 1 is from CensusViewer.com/city/NC. 2017 data is from Towncharts.com/NorthCarolina/Demographics/Huntersville-town-NC-Demographics-data.html and the corresponding websites for Cornelius and Davidson.

The Rate of Growth of North Mecklenburg's Population Will Slow

These the Towns of Davidson, Cornelius and Huntersville (referred to herein as North Mecklenburg) have been experiencing explosive growth since the late eighties. However, their rate of growth has slowed in recent years. In 1990, the certified Census population for these three towns was 22,220. In 2000, the population increased 123% to 49,447. In 2010, the population increased 67% to 82,583. In 2016, the population increased 21% to 100,273. **Table DA-1 in Appendix II** is a projected population analysis through the year 2030 for North Mecklenburg. It is estimated that by the end of 2030 North Mecklenburg will be home to 137,188 people, an increase of 36.81 % over the estimated 2016 population. This represents an annual growth rate in population of 2.63 percent over the period 2016 to 2030. See **Table DA-1 in Appendix II**.

The St. Mark Faith Community's Growth Rate Will Exceed North Mecklenburg's Projected Growth Rate

As of June 30, 2018, St Mark had 5,648 registered families which is 19,025 parishioners. In September 2018 we completed a parish census to update our database to reflect active and participating parishioners in the previous three years. After completion of this census we determined roughly 1600 families are no longer active in the parish. Thus, as of September 30, 2018, St Mark has 13,998 registered parishioners and 4177 registered families. It is projected that St Mark will have by December 31, 2025 will have 4827 registered families and 16,170 members. This projection is based on the following assumptions and historical data.

St. Mark has experienced significant growth since the parish's formation in 1997. The opening of the Family Center, the opening of St. Mark School, and the opening of the Sanctuary all of which led to peak growth periods. **Table 2** sets forth the growth of registered families in the St Mark parish from 2007 to 2017.

Table 2 Registered Families in the Parish

| Calendar Year | # of Families Registered | Aggregate # of Registered Families as of December 31 | % Increase in Registered Families |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2007 | 313 | 2206 | |
| 2008 | 348 | 2486 | 12.69% |
| 2009 | 402 | 2803 | 12.75% |
| 2010 | 362 | 3076 | 9.74% |
| 2011 | 437 | 3412 | 10.92% |
| 2012 | 439 | 3729 | 9.29% |
| 2013 | 519 | 4117 | 10.40% |
| 2014 | 437 | 4450 | 8.09% |
| 2015 | 489 | 4845 | 8.88% |
| 2016 | 466 | 5241 | 8.17% |
| 2017 | 428 | 5598 | 6.81% |

Data in Table 2 is from St Mark Parish's database as of December 31, 2017. The aggregate number of registered families is net of registered families added and registered families leaving the parish and taken off the registry.

Based on the numbers in **Table 2**, during the five year period 2007 through 2011, the number of registered families grew by 10.9 percent per year, and during the 5 year period 2012 through 2017, the number of registered families grew by 10.3percent per year. However, the growth rate may have peaked in 2013 when the Parish registered 519 families. Since 2013, the net number of families registered each year has dropped and during the period 2014 through 2017 the aggregate number of registered families grew by 7.98 percent per year and the Parish added an average of 458 families per year.

Assuming a slowing rate of growth in parishioner families, the increase in the aggregate number of registered families in the next eight years through 2025 is estimated to increase at an average annual rate of 5 percents per year. Based on this assumption, **Table 3** was created. While this method projects a declining growth rate from the last 3 years, this type of growth is more consistent with similar parishes in the Charlotte vicariate.

Table 3 is a projection of future family growth at St. Mark using historical data from the parish records as set forth in **Table 2** and assuming a rate of growth in net registered families of 5 percent per year, which is a rate of growth slightly less than twice of the projected growth rate of the North Mecklenburg population.

Table 3. Rate of St Mark Registered Catholic Growth from 2010-2025

| | 2010 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018* | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| # of Registered Catholic Families in Parish as of December 31 | 3076 | 4450 | 4845 | 5241 | 5598 | 4200 | 4284 | 4370 | 4459 | 4548 | 4639 | 4732 | 4827 |
| Persons per Family | 3.368 | 3.368 | 3.368 | 3.368 | 3.368 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 |
| Total Number of Registered Catholics | 10,360 | 14,988 | 16,318 | 17,652 | 18,854 | 14,070 | 14,351 | 14,640 | 14,938 | 15,236 | 15,541 | 15,852 | 16,170 |
| Annual Rate of Registered Catholics | | 11.17% | 8.87 % | 8.18 % | 6.81 % | 2.0% | 2.0 % | 2.0 % | 2.0 % | 2.0 % | 2.0 % | 2.0 % | 2.0 % |

*- This reduction in the number of registered families is due to the parish census that was completed in September 2018.

The St Mark Parish has a Larger Percentage of Young People Than the North Mecklenburg Area

The North Mecklenburg area, as are many suburban areas, is considered to be a family- friendly area. As a result many families with young children have swelled the population in recent years. In 2000, there were 13,982 children 19 of age or under, or 28% of the population, and this population grew in 2015 to 25,775 or 28.9% of the population, as set forth in **Table DA-2 in Appendix II**. However, the age distribution of young children at St. Mark outpaces the community. As shown in **Table 4**, the number of children 19 of age or under in the Parish is 6,614 or 34.77% of the St Mark population.

Table 4. Number of Parishioners by Age

| Age | Number | % |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| 0 to 5 Years | 1211 | 6.31% |
| 6 to 9 Years | 1374 | 7.23% |
| 10 to 14 Years | 2088 | 10.99% |
| 15 to 19 Years | 1944 | 10.24% |
| 20 to 24 Years | 1278 | 6.73% |
| 25 to 34 Years | 1773 | 9.35% |
| 35 to 44 Years | 2951 | 15.54% |
| 45 to 54 Years | 3092 | 16.27% |
| 55 to 70 Years | 2119 | 11.20% |
| Over 71 Years | 805 | 4.23% |
| Unknown Date | 353 | 4.92% |

Source: Data in Table 5 is from St Mark Parish's database as of June 30, 2018

In addition, the population of the St Mark parish is significantly younger than the general population of the North Mecklenburg area. The median age for North Mecklenburg residents in 2015 was over 36 years, as set forth in **Table DA-3 in Appendix II**. By comparison, the median age of a St. Mark parishioner is 33 years old, younger than that of the North Mecklenburg community.

St Mark's Hispanic Population Has Grown 181 Percent Since 2010

St Mark's parish has experienced rapid growth in the number of its Hispanic parishioners since 2010, increasing by over 181 percent in this period. This growth rate greatly exceeds the growth in the

Hispanic population in North Mecklenburg during this period. From 2010 through 2016, the Hispanic population in North Mecklenburg increased by only 4.1 percent and in 2016 represented 6 percent of the North Mecklenburg population. **Table DA-4 in Appendix II** shows the growth of the Hispanic population in the North Mecklenburg area over this period. By contrast, Hispanics made up 17.28 percent of the St Mark parishioners as of June 30, 2018. See **Table DA-5 in Appendix II** for St. Mark parish Hispanic demographic statistics.

Most of the growth in the Hispanic population in North Mecklenburg area occurred over the period 1990 to 2010 and can be largely attributed to the active construction industry in the area. The lower growth rate after 2010 likely was caused by the downturn in the economy and particularly the construction industry as a result of the 2008 financial crisis. With the pickup in the economy and construction industry in the area, it is expected that the growth rate in the Hispanic population will increase in North Mecklenburg, and even at a greater rate in the St Mark parish. Note that while the US Census makes every effort to ensure a complete count, the Hispanic/Latino population is widely regarded by many local social service providers as being significantly undercounted.

Other Key Demographic Statistics of the Parish

In addition to the raw population growth in this area, the recent US Census 2011-2015 Community Survey 5-year estimates also revealed a number of other interesting statistics that are important to our growth as a faith community. These are set out in **Tables DA-1 through DA-4, DA-6 and DA-7 in Appendix II**. Additionally, we have included **Tables DA-5 and DA-8 through DA-11** which provide internal demographic information of St. Mark Parish.

Faith Community Information

As of June 30, 2018 St. Mark Catholic Church had the following cumulative benchmark numbers:

Number of Registered Households: 5648
Total Number of Parishioners: 19,025
Average Persons per Family: 3.37
Average Weekly Mass Attendance: 3,383
Number of Baptisms: 206
Number of Deaths: 36
Number of Marriages: 42

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (signed for the hearing impaired) 11:15 a.m., 1:00p.m. (Spanish Mass)
5:00p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 (Latin Mass)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Confession:

Daily (45 minutes prior to Mass, ending 15 minutes prior
to Mass) 6:15-6:45am and 8:15-8:45am

Wednesday 6-7:30pm

Friday 11:45-12:15 and 6:15-6:45pm

Saturday 3:00-5:00pm

Sunday 6:45-7:15am, 8:15-8:45am, 10:15-10:45am,
12:15-12:45pm (Spanish), 4:15-4:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Chapel 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year

Rosary: Tuesdays: 7:00-7:30pm

2018-2019 Faith Formation Information

Total Number of Children Registered in Faith Formation:

Registration Information by Grade:

Grade 1-5 (527 children (includes St. Mark Catholic School 2nd grade (70))

Grade 6-8 preparing for Sacrament of Confirmation (441 children) For the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year:

Rite of First Holy Communion: 200

Rite of Confirmation Class: 200

Family of Faith Program: 20 students

Sacrament 1 & 2 RCIA for Children (grades 3-5): 27 students

Sacrament 1 & 2 RCIA for Children (grades 6-8): 20 students

Sacrament 1 & 2 RCIA for Teens (high school): 20 students

Online Students (grades 3-5): 30 students

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): 27

Fraternus (grades 6-12): 80

Fidelis (grades 6-12): 96

Life Teen: 65

Edge: 358

Catechists K-5: 96

Core Adult Mentors for Edge: 70

Core Adult Mentors for Life Teen: 10

Core Adult Mentors for Fraternus: 40

Core Adult Mentors and Volunteers for Fidelis: 56

Class Information:

SONday FUNday is offered Sundays during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Mass for 3 yr old children-Kindergarten. It brings Scripture alive connecting children to Jesus through Bible stories.

Total number of classes offered for each grade:

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Kindergarten | 4 classes, 26 students |
| 1st Grade | 8 classes, 96 students |
| 2nd Grade | 10 classes, 124 students |
| 3rd Grade | 3 classes, 79 students |
| 4th Grade | 7 classes, 73 students |
| 5th Grade | 6 classes, 62 students |
| 6th Grade | 3 classes, 127 students |
| 7th Grade | 3 classes, 144 students |
| 8th Grade | 3 classes, 165 students |

St. Mark Catholic Church Pre-School Registration: 106

Chapter 13

The Planning Process

During the summer of 2017, the Pastoral Council issued a Pastoral Survey. The purpose of the survey was to identify parish needs in order to update our Pastoral Plan and incorporate initiatives for the betterment of the Parish and our community.

The Pastoral Survey was distributed in various formats including electronically available on the St. Mark Website. The survey consisted of 100 multiple choice questions with some areas for comments. 10% of all families or 655 surveys were completed and submitted. The general areas of the survey were:

- Liturgy and Worship
- Leadership
- Finance
- Adult Education Programs/Areas of Interest
- Youth and Children's Education and programs
- Communications
- Facilities and Parish campus

The results indicated a very active parish community with 60% of those surveyed being involved in a commission or ministry and 56% volunteering 1-10 hours per month.

Other responses to the survey confirmed a positive spiritual community environment for parishioners. The following statistics are of the people who completed the survey:

- 83% of people attend Mass weekly
- 13% attend Mass on a daily basis
- 95% feel that the Church and the Chapel are conducive to prayerful worship
- 44% stated the St. Mark Catholic Church guides them in their spiritual needs
- 54% visit the Church for other activities during the week outside of Mass
- 95% read the bulletin on a weekly basis
- 88% appreciated the environment created by the appearance of the church
- 96% feel an obligation to financially support the Parish
- 90% budget for the offertory

The main concerns and issues that were identified in the survey were around the facilities, facility upgrades and improvements, and the lack of capacity for all the activities that took place at the Parish. Examples included the sound system in the Church, adding more stained glass, and cleanliness. The parking lot and the logistics for entering and exiting the Parish campus was also noted as a major issue. However, there were concerns stated for the lack of reverence at Mass and people leaving prior to the end of Mass which indicates a want for the spirituality of the Parish to grow.

A copy of the most recent survey from 2017 can be found in Appendix III

Appendix I

Parish History

From the beginning. . .

Following careful study and planning by diocesan officials, Bishop William G. Curlin announced the establishment of the St. Mark Catholic Church on May 13, 1997. Immediately following this announcement, Msgr. Kerin was appointed the pastor and assigned to reside at the Rectory located at 15415 Ranson Road, at the intersection of Ranson Road and Stumptown Road, directly across the street from the 23-acre site purchased in 1990.

On June 1, 1997, Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin celebrated the first Sunday Masses for St. Mark Church at 9:00 am and 11:00 am at Northcross Lanes at the Lake, on US 21 near Sam Furr Road. This unique environment for Mass brought national recognition to the rapidly growing parish. The Wall Street Journal dubbed the parish the "holy rollers".

While continuing to celebrate Mass at the bowling alley, a Saturday evening vigil Mass (5:30 pm) was added and celebrated at Huntersville United Methodist Church. Daily Mass was offered in a small chapel arranged in the living room of the rectory. Religious Education classes were offered that fall including sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Community in Christ Lutheran Church.

In August 1997, Father Kerin hired the parish's first two employees. Tricia McCaa was appointed as the Parish Secretary and Kathleen Lewis was named the Coordinator of Religious Education. Regular parish office hours were established in offices constructed in the garage of the rectory. The rectory was remodeled to accommodate offices and regular parish hours were established.

Over the next three years, the parish was blessed by the generosity of many institutions throughout North Mecklenburg that were gracious enough to permit the occasional and sometimes frequent use of their facilities including Davidson College (for Sunday, Easter, and Christmas Masses, and Confirmation), Huntersville United Methodist Church (Saturday evening vigil Mass), Huntersville Waymer Center (for Sunday Mass), Community in Christ Lutheran Church (for Parish Mission and Religious Education Classes) and Huntersville Presbyterian Church (Sacrament of First Holy Communion). In addition, many parishioners met for parish business meetings, faith activities and/or fellowship at the Huntersville Community Room, the Davidson Town Hall, the Cornelius Town Hall, and in parishioners' homes.

In February 1998, a parish building committee was appointed and plans were made for the construction of the first of three buildings to be located on the parish property. Construction of the Family Center began in March 1999 and was dedicated by Bishop Curlin on February 12, 2000.

With the completion of a permanent home, the parish activities blossomed as many ministries formed including: the Knights of Columbus, Eucharistic Adoration, cub scouts, Hispanic ministry, Vacation Bible School, parish social activities, bible study groups, children's prayer group, and the St. Mark Pre-School program. St. Mark has also been the location of many Diocesan events including Spring Fling for seniors, a Fall Day of Reflection, and meetings for the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS).

Two years of research and prayer concerning youth ministry came to life in October 2000 when St. Mark became a LIFE TEEN parish, embracing the mission of "leading teens closer to Christ". The parish added a weekly teen Mass at 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings, which was moved to 5:30 pm in September 2004. The music ministry is led by the LIFE TEEN Band, which provides contemporary Christian music for the liturgy. This Mass is followed from 7:00-8:30 pm by various social and faith-based activities known as LifeNights. LIFE TEEN continues to grow and attract Catholic and non-Catholic teens from throughout North Mecklenburg, Mooresville and Charlotte. On average 75 teens attend the LIFE TEEN Mass each week.

St. Mark's ministry to the Hispanic community has also met with success since its inception in July 2001. Currently there are approximately 125 registered Hispanic families in the parish with attendance ranging from 120 to 200 at the monthly Spanish Mass, which is celebrated the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm. The Hispanic community at St.

Mark's has continued to expand its ministries the last few years by serving the needs of the Parish as well as those of the Hispanic community throughout North Mecklenburg County.

Recognizing the need and demand for Catholic education in North Mecklenburg, the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools began construction on May 23, 2002 of St. Mark Catholic School. The K-8 facility, completed in August 2003, is located adjacent to the Family Center on approximately 8.5 acres purchased by the parish in June 2001.

By 2002, the parish had grown from the original 250 families that first joined in Mass at the bowling alley to over 2100 families on its fifth anniversary. Currently, there are 2,896 registered families at St. Mark. The parish has emerged as a vibrant, active Christian community serving the North Mecklenburg community in ways that few could imagine just seven years earlier.

Note: Portions of this text were adapted from an article in the Catholic News and Herald entitled "Parish Profile" published on April 6, 1998.

Parish Timeline

1997

May 13: Parish established by Bishop William G. Curlin. Monsignor Joseph Kerin appointed Pastor

June 1: Mass celebrated at Northcross Lanes at the Lake bowling alley on US 21 in Huntersville. Masses were celebrated at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Weekly offering totaled \$6,360.56.

June 6 – 11: Parish Mission held at Community in Christ Lutheran Church on Sam Furr Road. The following committees and meeting conveners were formed:

Steering Committee: Tom Grogan

Volunteer Coordinator: Carla Doedtman

Planning Committee: Scott Campbell

Liturgy Committee: Susan Roberts

Family Life: Mary Alice Hollars

Community Life: Barbara Houghland

Education: Jennifer Welsch

Finance: Brenda Scarpatti

Maintenance: Rhonda Miller

Communications: Bill Vey
Volunteer Clerical Help: Claudette Kaveler.

June 21: Saturday evening mass celebrated at 5:30 at Huntersville United Methodist Church on NC 115 in Huntersville.

June 29: St. Mark Web Site established.

July 6 : Finance Committee votes to establish St. Mark as a tithing parish with at least 10% of our weekly offering to be distributed to the needy.

July 13: First Parish Picnic on the Rectory grounds.

July 20: Bishop Curlin celebrates 11:00 am Mass.

August: Tricia McCaa hired as first Parish Secretary. Kathleen Lewis hired as first Coordinator of Religious Education. Parish office opens for regular hours, Monday-Friday.

September 28: Faith Formation Classes begin at the following locations with over 450 registered students:

Pre-K: 1st and 3rd Sundays during 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses at NorthCross Lanes at the Lake

Kindergarten: 2nd and 4th Sundays during 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses at NorthCross Lanes at the Lake

Grades 1-5: Monday evenings at Community in Christ Lutheran Church

Middle School Youth Ministry: Sunday evening at Community in Christ Lutheran Church

Senior High Youth Ministry: Sunday evenings at Huntersville United Methodist Church Adult Education House.

December 14: Masses outgrow bowling alley. Sunday Masses moved to Love Auditorium at Davidson College.

December 25: Christmas Masses held at the Belk Arena at Davidson College.

1998

January 13: 1st Parish Profile Approved by Monsignor Kerin and Diocesan Officials.

January 24: First Parish Council Elections. The following individuals were accepted by Father Kerin to serve on the first St. Mark Pastoral Council: Steve Antal, Tom Cotter, Chris Cusick, Paul Danie, Pattie Fulford, Barry McCaa, Robert Mullens, Tom Rider, Susan Roberts, Ed Russo, Mike Scarpati, and Terry Webster. At their first meeting, Chris Cusick was elected chairman.

March 22: Pastoral Council accepted applications from the parish for Building Committee. Recommendations were made to Father Kerin. He made the appointments in conjunction with the Pastoral Council. They were: Ron Charbonneau, Steven Hankins, Rich Hehn, Sharon Kraus, Craig Lewis, Betty Minnick, and Tim Poff.

April 11: 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Rectory grounds.

April 25: Spring Fling Adult Dance held at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.

April 26: St. Mark receives Golden Acorn Award from Huntersville Oaks Nursing Home for the hard work and determination of our volunteers for "going the extra mile".

May 2: 74 students receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May 17: WKWW selected as Architect for the Family Center and John S. Clark Company selected as General Contractor.

May 31: 70 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

October 18: Cornerstone Capital Campaign begins to raise money for the construction of the Family Center.

November 25: Cornerstone Campaign concludes after raising a total of \$1,575,078 in pledges with a 62% participation rate.

1999

March 16: Groundbreaking ceremony for Family Center

April 1: 95 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May 1: 107 students receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

July 7: Father Peter Jugis, Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Charlotte, was appointed to residence at St. Mark after completing his responsibilities as Administrator of Holy Spirit Church.

August 22: Laura Maclean hired as Coordinator of Music Ministry.

2000

February 12: Family Center Dedicated at 5:30 Mass celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin.

February 20: Parish website updated and moved to <http://www.rc.net/charlotte/stmark/>

February 27: 46 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. March 5th: Prayer Chain begins at St. Mark.

March 5: Pat Russo hired as Coordinator of Children's Ministry.

April 6: Knights of Columbus-St. Mark Council 12654 receives charter and holds first meeting.

April 9 - 12: Annual Parish Mission: "Jesus Speaks: A Conversation with God".

May 5: Eucharistic Adoration begins on Fridays from 6:00 -8:00 pm with a Benediction at 8:00 pm.

May 6: 98 students receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May 27: Jon Adam McGalliard and Jamie Lemke first couple to receive the Sacrament of Marriage in the Family Center.

June 4: Eucharistic Adoration expands hours to 9:00 am- 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm every Friday followed by a Benediction at 8:00 pm.

July 9: Father David Brzoska assigned to St. Mark Parish as Parochial Vicar.

July 9: St. Mark Pre-school approved for operation in Fall 2001 by Pastoral Council.

July 23 - 28: 207 children enrolled in Vacation Bible School.

September 3: Sunday Mass changed to 9:00 am and 11:30 am to accommodate Religious Education classes between the Masses.

September 1: Eucharistic Adoration expands to 8:00 am to 8:00 pm followed by a Benediction at 8:00 pm.

September 11: Donna Smith begins as the Coordinator of Religious Education; Kathleen Lewis assumes role as Coordinator of Confirmation and High School Youth Ministry.

September 11: Catholic Social Service begins regular office hours at St. Mark from 3:30- 7:30 pm every Monday.

September 30: Time Capsule buried in lawn in front of Family Center.

October 2: Catholic Social Services begins providing Hispanic Outreach Counseling at St. Mark every Wednesday.

October 29: LIFE TEEN program begins at St. Mark with a 6:00 pm Mass followed by the first LifeNight "Totally 80's Night".

November 3: St. Mark Church is used as a voting precinct for public elections.

December 9th: Bishop Curlin directs a "Day of Reflection" for the parish.

2001

January 14: Jane Petriella hired as Director of the Pre-School Program.

January 20: Matt Smith from MTV's Real World speaks to St. Mark's LIFE TEEN Program.

April 2 - 5: Annual Parish Mission: "The I KNOW Mission".

April 2: 69 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May 5: 176 students receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

June 15: St Mark purchases 8.47 acres adjacent to parish property for the purposes of permitting a K-8 Catholic School to be constructed by Mecklenburg Area Catholic School (MACS).

June 24: Seminarian Adrian Porras is assigned to reside at the St. Mark rectory.

July 29 - August 3: 250 children enrolled in Vacation Bible School.

July 22: Angeles Murphy hired as Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry.

August 6: St. Mark participates in Hispanic Vacation Bible School with Meadowlake Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, and Ramah Presbyterian Church.

August 6: Youth Ministry Internship positions created for 6 LifeTeen participants to assist with the Confirmation program.

August 15: Adrian Porras is ordained a Deacon.

August 18: "Day of Reflection" held for Liturgical Ministries.

September 11: Tragedy strikes as terrorists attack New York and Washington, DC. St. Mark parishioners respond with swelled Mass attendance and a special collection of over \$22,000 for Catholic Social Services to distribute to the victims of the disaster.

October 7: 2nd Cornerstone Campaign begins for the purpose of paying off the debt on the Family Center and beginning "seed" funding for the next phase.

December 15: Deacon Adrian Porras is ordained a Priest and assigned to Holy Family Church in Clemmons, NC.

December 16: 2nd Cornerstone Campaign concludes with a pledge total of \$1,627,925.

2002

February 3: "Planting the Seeds of Hope" the theme of the 2002 Diocesan Support Appeal is introduced today by video with Bishop Curlin.

March 8: St. Mark's hosts the Catholic Social Services Workshop on the Church's support for life from conception to natural death.

April 21: 84 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

April 28 - May 1: Annual Parish Mission: "Living the Gospel Today, Our Call to Holiness".

May 5: 151 students receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May 23: Catholic Social Services adds an additional counseling day at St. Mark on Thursday evenings.

May 23: Groundbreaking for St. Mark K-8 Catholic School.

July 7: Father Christopher Roux assigned to St. Mark as Parochial Vicar.

July 28 - August 2: 382 children enrolled in Vacation Bible School.

August 22: "Faithful Friends Tour" performs Christian Music Concert.

September 11: Special Memorial Mass held for the victims of 9/11 attacks; men and women in all branches of service were honored. A special day of Eucharistic Adoration was also observed.

September 14: Day of Reflection held for Liturgical Ministries

2003

January 21-22: St. Mark hosts a bus to the March for Life, Washington, DC.

January 27 - 29: Christopher West presents "The Good News about Sex and Marriage", a program about John Paul II, Theology of the Body.

February 6: Men's and Women's Bible Study groups begin studies of the Book of Genesis.

February 21-23: St. Mark LIFE TEEN hosts Youth 2000 at Camp Thunderbird.

February 28: 2002 Parish Profile submitted to Diocese.

March 10-14: St. Mark parish mission: "The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ" by Father Jerome Verab.

March 15: Annual St. Patrick's Day dance held in the St. Mark Family Center.

March 17-19: VIGIL FOR PEACE held at St. Mark, including Eucharistic Adoration.

May 31: Women's Day of Reflection held.

June 1: Parish celebrates its 6th anniversary and the 46th anniversary of Monsignor Kerin's ordination.

June 15 - 16: St. Mark welcomed Most Reverend Edward Braxton, Bishop of Lake Charles, Louisiana. He made an appeal to St. Mark parishioners for financial assistance for his flock. \$14,000 was raised.

July 5-6: Reception held after all Masses for Monsignor Kerin's retirement.

July 8: St. Mark welcomes new Pastor, Father Mark Lamprich.

July 27 - August 1: St. Mark Vacation Bible School: "The Jesus Expedition: Exploring the Miracles of Jesus."

August 13: Two additions made to the parish staff: Marianne Bottoms as Sacrament Coordinator for Reconciliation and Communion, and Melinda Drury as Confirmation Coordinator.

September 28: 7th Annual St. Mark Parish Family Picnic

October 1: St. Mark establishes an Education Commission.

2004

January 11: Parish staff expands as Debra Lemmon is appointed as Youth Minister.

January 22: St. Mark hosts bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

March 19-21: St. Mark hosts "Youth 2000", an international spiritual Youth initiative that is attended by 225 people; Perpetual Adoration held throughout.

May 1: St. Mark begins the Father Kerin Challenge to eliminate its debt.

June 2: St Mark's celebrates 7th anniversary with a total of 2,782 families Registered in the Parish and a total of 8,581 individual members.

July 5: St. Mark welcomes 2 new Priests: Pastor Monsignor Richard Bellow and Parochial Vicar Rev. Timothy Reid.

August 1: Deacons Louis Pais and Ronald Sherwood join the staff of St. Mark.

August 15: 7:30 am Sunday Mass added to Mass schedule.

September 5: St. Mark kicks-off "Foundation for our Future" fundraising campaign to build church building.

September 19: Building Committee members selected.

October 1: Bishop Jugis installs St. Mark's new Pastor, Monsignor Richard Bellow.

October 18 - 20: St. Mark's Foundation for our Future Building Committee hosts Domus Dei: Sacred Architecture in the Modern World; approximately 100 parishioners attend and give input regarding architectural preferences.

December 4: St. Mark holds a "Mortgage Burning Celebration" to mark the retirement of the debt on existing church campus structures.

December 12: St. Mark celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a bilingual Mass hosted by the Hispanic Community Committee, LIFE

2005

January 2: Father Tier Duong is welcomed to St. Mark's to aid the parish while Msgr. Bellow has surgery and completes Rehabilitation

January 30: "We are the Hands of Christ" 2005 Diocesan Support Appeal is introduced by Bishop Jugis via video today.

February 21-23: Bishop Emeritus William G. Curlin graces our annual Lenten Parish Mission. The theme: Renewal in Christ.

March 4 - 6: St. Mark Single Young Adult Ministry attends retreat weekend in Raleigh.

March 31: Father Steven Valenta, a Conventual Franciscan, speaks on "Keeping Faith in Turbulent Times".

April 19: Benedict XVI, formerly Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, was elected the 265th pope in the apostolic succession dating from the time of St. Peter.

April 28 – 29: Annual Spring Fling – hosted by St Mark’s Elder Ministry for Catholic Social Services

May 14 – Help Stamp out Hunger campaign to support Loaves and Fishes and Second Harvest Food Bank is held at St. Mark’s.

May 30 – Msgr. Bellow celebrates his 35th year of Priesthood.

June 1 – Happy 8th Anniversary St. Mark Catholic Church with 2900 families and just over 10,000 parishioners.

June 9: "Seeking the Heart of God" – a 6-week class is offered at St. Mark Catholic Church focusing on St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross.

June 12 – St. Mark’s Life Teen program honors our recent high school Graduates during a special Baccalaureate Mass.

June 18 - 19 and June 25 – 26: 2005 Spring Food Drive for the Ada Jenkins Loaves and Fishes Ministry is held at St. Mark.

June 20 – 22: Annual Summer Bible School for the St. Mark Hispanic Community is held at the Farmer’s Market of Huntersville.

June 26: Farewell to Father Tien whose temporary assignment at St. Mark’s has ended now that Msgr. Bellow has returned.

July 24-29: Summer Vacation Bible School

September 23-24: First Eucharistic Congress held at Charlotte Convention Center.

October 10-20: Unveiling of Artist Renderings of St. Mark Catholic Church to parishioners.

October 13: Fall Day of Reflection with Father Anthony Marcaccio and Bishop Peter Jugis.

December 12: Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe held at St. Marks

December 13: Protecting God’s Children Workshop presentation

December 25: St. Mark's Angel Tree project touches the lives of 683 neighbors this year.

2006

January 20: St. Mark's Respect Life Committee hosts a nocturnal Adoration for Life.

January 22 - 23rd: St. Mark's Life Teen program travel to Washington DC for the 23rd annual March for Life march.

February 13-16: Parish Mission "The Presence of God" presented by Father Pompei

March 9-30: St Mark Adult Faith Formation are presented "The Church Throughout History, a 4-week series.

May 7 and 14: St. Mark's "Service for the Needy" sponsors the 2006 Spring Food Drive for the Loaves and Fishes ministry.

April 27: Catholic Social Services, Elder Ministry hosts the 20th annual Spring Fling at St. Marks.

June 4: Happy 9th Anniversary, St. Mark's. Our parish now consists of 3,181 families and 10,974 members.

July 2: Welcome Father James Stuhrenberg, Parochial Vicar. Welcome Rev. Robert Murphy, Deacon. Farewell Father Timothy Reid and many blessings in his new assignment at St. Matthews

July 16-20: Vacation Bible School is held at St. Mark Catholic Church with the theme "SonTreasure Island.

August 15: A Morning of Prayer and Reflection is presented on the Feast of the Assumption.

August 26th: Protecting God's Children Workshop held for all individuals who will be working with children.

September: St. Mark offers a 28-week study of the Gospel of Matthew in both morning and evening sessions.

September 2: Prayer Vigil for Life

September 3: St. Mark Catholic Church adds Family-Centered Children's Mass at 10:00 am every Sunday beginning this date.

September 25: 1st annual Chip Beck Invitational Golf Tournament, clinic and dinner to benefit the Saint Mark Foundation for Our Future.

October 1: St Mark's joins other area churches in commemorating Respect Life Sunday through prayer activities

October 6 – 7: Second annual Eucharistic Congress takes place at the Charlotte Convention Center. Raymond Arroyo is the featured speaker.

October 15: New Adoration hours set to Friday 8:00 am through Saturday 8:00am in Adoration Chapel.

October 19: St. Mark hosts a special parent presentation on Internet Safety for Children and Youth.

October 25: Protecting God's Children workshop held

November 4: Annual St. Mark Christmas Bazaar is held. It raised just over \$8,000.00 for the Foundation for Our Future fund.

December 15: St. Mark Religious Education Department sponsors St. Mark's annual Christmas Pageant.

2007

January 7: Prayer Vigil for Life: Mass and prayers

January 12: Parishioners participate in March for Life in Charlotte.

January 20: Adoration for Life in our Adoration Chapel.

January 27: Continuing Education Module "Morality" is presented.

February 4: "Answer the Call" is the theme of the 2007 Diocesan Support Appeal which was introduced today.

February 14: St. Mark Elder Ministry presents an informational program on Diabetes through an educator of Presbyterian Hospital

March 17: The Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance is held.

April 19: St. Mark Religious Education Program host the presentation: "The Real Thing: The Truth about Chastity".

April 26 – 21: Annual Spring Fling hosted at St Mark by Catholic Social Services Elder Ministry.

April 30: St. Mark's Elder Ministry sponsors "Lunch and Learn" presenting information about hearing loss and digital hearing aid technology.

May 10-31: Adult Faith Formation sponsors a new 4-week seminar: "The Church Through History" (May 10, 17, 24 and 31).

June 5: St. Mark Adult Faith Formation sponsored "An Evening with Bishop William Curlin"

June 7: Protecting God's Children workshop presented at St. Mark.

June 11: Be Not Afraid Family Hours presentation of "The Living Eucharist" is presented

July 1: Welcome Father Patrick T. Hoare, Parochial Vicar. Blessings to Father Stuhrenberg on his next assignment

July 22 – 26: Vacation Bible School is held at St. Mark.

July 31 - August 2: Pilgrimage with Father Stuhrenberg to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and EWTN

August 27: St Mark's Elder Ministry sponsors Lunch and Learn, providing information on Arthritis and Chronic Pain Management.

August 28: A Day of Reflection –“ Why Catholic? Journey Through The Catechism” offered at St. Marks.

September 10: St. Mark's sponsored the 2nd Chip Beck Invitational Golf Tournament, clinic and dinner to benefit the Saint Mark Foundation for Our Future.

September 21 – 22: Third Eucharistic Congress for Charlotte takes place at the Charlotte Convention Center.

October 7: St Mark Church participates in Life Chain 2007

October 8: Jason Kotecki, author and cartoonist, presents insights to St. Mark's parishioners on how each of us can develop a more childlike faith.

October 9: “The Problem of Dirty Hands” was presented by Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J., PhD. (Fordham University Philosophy Department) addressing Catholic moral teaching in the current world.

October 13: “Race for the Faith” and “Kids Fun Run” – proceeds to benefit the Saint Mark Foundation for Our Future.

October 17: Protecting God's Children workshop

October 27: St. Mark Adult Faith Formation sponsored “An Evening with Dr. William K. Thierfelder” – distinguished sports psychologist and President of Belmont Abbey College.

November 3: Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Mark's.

November 7: Senior's Day of Reflection at St. Marks sponsored by Catholic Social Services, Elder Ministry

November 5 and 12: Angel Tree project provides 1400 gifts for children and adults at 9 different organizations and schools.

November 12, 19, 26: Positive Parenting with a Plan presented by Catholic Social Services and sponsored by St. Mark

December 14: St. Mark Religious Education program sponsored the 6th annual Christmas Pageant.

December 20: “Las Posadas Navidenas” is celebrated by St. Mark's Hispanic Ministry.

2008

January 8: “Joy to the World”: a 6-week prayer and scripture study for women begins.

January 21 - 22: “March for Life” Life Teen trip to Washington, DC

January 27: “Blessed at the Merciful” is the theme of the Diocesan Support Appeal for 2008 and is introduced to St. Mark parishioners via video from Bishop Jugis.

February 6: “40 Days for Life” Lenten Campaign begins at St. Mark

February 12: St. Mark’s Elder Ministry hosts a Lunch and Learn program on Cholesterol and Nutrition.

March 1: Recognizing the Divine Creation within Each of Us is the theme of the first St. Mark Mother/Daughter Day of Reflection

April 16, 23 and 30: St. Mark hosts a 3-session workshop P3: Positive Parenting with a Plan – presented by Catholic Social Services

April 25: Groundbreaking for St. Mark Catholic Church officiated by Bishop Jugis.

April 28: St. Mark Elder Ministry sponsors a Lunch and Learn: “Sleep and Stress Management “

April 30: Fr. Pat presents Pope Benedict XVI’s Encyclical, “Saved in Hope.”

May 29: Msgr. Bellow presents “Why Do Catholics Do What They Do?” followed by a question/answer session

June 7: First St. Mark Community Outreach Day. Over 550 St. Mark parishioners served over 30 organizations in one day.

July 20 – 24: St. Mark Vacation Bible School presented “God’s Big Backyard: Where Kids have a blast serving Jesus!”

August 12: Friendly Visitor Ministry – information session is held for this visitation ministry to homebound parishioners.

August 19: St. Mark Elder Ministry sponsors a Lunch and Learn: “All Systems Go: Ensuring Vascular Health

August 18: St. Mark Men’s Bible Study begins their fall study of the Bible learning about Salvation History.

September 15, 16 and 17: Parish Mission held at St. Mark. Fr. Roderic Petri, O.F.M., from the Franciscan Ministry of The Word, presented “Living Our Faith with Joy”.

September 24: November: 40 Days for Life campaign opens at St. Mark focusing on Prayer, Fasting and Peaceful Vigil.

September 24: RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins the 2007/08 class process.

September 28: Give it Away – Life Teen program, happening globally, supports the St. Vincent de Paul Society with a clothing Drive.

October 3 – 4: 4th Annual Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte is held at the Charlotte Convention Center with the Theme “It is Christ We Proclaim”.

October 5: Life Chain: public witness of pro-life parishioners held at St. Mark.

October 6: Family Evening of Love and Prayer with Rev. Frederick Pompeii

October 15: Life Line Screening presents 4 Facts You Need to Know about Stroke Prevention at St. Mark.

November 14: Annual Christmas Bazaar is held at St. Mark

November 8, 9, 15 and 16: Angel Tree program opens. 1600 gifts were given to children and adults in 9 different organizations and schools this year.

December 2: Consecration of ground at Northlake Memorial Gardens by Bishop Jugis.

December 19: St. Mark Annual Christmas Pageant is held with the theme of the program: “Spread a Little Aloha in the World”

2009

January 16: March for Life – St Mark parishioners join the diocese for the march and prayer service in Charlotte.

January 27: “Why Do Catholics Do What They Do?” presented by Msgr. Bellow

January 28, February 4 and 11th: St. Mark clergy presented a Bible study entitled “St Paul: Steward of the Mysteries.

February 17: St. Mark Elder Ministry Lunch and Learn sponsors “Keeping Your Brain Young: Exercise for Mental Agility”

February 25-April 5: Spring 2009 40 Days for Life prayer campaign coinciding with the Lenten Season.

March 7: Religious Education hosted Mother/Daughter Day with Molly Barker, 4-time Hawaii Ironman tri-athlete, presenting “Staying on Track”.

May 19: Lunch and Learn sponsored by St. Mark Elder Ministry presents “Medications and You: What YOU Need To Know”.

June 1: Happy Twelfth Anniversary, St. Mark Catholic Church

June 6: Second Annual St. Mark Community Outreach Day.

July 12: Welcome Rev. Brandon Jones, Parochial Vicar. Blessings go with Father Pat Hoare on his next assignment.

July 20-23: Vacation Bible School presents How Kids Lives Can Be Transformed by God

August 23: Mass and celebration for the Dedication of the new St. Mark Catholic Church is held.

August 27: Women's Bible Study: Gospel of Luke begins for Fall, 2009

September 23 - November 1: St. Mark mobilizes parishioners for prayer and fasting for an end to abortions.

October 4: St. Mark parishioners form a living Life Chain praying for our Nation and for an end to abortion.

October 4-November 8: "Why Catholic? Because it's the Fullness of the Truth" 6-weekly sessions.

October 14 and 21: "Keeping Your Kids Catholic" is offered by St. Mark Religious Education.

October 23: The 7th annual St. Mark Fall Festival is hosted by our Faith Rocks 6th and 7th grade program.

October 30-November 1: Women's Retreat: Living the Gospel is held at St. Mark. Fr. Patrick Wainright, the guest speaker, is of the order Miles Christi.

November 5: The Mystery Of The Shroud of Turin: The Case For Authenticity is presented to St. Mark parishioners by John Iannone who is a Catholic writer, lecturer and filmmaker.

November 7, 8, 14 and 15th: Angel Tree program kicks off this years Campaign with more than 1500 angels available to our parishioners. 1532 gifts were delivered to 9 different locations on December 9th.

November 21: St. Mark Annual Christmas Bazaar

December 18: St. Mark Annual Christmas Pageant presents "Give Jesus a Dwelling" with music, dance and pageantry.

2010

January 15: Charlotte March for Life is supported by parishioners of St. Mark

January 15: St. Mark Elder Ministry sponsors "What's Up with Stroke" presentation by Presbyterian Hospital

January 22: March for Life, Washington, DC

February 17 - March 28: 40 Days for Life Campaign at St. Mark

February 21 – 23: St. Mark Parish Mission: "Responding to God – Person to Person".

March 19: Elder Ministry sponsors “Looking at Your Will and the Law” for Lunch and Learn.

March 19: 2nd annual St. Mark Faith Rocks presents “Living Stations. . . the Walk of Christ”

March 21: Carolina Catholic Corner Book and Gift Shop opens at St. Mark

April 20: Elder Ministry sponsors Lunch and Learn: “Parkinson’s Syndrome” presented by RN Adeline Ejiba.

May 22: Community Outreach Day is held at St. Mark

June 16: Happy 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood to Reverend Monsignor Richard Michael Bellow

June 26: Knights of Columbus conduct the first parish-wide Yard Sale event.

July 4: Welcome Rev. David Miller, Parochial Vicar.

July 19 – 22: Vacation Bible School. Theme: “HERO – Hearts Everywhere Reaching Out”

August 8 – 13: Totus Tuus, a catechetical youth program is held at St. Mark.

September 8: Johan/Ruth: Love Crosses Boundaries Bible Study Sponsored by Elder Ministry at St. Mark. (6 weeks).

September 10 – 11: 2010 Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress: Good Shepherd - Come Feed Us”

September 22 – October 31: 40 Days For Life Campaign .

October 2: “Nourish Your Spirit with A Taste of Silence” is presented by Fr. Carl Arico

November 6, 7, 13 and 14: Christmas Angel program opens with more than 1700 angels available.

December 6 – 17: Christmas Angel gifts were delivered to children and adults at 5 local schools, residents at 2 Huntersville Nursing homes and to infants and children through ROOM AT THE INN.

December 17: St. Mark and the Diocese of Charlotte offer a program called “Catholics Come Home”.

2011

January 13: Women’s Bible Study (Women of Joy) begins a 13-week study: James: Pearls for Wise Living by Jeff Cavins.

January 24: St. Mark Respect Life Ministry hosted an overnight pilgrimage to the D.C. March for Life.

February 4 - 6: Women of Joy holds their 7th annual retreat. Father Michael Gaitley, Director of the Shrine of the Divine Mercy is the retreat director.

February 20 – 22: St. Mark Parish Mission with Father John Anglin, OFM Theme: Filling the World with the Gospel of Christ.

March 9: Men's Bible Study presents a 5-week course Entitled: Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering

March 13: Farewell Father Brandon Jones and blessings on your new assignment

May 8: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is now 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round, in the Chapel in the Msgr. Kerin Center

June 26-July 1: St. Mark Faith Formation offered Totus Tuus to all grade school, junior and senior high students.

July 18-21: Vacation Bible School program this year is "Mary Leads Us Closer to Jesus".

September 1: Women of Joy Bible Study begins a 6-week study: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

September 23 – 24: 7th annual Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

October 2: CALL (Catholic Adult Learning and Living) begins a 6-week study: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

October 2: St. Mark joined other parishes throughout the United States in the National Life Chain – witnessing to the Sanctity of life.

October 13: Women of Joy Bible Study begins a 20-week study: Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

November 4 – 6: St. Mark and St. John Neumann Catholic Churches co-host a fall retreat: Consoling the Heart of Jesus presented by Father Michael Gaitley.

December 15: First annual St. Mark Parish Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony immediately following the Children's Pageant.

December 19: St. Mark Elder Ministry hosts a Christmas Celebration and luncheon with entertainment by St. Mark Praise Dancer's and Home School Choir.

2012

January: Diocesan Support Appeal announced by Bishop Jugis

January 14: St. Mark's Got Talent dinner show and fund raiser with proceeds going to Life Teen Youth Ministry.

January 22 – 23: St. Mark takes a chartered bus to Washington DC for the March for Life.

February 12: CALL (Catholic Adults Learning and Living) begins a 7-week study series: The Seven Last Words of Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Passion.

February 13: Elder Ministry offers a Valentine's Day Celebration and luncheon. Entertainment furnished by St. Mark Preschoolers.

March 4 – 6: St. Mark Parish Mission – “Taste and See. . . Realizing the abundant life that Jesus came to bring you!”

April 16: Knights of Columbus delivered 1800 pounds of canned and dry food goods to Catholic Social Services thanks to the generosity of St. Mark parishioners during the K of C's food drive.

May 12: St. Mark Time Capsule Opening. Originally buried in 2000.

June 14: 2nd annual Charlotte Men's Conference held at St. Mark with a theme of A Father's Day Reflection.

June 29: “The Last Four Things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven” presented by Father Miller sponsored by Adult Faith Formation.

July 10: Goodbye and Farewell, Father Miller, who has been re-assigned to St. Patrick Cathedral.

July 15: Welcome Rev. Matthew J. Codd, Parochial Vicar

August 26: Women of Joy begins a semester study: Scripture: From the Page, to the Heart, to the Home. This study is being taught by Sister Gertrude Gillette, O.S.B.

August 30: St. Mark Adult Faith Formation begins a 10-week series “Be a Man!. . .becoming the Man God Created You to Be”

September 23: CALL (Catholic Adult Learning and Living) begins a 7-week study using the book: Back to Virtue by Dr. Peter Kreeft

November 10: Adult Faith Formation hosts an evening with Dr. Peter Kreeft who will present: Living a Virtuous Life In the 21st Century.

2013

January 11: Annual March for Life in Charlotte

January 28: An Evening with Fr. Frederick Pompei who presents “Heart of Our Catholic Identity as God's Beloved Compassionate Family; How we express God's Mercy, Forgiveness and Justice in our daily lives.”

February 11: St. Mark Adult Faith Formation offers the Catholicism (a 10 part series) presented via video by Father Robert Barron

February 13-March 24: 40 Days for Life Campaign is honored through prayer, fasting, abortion clinic prayer sessions and a Life Chain at St. Mark

February 17-February 20: Parish Mission offers: “Open Wide the Doors to Christ. . .The Reign of God is at hand”.

March 10: Knights of Columbus hosts a Lenten Food Drive to re-supply local food banks.

March 13: Jorge Mario Bergoglio is elected Pope. Pope Francis is the 266th Pope and is the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas, the first from the Southern Hemisphere, and the first pope from outside Europe since the Syrian Gregory III, who reigned in the 8th century.

April 1-8: First International Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica is taken by 12 parishioners.

April 7: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 13: Mary: The Mother of Faith is presented by Thomas Smith – National speaker and renowned theologian.

April 21: St. Mark begins monthly series “Welcome Home. . .Rediscover Your Path”. (April-October)

June 15 – 16: St. Mark Respect For Life Community holds Food Drive for Room at the Inn.

November 8-10: Women of Joy sponsored a women’s Retreat with Father Jacques Phillipe. The retreat theme was “Prayer and Maintaining Peace in a Hectic World”.

July 7: Monsignor Richard M. Bellow retires as pastor at St. Mark. We wish him God’s blessings in his retirement.

July 14: Welcome Father Roger K. Arnsperger, Pastor

July 22-25: Vacation Bible School attended by over 270 children and with more than 160 volunteers.

August 24 – 25: St. Mark Ministry Fair held with more than 50 ministries represented.

August 29: Women of Joy begins Fall session with Your Daily Path to Holiness: Learning to Pray and Other Lessons from the Great Teachers of the Church.

September 8: Memorial for Life statue dedicated.

September 9: The Catholic Divorce Survival Group begins a 12-week session at St. Mark.

September 14: St. Mark’s Teen Track carries our church banner In the 9th Eucharistic Congress procession in downtown Charlotte

September 25-November 3: St. Mark parishioners make a life-saving impact by joining with others for a prayer vigil for 40 Days for Life each Wednesday at a local abortion center.

December 11: St. Mark Christmas Pageant held re-enacting the birth of our Lord.

December 15: The Angel Tree, through the overwhelming generosity of St. Mark parishioners fulfilled 2,200 gift requests from ARC, Room at the Inn, Barium Springs, Missionaries of the Poor, 2 nursing homes, 4 local schools and 25 local families.

2014

January 12: Welcome Deacon Richard McCarron

January 21 – 22: St. Mark parishioners travel to Washington D.C. for the March for Life.

February 7 – 8: International speaker and author, Jeff Cavins, presents “Hearing the Voice of God” and “Walk Toward Eternity” in sessions at St. Mark.

February 16: Diocesan Appeal Support Appeal opens with theme: “Salt of the Earth – Light of the World”

March 1: Fourth annual Charlotte Catholic Men’s Conference held at St. Mark. Transformed by Christ: Men on a Mission was presented.

March 2: Kick-off for Catholic Adults Learning and Living (CALL) 8-week study on Apostolic Exhortation of our Holy Father Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium.

March 5-April 13: 40 Days for Life Vigil covers Pro-life efforts: Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils.

March 10-12: St. Mark Annual Parish Mission with Father Richard Fragomeni speaking on the topic: “In His Presence. . .New Chapter of Evangelization”.

April 4: Carolina Catholic Chorale presents a beautiful Lenten devotional: Adoramus te, Christe at St. Mark.

May 11: Initiative entitled “Forward in Faith, Hope and Love” introduced. This effort provides direct assistance for capital enhancements to St. Mark and through other western North Carolina parishes.

June 8: Welcome Rev. Thomas McGahey, Deacon.

June 16: An evening with Father Richard Ho Lung, founder Of Missionaries of the Poor (world-wide).

July 13: Welcome the Very Rev. John T. Putnam, Pastor. Welcome Father Paul D McNulty, Parochial Vicar.

July 21 – 24: Vacation Bible School is held at St. Mark.

September 19-20: Tenth Eucharistic Congress presents “Behold I Make All Things New” at the Charlotte Convention Center.

September 21: St. Mark forms Legion of Mary.

September 27: Chris Mueller, national Catholic speaker presents “Men of God” to the men of the parish.

October 11-12: Father Chris Alar speaks at all Masses on Marian Consecration.

October 18: January 17: St. Mark helps build “Pope Francis Home” in conjunction with St. Therese and Davidson College Catholic Campus Ministry.

November 9: Parish-Wide Marian Consecration begins for more than 300 individuals at St. Mark.

December 14: Knights of Columbus partnering with the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas host a blood drive at St. Mark.

2015

January 21 – 22: St. Mark parishioners travel to Washington DC to participate in March for Life 2015

February 1 – Welcome Father Nohe Torres as our second Parochial Vicar.

April 11-12 – International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visits St. Mark.

June 13 – North Carolina Marian Rosary Congress held at St. Mark.

July 7 – Farewell Father Nohe, who has been moved St. Aloysius in Hickory where he will be Parochial Vicar.

July 18 – St. Mark participate in Stop Hunger Now, In lieu of Vacation Bible School. Over 700 volunteers made 60,000 meals for needy in Burkina Faso.

September 26 – St. Mark holds the first SeptemberFest. More than 500 parishioners came for food, fun, and fellowship.

October 1 - Renovation of the Monsignor Bellow Perpetual Adoration Chapel is completed.

October 7 – New youth programs, Fidelis and Fraternus, begin.

October 11 – Knights of Columbus hold their first Pastapaloosa.

October 25 – Welcome Father Miguel Ubilus to St. Mark!

November 5 – Alan Ames, Catholic Evangelist, visits St. Mark for a Mass, talk, and healing service.

2016

January 10 – St. Mark begins an on-ongoing collection canned food collection for Catholic Charities.

January 15 – Father Miguel Ubilus is recalled to Spain.

January 17 – Alzheimer Caregiver/Family Support Group monthly meetings and weekly Alzheimer Respite sessions begin.

February 7 – St. Mark begins work on two Habitat for Humanity houses with local area churches.

June 5 – “After the Blessing” program begins. The group meets at the new coffee cart every Tuesday morning after 9 am Mass.

June 6 – Monsignor Kerin Center Kitchen renovation begins.

June 20 – Father Jose Maniyangat presents a Eucharistic Healing Mass at St. Mark.

July 5 - Welcome Father Cory Catron as our second Parochial Vicar, newly ordained at St. Mark on June 18.

July 16 – Over 900 volunteers participate in “Stop Hunger Now”, preparing 84,000 meal packets for the needy worldwide.

August 15 – The Knights of Columbus sponsors Le Festa Assunta, a procession and rosary in celebration of the Feast of the Assumption.

September 1 – “Called to Faith”, and Family Faith Formation program begins.

September 17 – Second Annual SeptemberFest.

September 18 – Kitchen renovation is complete. St. Mark now has a complete commercial kitchen.

October 15 – Bilingual Rosary Rally, including a procession and Rosary recitation, takes place. Prays are for our Nation.

November 2 – Mass commemorating All Souls is held at Northlake Memorial Gardens.

November 20 – Guadalupana Torch visits St. Mark.

2017

January 27 – St. Mark Mirror March is held, at the same time as the Washington DC March for Life.

February 26 – Small Groups program begins.

March 4 – St. Mark hosts the Charlotte Catholic Men’s Conference.

March 3 - Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite begins on Fridays at 12:30.

April 8 – The Vigil Project, a Lenten music event, comes to St. Mark.

May 28 – Congratulations to Father John on his 25th Jubilee!

July 11 – Goodbye to Father Catron, assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes, and to Father McNulty, assigned to St. Therese. Welcome to Father Noah Carter and Father Brian Becker as our Parochial Vicars.

July 15 – The Rise Against Hunter event (formerly Stop Hunger Now) packaged 100,000 meals with 875 volunteers.

July 17 - Vacation Bible School returns, after a two-year hiatus.

September 10 – The middle school Edge program returns.

September 16 – Third annual SeptemberFest and 20th Anniversary celebration is held.

September 24 – Sunday Funday, a preschool age program during 11 am Mass, begins.

October 13 – In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, St. Mark hosts the North American pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

November 8 – Alan Ames, healer and evangelist, returns to St. Mark.

December 3 - 20th Anniversary Parish Directory is published.

Appendix II

Demographic Appendix

North Mecklenburg Demographic Statistics

1. North Mecklenburg has experienced extraordinary growth since 2000.

Table DA-1. Growth in North Mecklenburg Modeled on Trend Growth for Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville as a Percentage of Incorporated Area 2010-2030

| | 2000 | 2010 | % Change | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 | % annual growth 2016- 2030 |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Cornelius | 11,969 | 24,866 | 108% | 27,481 | 29,347 | 30,207 | 30,800 | 31,300 | 31,750 | 33,868 | 35,260 | 1.19 |
| Davidson | 7,139 | 10,944 | 53% | 11,981 | 12,336 | 12,921 | 13,373 | 13,841 | 14,827 | 17,610 | 20,915 | 4.42 |
| Huntersville | 24,960 | 46,773 | 87% | 51,567 | 55,531 | 57,145 | 58,757 | 60,469 | 63,893 | 73,353 | 81,013 | 2.98 |
| <i>Subtotal Town Growth</i> | <i>44,068</i> | <i>82,583</i> | <i>87%</i> | <i>91,029</i> | <i>97,214</i> | <i>100,273</i> | <i>102,930</i> | <i>105,610</i> | <i>110,470</i> | <i>124,831</i> | <i>137,188</i> | <i>2.63</i> |
| % of Incorporated Area | 89% | 89% | | 89% | 89% | 89% | 89% | 89% | 89% | 89% | 89% | |
| Total N. Meck Population | 49,447 | 92,790 | | 102,280 | 109,229 | 112,666 | 115,652 | 118,663 | 124,124 | 126,386 | 154,144 | 2.63 |

Source: 2000 & 2010 U.S. Census Information for Census Tracts 62.03, 62.04, 62.05, 62.06, 62.07, 63.01, 63.02, 64.01 & 64.02, and Certified Municipal Population Estimates by the North Carolina State Demographers Office. Town of Huntersville, NC Population Estimates & Projections 2010-2030. Town of Cornelius, Director of Planning advised that the Town does not project population, but that the Town's maximum population is 35,260, which will be attained between the years 2027-2030. The Town of Davidson does not project population. The population estimates for the Town of Davidson for the years 2017 to 2030 are based on assumed growth of 4.42% per year.

Primary Development Catalysts

1. **Lake Norman** - First, the attraction of Lake Norman, originally serving as the primary incubator of growth in North Mecklenburg, will continue to attract investment of retail, office, and housing. Originally flooded in the early seventies to provide power to the region, the impounded waters of the Catawba River have been the major catalyst for development in and around the

Cornelius and Davidson area for the last three decades. Though there are nearly 75 miles of shoreline in North Mecklenburg, less than 5% remains available for development.

2. **Available Land** - The second source of growth in North Mecklenburg has been the availability of relatively large tracks of undeveloped land. As Mecklenburg County continues to urbanize, old farmsteads in the Huntersville area are easily developable as neighborhoods with hundreds of homes within each. 10 tracts totaling approximately 554 acres in Cornelius are available for development. (Alexander Farm at Westmoreland/West Catawba, Cook Farm that straddles I-77 south of Westmoreland and Mayes Farm along Mayes Road east of NC 115)
3. **Proactive growth policies** - The third catalyst for growth in the area has been pro-active growth policies of all three jurisdictions. Each has advocated the construction of traditional neighborhoods with the development of managed growth programs that ensure the quality of neighborhoods. A variety of housing, shopping, office, open space, and civic uses are constructed within close proximity of each other on an interconnected network of streets, pedestrian paths, and greenways. Similar to the design of many older neighborhoods throughout the region, including downtown Davidson, and Myers Park and Dilworth in Charlotte, the Towns are radically changing the predominant development pattern of single-use, disconnected suburbs that is so prevalent throughout the rest of the Charlotte region.

Secondary Development Catalysts

There are key infrastructure investments that will likely serve as catalysts for future growth in this area. They are as follows:

Major Infrastructure Projects

1. Widening of I-77. I-77 Mobility Partners LLC is financing, developing, designing, and constructing, and will operate and maintain the 26 mile I-77 Express Lanes Project, as part of a public-private partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The Project construct two express lanes in both directions from Charlotte to Exit 28 in Cornelius and one express lane in both directions from Exit 28 to Exit 36 in Mooresville. The new express lanes will be completed and open for traffic no later than January 7, 2019.
2. Potential expansion of Charlotte Area Transit System to Mooresville through the proposed CATS Red Line Commuter Rail Project. This major infrastructure project entails the construction of a rapid transit system from downtown Charlotte to Mooresville and beyond. CATS is currently re-visiting this project and collaborating with the towns along its line to determine the final plan for this system and will present its findings in late 2018]

As with the previous estimates completed in 1998 and 2004, the estimates of future St Mark registered parishioners reflected in **Table 3** were based upon the following assumptions:

- General growth and development in North Mecklenburg will continue subject to factors listed previously (available land, adequate utility capacity, and improved transportation infrastructure)
- Net in-migration of Catholic population will continue to outpace all other Christian faiths
- Adequate facilities exist to minister to the projected population
- Adequate number of priests assigned to parish

If these estimates hold valid through the forecast year of 2025, approximately 22.04 % or nearly 1 in 4 persons of the total population will be a registered parishioner at St. Mark's. This estimate exceeds the countywide Catholic population of 22% from Official Catholic Directory 2016, and exceeds the historical

rate of registered Catholics to the area population (2016 rate was 15.67 %), however, it is consistent with the demographics of the region where we are experiencing significant growth in younger families moving into the parish.

2 North Mecklenburg has a young population.

Table DA-2. Age Distribution in North Mecklenburg

| Age | Number | % |
|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Under 5 years | 6150 | 6.9% |
| 5 to 9 years | 6884 | 7.6% |
| 10 to 14 years | 7106 | 7.9% |
| 15 to 19 years | 5986 | 6.6% |
| 20 to 24 years | 3906 | 4.3% |
| 25 to 34 years | 12,080 | 13.4% |
| 35 to 44 years | 15,054 | 16.7% |
| 45 to 54 years | 14,880 | 16.5% |
| 55 to 74 years | 15,023 | 16.6% |
| 75 years & over | 3163 | 3.5% |
| TOTAL | 90,323 | 100% |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates
(combined totals for Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville)

Table DA-3. Median Age in North Mecklenburg

| | Median Age |
|--------------------|------------|
| Davidson | 36.1 |
| Cornelius | 38.3 |
| Huntersville | 36.2 |
| Mecklenburg County | 36.9 |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

3. North Mecklenburg's Hispanic population growth has slowed since 2010.

Table DA-4 Growth in the North Mecklenburg Hispanic Population

| Year | Total Hispanic Population | % Hispanic Population | Percentage Growth |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1990 | 145 | 0.7% | |
| 2000 | 1575 | 3.2% | 986% |
| 2010 | 5,410 | 6.3% | 243% |
| 2016 | 5630 | 6.0% | 4.1% |

Source: Mecklenburg County Planning Department

4. As can be expected, the faith community of St. Mark is generally reflective of the overall parish population in the North Mecklenburg community. Only the ethnicity figures in Table DA-10 express any difference in demographic makeup of St. Mark. While the black population in North Mecklenburg hovers around 8%, the population at St. Mark is less than 1%. On the other hand, the registered population of Hispanics at St. Mark is substantially above community rate, and this registered population does not reflect the actual numbers of participating Hispanic Catholics that may far exceed those that have registered with the parish.

Table DA-5. Ethnicity of St Mark Parishioners

| Ethnicity | Number of Persons | % |
|------------|-------------------|-------|
| White | 15,334 | 80.76 |
| Black | 75 | 0.39 |
| Hispanic | 3281 | 17.28 |
| All Others | 16 | 0.08 |
| Total | 18,988 | 100 |

Source: Data in Table DA-5 is from St Mark Parish's database as of June 30, 2018

5. North Mecklenburg's Population is Wealthy and Well Educated

Outpacing the County, the three communities each are attracting a population that has a high rate of educational achievement. Not surprisingly, Davidson with the presence of Davidson College leads the Parish area with the highest rates of college education, cresting at 66.9% is Davidson, followed by Huntersville with 54.9% and Cornelius at 52.7%

This educational status also correlates with high levels of median household income and median family income. All three communities exceed the countywide median household income of \$56,854 by more than 41%.

Though the median income in each of the three Towns is quite high relative to the rest of Mecklenburg County, it doesn't mean that every resident has a large wallet. In fact, there is a sizeable population in each community that lives at or below the poverty line.

Additionally, as noted in **Table DA-6**, the median home values are well above the rest of the County.

Table DA-6. Income and Poverty Levels in North Mecklenburg Towns

| | Income | | | | Poverty Status | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | Median Household Income | Median Family Income | Per Capita Income | Median Home Value | Families | Female Head of Household | Individuals |
| Davidson | \$105,083 | \$135,905 | \$49,080 | \$381,200 | 3.7% | 16.3% | 5.7% |
| Cornelius | \$80,472 | \$100,653 | \$45,314 | \$239,900 | 4% | 13.5% | 6.7% |
| Huntersville | \$90,253 | \$108,677 | \$39,287 | \$250,300 | 3.2% | 7.7% | 5.1% |
| Mecklenburg County | \$56,854 | \$70,774 | \$33,169 | \$184,800 | 11.6% | 28.2% | 15.2% |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

6. **North Mecklenburg Has a Number of Group Quarters and Institutional Uses**

A number of institutional uses and group quarters in North Mecklenburg provide both short and long-term housing to a number of different populations. The largest of these uses is Davidson College with a student population of 1950. The student population is not expected to grow significantly over the next ten years as the College considers the current enrollment to be "full capacity". Interestingly, Davidson College reports that Catholics are the second largest denomination with 273 students (15% of the student population). **Table DA-7** is a listing of the institutional uses in North Mecklenburg.

Table DA-7. North Mecklenburg Group Quarters and Institutional Uses

| Institutional Use | Resident Population |
|---|----------------------------|
| Davidson College | 1950 |
| Huntersville Oaks | 168 |
| The Pines at Davidson | 400 |
| Mecklenburg County Jail North | 614 |
| Gatling Detention Center (Juvenile) | 30 |
| Olde Knox Commons | 114 |
| Ranson Ridge Assisted Living | 70 |
| Huntersville Health & Rehabilitation Center | 90 |

Source: Town of Davidson, Town of Cornelius, and Town of Huntersville Planning Departments, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, and the other institutions listed in Table 10

St Mark Catholic Church Family Statistical Information

In addition to the previously mentioned information related to the overall growth of the area, there is some key information that more accurately reflect our internal diversity at St. Mark. The following tables are demographic information taken from the Parish Database System as of October 20, 2017.

7. Over 22% of St Mark Parishioners are from Outside its Boundaries

Registered parishioners at St. Mark are generally reflective of the population dispersion amongst the three North Mecklenburg towns. What is significant is that St. Mark is drawing over 22% of its parishioners from outside of its official parish boundaries.

Table DA-8. Origin by Zip Code

| Zip Code | Location | Number of Families | % |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 28078 | Huntersville | 2440 | 43.33 |
| 28031 | Cornelius | 985 | 17.49 |
| 28069 | Charlotte | 568 | 10.09 |
| 28036 | Davidson | 403 | 7.16 |
| 28027 | Concord | 272 | 4.83 |
| 28216 | Charlotte | 250 | 4.44 |
| 28117 | Mooresville | 143 | 2.54 |
| 28115 | Mooresville | 78 | 1.39 |
| | All Others | 492 | 8.73 |
| | | 5631 | 100% |

8. 45.25% of St. Mark parishioners are married couples.

Table DA-9. Marital Status for all Parishioners

| Marital Status | Number of Adults | % |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| (Blank) | 251 | 1.32 |
| Annulled | 6 | 0.03% |
| Divorced | 297 | 1.56% |
| Engaged | 41 | 0.22% |
| Living Together | 196 | 1.03% |
| Married | 8592 | 45.25% |
| Separated | 100 | 0.52% |
| Single | 9202 | 48.46% |
| Unknown | 50 | 0.26% |
| Widowed | 253 | 1.33% |
| Total Marital Status | 18988 | 100% |

9. The median age of parishioners at St. Mark is 33 years old while the area's median age is 36.9. Additionally, the age distribution of young children at St. Mark also outpaces the community.

Table DA-10. Marital Status for all Parishioners

| Age | Number | % |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| 0 to 5 Years | 1211 | 6.31% |
| 6 to 9 Years | 1374 | 7.23% |
| 10 to 14 Years | 2088 | 10.99% |
| 15 to 19 Years | 1944 | 10.24% |
| 20 to 24 Years | 1278 | 6.73% |
| 25 to 34 Years | 1773 | 9.35% |
| 35 to 44 Years | 2951 | 15.54% |
| 45 to 54 Years | 3092 | 16.27% |
| 55 to 70 Years | 2119 | 11.20% |
| Over 71 Years | 805 | 4.23% |
| Unknown Date | 353 | 4.92% |

10. Not surprisingly, over 93% of registered parishioners are considered Catholic, though many spouses are of another faith denomination.

Table DA-11. Professed Faith Affiliations

| Professed Faith | Number of Persons | % |
|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Catholic | 17732 | 93.39% |
| Other Catholic | 16 | 0.08% |
| Orthodox | 31 | 0.16% |
| Methodist | 186 | 0.98% |
| Baptist | 139 | 0.73% |
| Presbyterian | 94 | 0.50% |
| Lutheran | 98 | 0.52% |
| Episcopalian | 81 | 0.43% |
| Other Protestant | 213 | 1.12% |
| Other | 398 | 2.10% |

Appendix III

June 2017 Parish Survey



Saint Mark Pastoral Council Survey 2017

Thank you for participating in this important effort, that will allow us to create a new Pastoral Plan. The last Pastoral Plan was created in 2012, and the Diocese requires each Parish to update their Plan periodically. Part of this process includes collecting your feedback. This is your Church, it is important that you be a part of the process. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. Thank you again for your time.

- St. Mark Pastoral Council

Liturgy and Worship

1. How often do you attend Mass?

☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Holy Days ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

2. The Mass meets my spiritual needs.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

3. To what degree do the homilies relate to your everyday life?

☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

4. To what degree do the homilies challenge you to grow as a Catholic?

☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

5. To what degree do the homilies inspire you to reflect on the message throughout the week?

☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

6. To what degree do the homilies teach you something new about your faith?

☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

7. The music at Mass inspires me and encourages me to sing.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

8. Saint Mark fosters spiritual growth.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

9. Saint Mark encourages you to live your faith in your daily life.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

10. There is a sense of hospitality and welcoming at the Mass.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

11. How likely are you to invite someone to worship at Saint Mark?

☐ Very likely ☐ Somewhat likely ☐ Not at all likely ☐ N/A

12. How much does the quality of the Liturgy attract you to Saint Mark?

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

13. Any comments regarding Liturgy and Worship at Saint Mark?

Stewardship

14. I understand the concept of stewardship to be which of the following:

- ☐ Growing in Relationship with God
- ☐ Using my Talents to Serve Others
- ☐ Sharing my Financial Resources
- ☐ All of the Above
- ☐ None of the Above

15. On average, how many hours per month do you volunteer at Saint Mark?

- ☐ 20+ hours
- ☐ 11-20 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 1-5 hours
- ☐ I do not volunteer at Saint Mark at this time

16. I would be more willing to volunteer to support parish functions if

- ☐ I knew the needs
- ☐ I were invited
- ☐ I had the time
- ☐ I felt appreciated
- ☐ I were given training

17. Are you aware that Saint Mark offers a Small Group faith sharing program?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

18. Saint Mark should offer more social opportunities.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

19. I am involved in a volunteer Commission or Ministry at Saint Mark.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. If yes, which Commission or Ministry?

21. Can we assist you in identifying your gifts and becoming a more involved parishioner? If so, please provide your contact information at the end of this survey.

22. Please list any skills, talents and abilities you have that you would like to share with St. Mark Parish

Faith Formation

23. I am knowledgeable about Adult Education programs available in our Parish.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

24. What holds you back from participating in Adult Education programs?

- ☐ Too busy
- ☐ Not interested
- ☐ Scheduling Conflicts
- ☐ Lack of Transportation
- ☐ Not informed of the Adult Education opportunities
- ☐ Other (please specify)

25. What types of Adult Education programs would you be interested in?

26. Our Faith Formation program meets the needs of our children in Grades 1-8.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

27. Our Confirmation program meets the needs of our children in Grades 8-9.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

28. Our teen programs meet the needs of our children in Grades 9-12.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

29. If you participate in Faith Formation, what format would work best for you?

- ☐ Classes for children only
- ☐ Classes for families

30. Do you have children who will be entering Faith Formation in the next five years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

31. Please provide suggestions for engaging youth in our programs

Communication

32. Do you find the announcements before Mass to be useful and informative?

☐ Yes ☐ No

33. Do you read the Parish Bulletin?

☐ Yes ☐ No

34. How often do you view the Parish website?

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | |

35. Do you feel that you are generally informed of Parish activities?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

36. The best way to communicate with me about Saint Mark Parish is:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Narthex TV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Fliers and Banners around campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram) | <input type="checkbox"/> Email Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish App | |

37. Of the above communication methods, please rank your top three methods of receiving information about Saint Mark Parish

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| _____ Bulletin | _____ Parish App |
| _____ Website | _____ Narthex TV |
| _____ Social Media (Facebook/ Twitter/ Instagram) | _____ Flyers/Banners |
| | _____ Email Newsletter |

38. Please share any additional comments regarding Communications.

Community Outreach

39. Saint Mark Parish offers excellent outreach to the community.

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

40. Saint Mark encourages me to serve the needs of others beyond our Parish.

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

41. I am encouraged to become involved in outreach to help those in need within and beyond our Parish.

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

42. Please evaluate our Parish effort to meet the material needs of the disadvantaged:

- ☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

Please explain your response

43. Please evaluate our Parish effort to respond to local community concerns:

- ☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

Please explain your response

44. Please evaluate our Parish effort to respond to national concerns:

- ☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

Please explain your response

45. Please evaluate our Parish effort to respond to international concerns:

☐ High ☐ Average ☐ Low ☐ Not at all

Please explain your response

46. How do you feel Saint Mark Parish can improve Community Outreach?

Leadership

47. I feel that Father John Putnam is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

48. I feel that Father Paul McNulty is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

49. I feel that Father Cory Catron is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

50. I feel that Deacon Rich McCarron is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

51. I feel that Deacon Tom McGahey is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

52. I feel that Deacon Robert Murphy is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

53. I feel that Deacon Louis Pais is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

54. I feel that Deacon Ron Sherwood is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

55. I feel that the Office Staff and Reception are very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

56. I feel that the Faith Formation Staff is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

57. I feel that the Finance Staff is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

58. I feel that Music/Liturgy/Sacrament Staff is very approachable.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

59. I feel that our Pastor provides a clear vision for Saint Mark Parish.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

60. I feel that Saint Mark Parish guides me in my spiritual needs.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

61. Please share any other comments regarding leadership at Saint Mark.

Facilities

62. How often do you visit the Parish facilities not including Mass?

☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Holy Days ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

63. The church and chapel are conducive to prayerful worship.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

64. The Parish grounds are well maintained.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

65. The parking lot is well maintained.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

66. The Parish buildings are well maintained.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

67. The Parish has adequate space to host the ministries and activities in which I participate.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

68. I am satisfied with the environment created by the artwork and furnishings within the Church.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

69. In the next 5 years do you think physical improvements to the facilities will be necessary?

☐ Yes ☐ No

70. In the next 5 years, which of the following are needed?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation of existing buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve the Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build new buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve the Family Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add meetings rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve the Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve the Preschool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand the parking lot | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve the Adoration Chapel |

71. What other facilities improvements need to be made in the next 5 years?

72. Please rank renovations in order of urgency, with 1 being the most important.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ Addition of meeting rooms | _____ Preschool improvements |
| _____ Addition of storage | _____ Adoration Chapel improvements |
| _____ Parking lot expansion | |
| _____ Nursery improvements | |
| _____ Family Center improvements | |
| _____ Church improvements | |

73. Please share any additional comments regarding our Parish facilities

Finance

74. I feel an obligation to financially support the Parish.

☐ Yes ☐ No

75. My tithe/offering is made consistently and is a part of our family budget.

☐ Yes ☐ No

76. The number of financial appeals are:

- ☐ Too limited
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Somewhat too frequent
- ☐ Definitely too frequent

77. I would help to support another building campaign.

- ☐ In 1 - 5 years
- ☐ In 6-10 years
- ☐ Never

78. I would be motivated to increase my financial support if

- ☐ I clearly understood the need
- ☐ I knew the impact of my contribution
- ☐ I could afford to do so
- ☐ I knew my financial support was appreciated
- ☐ I could specifically designate the use of the donation

79. I receive adequate information about how Parish funds are spent.

☐ Yes ☐ No

80. I am encouraged to contribute generously to the Parish.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ N/A

81. I would like to receive information on leaving a Life Insurance policy for Saint Mark Catholic Church.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer yes, please provide your contact information

82. Other comments regarding Finance?

General

83. Which of the following functions or events would attend at Saint Mark?

☐ Spiritual ☐ Educational ☐ Social ☐ Outreach or Service

84. I do not participate in activities at our Parish because

85. What one change would you like to see most at Saint Mark?

86. What do you like most about our Parish?

87. What do you like least about our Parish?

88. My Parish community is important in my life because:

89. In the next 3 years what program or need should the Parish focus on most?

90. My gender is: _____ Male _____ Female

91. My age is: _____ Under 18 years _____ 19-29 years _____ 30-45 years _____ 46-60 years _____
Over 60

92. I would be open to Saint Mark Parish contacting me to volunteer my time and talent. If so, please provide contact information below.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Contact Information (optional)

Name

Complete Address

Email Address

Phone Number