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Saint Mark Catholic Church
Weekly Newsletter
November 9, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I think we are officially in the giving season! As a result of your generosity and willingness to give, in the past month we have provided coats to 800 families from the Coat, Blanket and Toy Drive; more than 450 bags and ten carloads of food from the Thanksgiving Food Drive; and we are on track to provide more than 1300 gifts from our Angel Tree outreach efforts. I am constantly in awe of the generosity and goodness of our parishioners, especially in response to the needs of others.

Tomorrow the parish offices are closed in honor of the veterans who have paid the ultimate price for our country. I want to thank each and every parishioner who has served in the armed forces and those who serve today. Each week in the bulletin, we have a list of parishioners who are in active military service and we ask you to pray for them. Today, I ask you to pray for them in a special way and if you have loved ones in the military who aren't included, please email our bulletin team and we will add them to the list (bulletin@stmarknc.org.)

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Fr. John

Important Notes

Friday, November 10. In honor of Veterans Day, the Office and Kerin Center building will be closed.



Angel Tree

Going on Now: Angels Still Available.

Thank you to all who supported our 2023 Angel Tree last Sunday! We started with 1300 Angel Tree gift tags but still have 100 available.

Angels will be available in the church narthex this weekend until all are selected.

Volunteers will collect your returned gifts before all Masses and gift card donations are still needed. For more information or to make a donation go to stmarknc.org/angel-tree.

Thank You!

MASS OF CONSOLATION

For all who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss.



@creatorblessed_

Saturday, November 18
9 am Mass *(bilingual)*

All who have suffered miscarriage or stillborn loss are invited to a special bilingual Mass of Consolation. Together we will mourn, heal, and pray.

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

A light reception will follow in the Kerin Family Center Parish Hall. [RSVP requested to RSVPevents@stmarknc.org.](mailto:RSVPevents@stmarknc.org)

*"May God grant me peace in my sorrow,
consolation in my grief, and strength to accept
His Will in all things. Amen." — St. Zelig Martin*



ST. MARK TOGETHER WITH: DIocese of Charlotte
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

village.lights

sunday.november 19

doors open at 6:15 pm for refreshments

concert at 7 pm

Join your friends and family at this special concert brought to you as part of the National Eucharistic Revival at St. Mark. Village Lights is an uplifting Catholic band that combines praise and worship music with Adoration.

This is a free event, but seating is limited to 300.

RSVP to stmarknc.org/eucharistic-revival to reserve your seat!



*sample their music at the QR
code, spotify, youtube or wherever
you listen to music*



Catechists Needed

The children's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) program needs a few volunteers to help instruct and facilitate our students who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church. Volunteers must be adults and have met the safe environment requirements. Classes are held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Training is

available.

Please prayerfully consider if you can help lead our youth in receiving all of their Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Paul Laskowski paul.laskowski@stmarknc.org if you are interested.

LIFE TEEN
Taking Teens Closer to Christ

LIFE TEEN RETREAT

HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH RETREAT
DECEMBER 1-3

**FACE
TOFACE**
A RETREAT ON REAL PRESENCE

\$150 PER SPOT
\$50 DEPOSIT DUE
AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
stmarknc.org/lifeteen

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Life Teen Retreat December 1-3

All high school teens are invited to retreat for a weekend away from your normal cares and worries! Be refreshed, renewed, and accompanied deeper into your relationship with God!

Throughout this retreat, we will explore what it means to be face-to-face with ourselves, our families, our friends, God, and our communities. We will learn how to be honest with ourselves and how to invite God into our struggles.

This retreat will occur at Camp Canaan in Rock Hill, SC, with opportunities to build friendships and refocus your most important relationships. Highlights: archery tag, fire pits, games, singing, praying, and so much more!



THE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO A

St. Nicholas

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY
DECEMBER | 3 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
PARISH HALL

Come have breakfast with St. Nicholas!

Includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon,
fruit, yogurt, and drinks.

The Family Fellowship Ministry (FFM)
will also be providing:

- Professional Family Photo Opportunity*
- Advent Traditions Tables & Handouts
- Jesse Tree information

**Scan here or visit stmarkffm.com
to reserve your seats!**

**Event is free but space is limited.
RSVP required.**

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