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Saint Mark Catholic Church
Weekly Newsletter
September 14, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we have the opportunity to come together and celebrate SeptemberFest as a parish family. It is good to worship together. It is good to pray together. It is also good to have fun together!

In the spirit of Blessed Solanus Casey who tells us to thank God ahead of time, I want to thank all in advance who work to make SeptemberFest a success. Many volunteer and staff hours go into an event of this size. Thank you to Rose George our Stewardship coordinator as well as volunteer Debbie Fishbaugh who has been the lead coordinator of SeptemberFest since its inception in 2015.

It is predicted to be a beautiful summer evening and I hope that you and your family and friends can attend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. John

SeptemberFest

Parish-Wide Family Social
Saturday, September 16, 6-9 pm



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

Six Food Trucks: Burger Box, Fat Guy and a Pie, Grizzlies by the Lake, Lobster Dogs, Muchachos Tacos and Scouts BBQ

Beverages: Primal Brewery, Wine, Soda and Water

Desserts: Bruster's Ice Cream and Kona Ice

Activities: DJ and Dance Party, Sunny Memories Photo Booth, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Football Toss, Cornhole, Dunk Tank, Game Truck, Bingo, Face Painting, Crafts, Cupcake Walk, Bingo, and more.

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

No admission: Food and beverages will be available for sale from vendors (cash, debit/credit accepted.) Ice cream and beverage tickets will need to be purchased from the Stewardship Tent.

Picnic baskets are welcome!

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





Respect Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Please join us for Mass followed by a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood.

Saturday, September 16
Saint Mark Mass, 9 am

Peaceful Prayer Vigil
10:15 -11:15 am

Planned Parenthood
700 S. Torrence Street, Charlotte

We will caravan to Charlotte for the Rosary Vigil returning to Saint Mark by 11:45 am. Info: respect.life@stmarknc.org



High School Ministry This Sunday!
after the 5 pm Mass until 8 pm; dinner included
games • small groups • friends • dinner • prayer • fun

THIS SUNDAY:

Life Teen New Fall Semester Series:
Wolf in Sheep's Clothing, All about Substitutes for God.



REGISTER NOW at STMARKNC.ORG/LIFETEEN!

Teens who register will receive a St. Mark Life Teen t-shirt while supplies last! Sign up for weekly Remind messages: text @smcc23lt to 81010

Info/Questions: sarah.rider@stmarknc.org

Want to Learn More about the Catholic Faith?

Classes Start this Tuesday!

September 19, 7 pm in the Parish Hall

Our RCIA team cordially invites you to join us at our weekly classes where you will be able to get a better understanding of the dogmatic teachings of the Holy Catholic Church. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights. You can choose to attend all the classes or just pick the topics which you would like to know better.

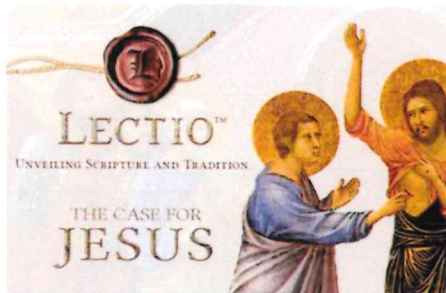
If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please sign up by emailing either Deacon Rich McCarron at deacon.rich@stmarknc.org or Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org.

RCIA SCHEDULE 2023/2024: Tuesdays, 7 pm

Date	Session	Topic
Sept. 19	Welcome	Welcome, presented by Paul Laskowski
Sept. 26	1	The Mass and Church Tour, presented by Fr. Chinonso
Oct. 3	2	The Journey of Faith
Oct. 10	3	Divine Revelation
Oct. 17	4	The Bible
Oct. 24	5	The Story of Salvation
Oct. 31	No meeting	Vigil All Saints Day/Attend Mass
Nov. 7	6	Who is Jesus?
Nov. 14	7	The Paschal Mystery
Nov. 21	No meeting	Thanksgiving Week
Nov. 28	8	The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace
Dec. 05	9	Why Do I Need the Church?
Dec. 12	No meeting	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe/Attend Mass
Dec. 19	10	Mary and the Saints
Dec. 26	No meeting	Christmas Break
Jan. 2	No meeting	Christmas Break
Jan. 9	11	The Last Things
Jan. 16	12	The Sacraments
Jan. 23	13	The Eucharist, presented by Fr. John Putnam
Jan. 30	14	Walk through the Mass
Feb. 6	15	Penance and Anointing of the Sick, presented by Fr. Carlson
Feb. 13	16	Matrimony and Holy Orders
Feb. 20	17	A Catholic Moral Vision
Feb. 27	18	A Love that Lasts: Part I & 2
Mar. 5	19	Catholic Social Teachings: Part I
Mar. 12	20	Catholic Social Teachings: Part II
Mar. 23	Retreat	Saturday Retreat
Mar. 30	Easter Vigil	Saturday Easter Vigil



St. Mark Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Registration Now Open!

Small Groups is an evangelization effort designed to help parishioners get to know and have a relationship with Jesus Christ. In Small Groups you come together with a group of people, share something to eat, watch a video and then discuss using a study guide. This session, *The Case for Christ*, is 8 weeks and meetings can take place in group leader homes or in parish buildings.

Small Groups builds life-long disciples, connects people together and builds Catholic community.



To find and join a Small Group, go to:
stmarknc.org/small-groups

Thursday, September 28, 6 pm

BLUE MASS

TO HONOR ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONEL

police • fire • emergency • military • first responders



St. Mark will offer a special Blue Mass September 28 to give thanks to those who protect and serve in law enforcement, emergency management, and fire safety.

All area police officers, firefighters, law enforcement officials, military personnel, first responders, and their families – Catholic and non-Catholic – are invited to be a part of this special Mass. Uniforms may be worn.

The Blue Mass is being held on the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of public safety personnel.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies' Auxiliary for organizing this special Mass and reception.

Lord, I ask you through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Florian, to watch over all men and women who so generously devote themselves to helping others.

Grant them courage when afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when weary, and compassion in all their work.

When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbors.

Amen.



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