St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Be Grateful.
Be Generous.
Be Open to Change of Heart.

Stewardship is a way of LIFE—something we practice in a dozen little ways each day and a few big ways each year. The best part is that, as we place our trust in the Lord, when we give for the pure joy of sharing, it changes US—changes our hearts. True Stewardship as a way of life changes us from giving to a need, into a needing to GIVE!

“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God”- 2 Corinthians 9:11

Because Stewardship is Our Way of Life
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MESSAGE FROM FR. TODD

Dear friends,

Recently I had the privilege of attending a meeting of our parish Inclusion Ministry. Before coming to St. Mark I had been told by someone who ministers at the Archdiocesan Offices that St. Mark’s Inclusion Ministry is a model for all of the parishes of the Archdiocese. After participating in the meeting last month, I understand why!

Hospitality is a hallmark of St. Mark as we strive to live, teach, proclaim and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived his life with arms wide open to welcome people into God’s life. Our Inclusion Ministry is a beautiful expression of this sacred hospitality.

The Inclusion Ministry helps St. Mark be attentive and pro-active in meeting the physical needs of parishioners and visitors to St. Mark. Making sure that the parish is physically accessible to everyone is one of the important goals of the Inclusion Ministry.

But as I listened to parishioners at the meeting, I quickly began to understand that the hospitality that we are called to offer goes far beyond the parish’s physical plant. At the core of our Inclusion Ministry is God’s call to have open hearts to all who come to St. Mark.

Through the years I have become increasingly sensitive to young families who come to Mass with little children. Children sometimes make noise or move about during Mass. Parents with young children are often afraid that the children are ‘disturbing’ others and may even decide not to come to Mass. Sadly, that decision is sometimes made after a parishioner makes an unkind comment about parenting skills or gives a very disapproving look. How sad! Once a child is baptized the child belongs with us at Mass. Pope John XXIII was fond of reminding people that the Church is not a museum but a flourishing garden. Thank heaven for the children and the children’s voices at Mass!

The Inclusion Ministry helped open my eyes to the needs of another group of families. Autism takes many forms and affects many children, teens and adults. I heard stories of Catholic families who no longer participate in Sunday Mass because they have not found welcome, understanding or acceptance.

I am confident that that is not the case at St. Mark. In fact, I truly believe that any family with a son or daughter who has autism would find warm welcome at St. Mark and our Inclusion Ministry will find ways to educate us about autism and help us as a parish community to open our arms wide in welcome to all who pass through the doors of St. Mark. It’s who we are and who we are called to be!

See you at Mass!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Inclusion Insight

St. Mark has several handicapped parking places in front of the church. The spots are clearly marked. To the side of each designated handicapped parking place is a place marked with diagonal blue lines. The blue lines designate a ‘no parking’ space. This allows vans bringing parishioners who may be in wheelchairs the necessary space to exit the van. Please make sure everyone can get into church safely and easily by not parking in the places marked by the blue diagonal lines.
We are currently in ‘ordinary time’ and the color green, which is a symbol of hope, is the color of this season. This season weaves its way around and in between other seasons of the Church Year and so we come and go, in and out of Ordinary Time throughout the year.

Sunday, December 2, will mark the beginning of the Advent Season the four weeks of spiritual preparation for Christmas or the Feast of the Incarnation. The Church uses the color purple for Advent drawing forth one of two meanings for the color. The purple of Advent is a ‘royal’ purple reminding us that the One whose birth we celebrate and whose return we await is our king.

Christmas and the Christmas Season, as well as any of the Feasts of Jesus, uses white and gold as a sign of festivity and joy.

The Lenten Season, six weeks of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, employs purple once again. The purple of Lent calls forth a second meaning of the color in the Church’s tradition. Purple is a sign of repentance. During the Lenten Season we repent of sin in preparation for the renewal of our baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Easter and the Easter Season will see white and gold again as we mark the greatest of all Christian feasts.

The color red has two purposes in the liturgical year. It is the color of blood and is used on the feasts of martyrs and on Passion Sunday and on Good Friday as we remember Jesus’ sacrifice. Red is also used on Pentecost Sunday as a sign of the Holy Spirit who came upon each of the apostles ‘like a tongue of fire’ and at Confirmation Masses when the bishop calls down the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the candidates for confirmation.

As Catholics we are ‘earthy’. We use all of our senses to help us appreciate and approach the mystery of God in our lives and colors are an important part of this ‘earthiness’.

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YOU ARE INVITED...
The students, families and staff of St. Mark School invite you to attend the 4th Annual Thank You Pancake Breakfast
Sun, Nov. 18th, 8:30—10:30am
This FREE pancake and sausage breakfast is just one way our school can thank our parishioners for their great support both prayerful and financial. Come and join us for some great food and let our students show their gratitude for all you do.

Our Annual Can Food Drive (a.k.a. “Amazing Race”) Has started and will run thru November 16. We would like to once again invite our parish family to feel free to bring in any non-perishable food items and place them in the containers located in the Narthex. We have several Food Bank we will be helping out this year and every contribution is very much appreciated. “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one” ~ Mother Teresa

St. Mark Athletic Committee (SMAC) 50/50 - The St. Mark Athletic Committee (SMAC) is once again offering 50/50. You can pick up an envelope in the Narthex or stop by the parish office. You can pay monthly ($5) or you can pay annually ($55), enclose your payment along with the entry card place in the envelope provided and return it in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. The monthly winner will be contacted and will receive your winnings by mail. Winners will be listed in the Parish bulletin and the school newsletter (The Bridge). For more information, contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net

St. Mark CYO is open to all parish youth, not just St. Mark school students. Registration forms are available in the church narthex, parish and school offices and on the parish website, “CYO Athletics” page. Registration is a two-step process and you must register for each sport using a St. Mark registration form PLUS complete a CYO registration once per school year. You can now register online at www.cyoarchindy.org, follow the “Register Child” and “Coach Registration” links and complete the information requested. Contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316.

BINGO BASH
AND MORE!

Sat., Nov 17, 2012
Must be 21 to attend.
Doors open at 6:30 PM.
Bingo Begins at 7:00 PM — 10 games
Prizes $100 + per game

Enjoy OUR “Taste of the Southside”
Dancing after Bingo with DeJay Bernie Eagan

Tickets on sale THIS weekend after all the Masses. Seating is LIMITED, get your tickets early!!!

Admission is $25 per person and includes: Bingo cards, daubers, foods from the Southside, drinks, desserts, prizes and tons of fun!
YEAR OF FAITH

We are now in the Year of Faith as Pope Benedict has declared effective October 11, 2012 through November 24, 2013.

The purpose of this Year of Faith is to reinvigorate us as we live and share our Catholic faith. *Lumen Gentium Study Guide* will be available this weekend after each of the Masses. There is also the opportunity to sign up for discussion groups or independent reflection on this important document of our Church. You can find the document at www.vatican.va/archive/hist_concil/ii_vatican_council/index.htm

With *Lumen Gentium* as a guide for reflection...what are the “10 things we want others to know about the Catholic Faith?” Come explore, share and celebrate the Catholic Church!

MUSIC MINISTRY

ST. MARK CHILDREN’S CHOIR:
The children’s choir is open to ALL St. Mark parish children (not just the school kids). The age of the choir is 5th to 8th grade. Rehearsals are from 4:00 – 5:00pm on Mondays, and they will sing one or more Sundays per month. This is a great opportunity to learn about singing and how music is part of our Catholic liturgy. The music selection is traditional to contemporary. All interested 5th through 8th grade children, please come to the church Monday, Nov 5 at 4:00pm to be a part of this children’s choir. We will begin rehearsing for the Christmas Concert.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - “Peace on Earth”

The St. Mark Music Ministry presents our 3rd Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 PM

If you are interested in joining one of our choirs this is the perfect time to start. If you have questions about the music ministry here at St. Mark, please call Andy Eagan, 787-8246 or send an email to aeagan@stmarkindy.org

ST VINCENT de PAUL

♦ The Distribution Center continues to need towels of all sizes; bath, hand and wash clothes.

♦ HOOP is collecting blankets and socks to distribute to the homeless as the temperatures are becoming colder.

♦ Volunteers are needed to work at the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry at 3001 E. 30th Street on Fridays, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Workers are needed to help bag groceries, assist clients, retrieve shopping carts and stock shelves. Volunteers should show up at the pantry about 30 minutes before starting time. Volunteer parking is on the south side of the building. If you need more information, call Ron Mikkelson, 888-6122.

♦ Remember to leave non-perishable food items in the receptacle provided in the South end of the Narthex. Your donation is used to assist the food pantry and HOOP.

♦ If you are interested in joining this committee, contact Paula Egenolf, 786-4437 or call the parish office.

FAITH AND FINANCE


Today’s Gospel provides the foundation for what it means to be a steward of Providence: the greatest commandments. Are your priorities for life and money driven by them? First, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your hearts, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Second: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

INCLUSION INSIGHT

Accessibility

Grants are available to make today a better day for those living with paralysis: Accessible construction of homes, workplaces, even polling sites and voting equipment; visual arts, theater, dance, accessible playgrounds, hiking trails, ball fields, and even tree houses.

St. Mark Inclusion Ministry
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, November 4, 2012 - Daylight Savings Ends**
- **MASS** - Church 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM
- **SMRE** - PC Basement - 9:30 - 10:30 AM
- **Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 Mass**
- **SMRE** - School 10:40 - 11:40 AM
- **CRHP** - Media Center - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Memorial Prayer Service** - Church 6:00 PM - Reception immediately following in Schafer Hall

**Monday, November 5, 2012**
- **Communion Service** - Church 9:00 AM
- **Adult Faith Formation** - SH Basement - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Men’s CRHP** - Courtesy Room - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Tuesday, November 6, 2012 - Election Day**
- **MASS** - Church 9:00 AM
- **Cub Scouts** - Parish BR & SH Basement 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- **SPRED** - CR 22 - 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM
- **Liturgy Committee** - Parish BR 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **Bible Study** - CR 8 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**
- **MASS** - Church 9:00 AM
- **Girl Scouts** - Medal - Parish Cen. Basement 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- **RCIA** - Media Center School 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **School Commission** - Parish BR 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **Small Church Comm.** - Courtesy Rm. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **QUILTERS** - Quilter Room 7:00 PM

**Thursday, November 8, 2012**
- **MASS** - Church 9:00 AM
- **Brownies 447** - CR 22 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Burmese** - Parish BR 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **A.A.** - CLASSROOM 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Adult Choir** - Church 7:30 PM

**Friday, November 9, 2012**
- **MASS** - Church 8:15 AM
- **HOOP** - School kitchen 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday, November 10, 2012**
- **Reconciliation** 4:00PM
- **MASS** - Church 5:30 PM

**Sunday, November 11, 2012 - Veteran’s Day**
- **MASS** - Church 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:45 AM
- **SMRE** - PC Basement - 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- **SMRE** - School - 10:40 AM - 11:40 AM
- **CRHP** - Media Center 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Confirmation** - Church 7:15 PM - 9:00 PM

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**MASS INTENTIONS: 11/04/12 – 11/11/12**

**Sunday, November 4 – THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 7:30 a.m. — † Don Allen
- 9:30 a.m. — St. Mark Parishioners
- 11:45 a.m. — † Mary C. Springer

**Monday, November 5 - Weekday**
- 9:00 a.m. — Communion Service

**Tuesday, November 6 - Weekday**
- 9:00 a.m. — Special Intentions of Larissa Fernandes

**Wednesday, November 7 - Weekday**
- 9:00 a.m. — Edmund Daeger

**Thursday, November 8 - Weekday**
- 9:00 a.m. — Elsa N. Galido

**Friday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
- 8:15 a.m. — Ralph Schrage

**Saturday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great**
- 5:30 p.m. — Michael Maloney

**Sunday, November 11- Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30 a.m. — St. Mark Parishioners
- 9:30 a.m. — † Ora Bowling
- 11:45 a.m. — Intentions of Mark Smith

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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ICYC  Volunteers are needed!  The *Indianapolis Catholic Youth Conference* (ICYC) will take place on **Sun Nov 4** at Marian University and will serve 500+ youth and their chaperones from across the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Please consider giving of your time and talent at this upcoming event. More information on volunteer needs and the volunteer registration process can be found at [http://www.archindy.org/youth/ICYC/html](http://www.archindy.org/youth/ICYC/html). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**Interactive Lives with the Saints Presentation**  Sr. Norma Rocklage from Marian University will give an interactive presentation on **Mon., Nov 5**, 7pm at St. Mark Church. This is a very entertaining, inspirational, and educational presentation about many of the pillars of our Catholic faith from the United States, Indiana and more. All are welcome. All ages will enjoy St. Norma.

**OPEN HOUSE**  Roncalli High School invites all prospective students in fifth through eighth grades and their parents and family members to join on **Thurs Nov 8, 2012**. All facets of school life at Roncalli will be on display from 6:30-8:30pm Information booths on all academic, extracurricular and service organizations, opportunities to speak to all teachers, coaches, moderators, directors, administrators and students as well as tours of the school. For information, contact Roncalli High School at 787-8277.

Acquire tools to help you grow in grace and wisdom, and to bridge the two halves of life. The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are offering a program, “Walk This Way: Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life”, on **Sat. Nov. 10** from 9:30 - 11:45am in the Kordes Center in Ferdinand, Indiana. Cost is $39 and registration is due by November 7th. To register or for more info call 800-880-2777, 812-367-1411 ext 2915 or visit www.thedome.org

**Roncalli Spirit Store Annual Holiday Sale** on **Sat. Nov 10th** from 9am to 1pm in the cafeteria. All types of merchandise available for all fans. This year begins the first in the series, dated Christmas ornaments, collect one each year. For more information contact, Wendy Lawrie, wlawrie@roncalli.org or 787-8277.

**Divorce and Beyond**  The Annual Holiday Session has been scheduled for six consecutive Mondays, beginning **Nov. 12 - December 17, 2012** at St. Mark from 7-9pm The emphasis will be on getting through the holidays with discussions on the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, and forgiveness. The cost for the material is $30. Please register before the session begins so material is available. For more information or to register, contact Deb VanVelse, 236-1586 or 1-800-382-9836 ext. 1586, or dvanvelse@archindy.org. Registration forms are available online, [www.archindy.org/family/divorce.html](http://www.archindy.org/family/divorce.html).

**Taste of Roncalli**  This Roncalli event will have over 25 food and beverage vendors showcasing the finest cuisine and beverages they have to offer. **Sun. Nov. 18, 4 pm - 6 pm** at Valle Vista Golf and Conference Center. Price $25 presale / $30 at the door. For more information call Gary Armbruster, 787-8277 ext. 242, or garmbbruster@roncalli.org

**High School Servers**

All high school parishioners who are not currently serving at Mass and would like to do so are invited to an Information Meeting and Training Session on Sunday, November 11, following the 9:30 a.m. The session will take place in the church. St. Mark treasures the presence and contribution of its high school members and encourages them to share their gifts with the parish community.

**SCOUTS**

**Open Invitation to Join Venturing Crew 92**

St. Mark’s Venturing Crew 92 is preparing for the future! With a growing interest from our high school and college-age youth, this high adventure-seeking youth group is planning a year of activities beginning this Fall.

What is Venturing and why should I join?

Venturing is a coed program of the Boy Scouts of America. Anyone at least 14 years of age (or 13 and completed 8th grade) and under the age of 20 years is invited to join. Prior meetings were held every other Sunday afternoon to plan and carry-out your own high adventure activities, like horseback riding, whitewater rafting, rock-climbing and rappelling, shooting sports, snow skiing, scuba, sailing and more. It is similar to ‘year around’ summer filed studies, except you determine the what, when, where, and how. Crew Advisors oversee the safety of activities for the crew.

Activities in the near future include:

- Indy Middle of the Night—November 10th, 7pm - 7am.  Join several other central Indiana Venturing youth of a night filled with activities progressive lock-in. The night begins with an Indiana Pacers game. The $40 cost covers admission fees, bus transportation, pizza, snacks and T-shirt.
- Snow skiing/tubing at Perfect North during Christmas break.

Questions can be directed to John Hibner, 783-2361