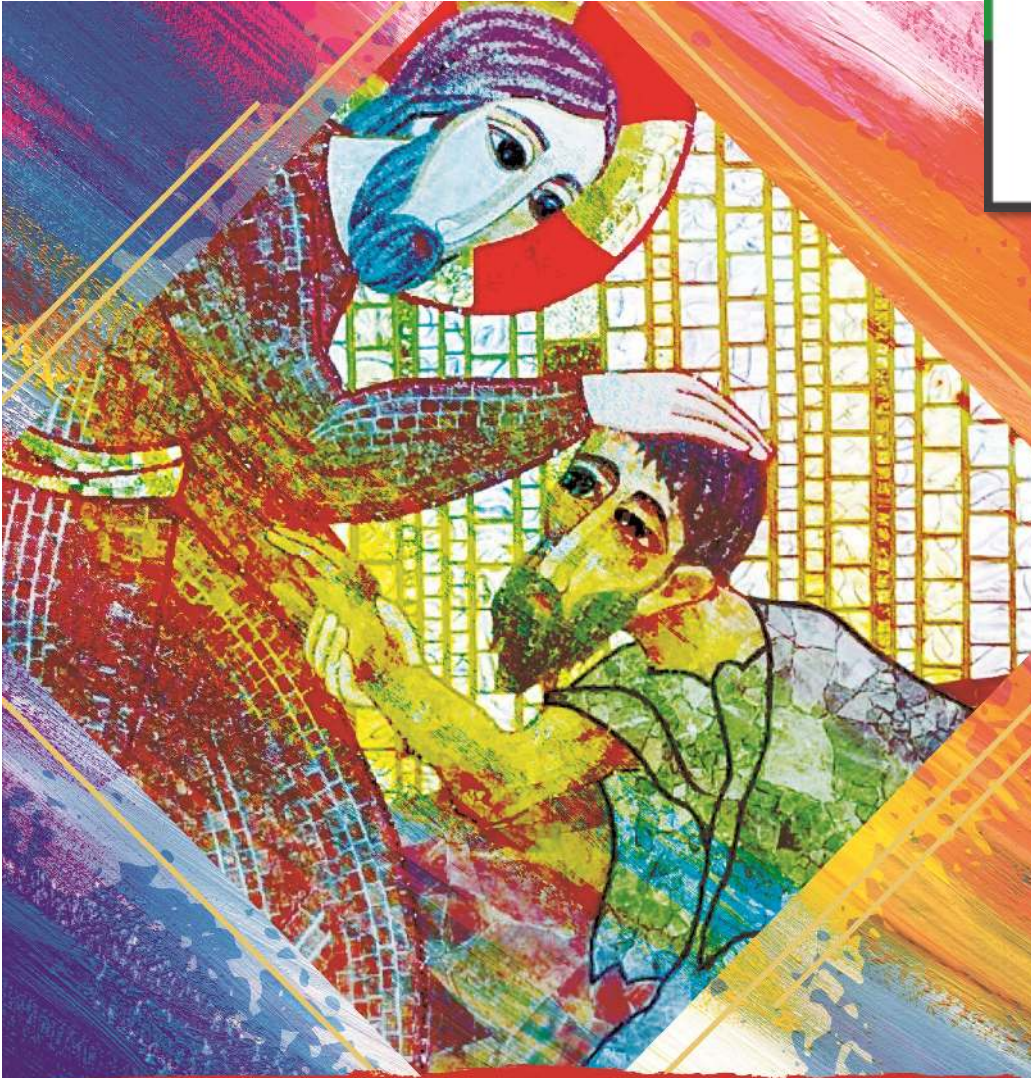


October 12, 2025

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF Saint Mark

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."
- Lk 17:19

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MASS SCHEDULE:

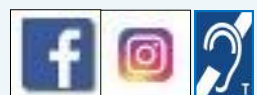
**Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am/
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/
Wednesday at 7:00pm**

⚓ Catholics are encouraged to make pilgrimages to their local cathedral during the 2025 Jubilee year.

⚓ Bishop Barry C. Knestout has named four churches in the diocese as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025:

1. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Norfolk
2. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
3. **The Basilica of St. Andrew, Roanoke**
Parish Pilgrimage: Dec. 13, 2025
Bus Sign-up available In the Commons.
4. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg

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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark October 13th - October 19th, 2025

MONDAY	Columbus Day Parish Offices Closed No OCIA Christian Formation
TUESDAY	Liturgy of the Word/Daily Chapel Mother's Group/ Sanctuary/ Nursery Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library Adult Bible Study/ Great Hall Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC Parish Life Meeting/ Conference Room Women's Book Club/ Library
WEDNESDAY	10-1:00pm Food Pantry/ Great Hall 11:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Sanctuary 6:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ Sanct 6:30pm Rosary/ Sanctuary 7:00pm Liturgy of the Word/Sanctuary
THURSDAY	6:00am Men of St. Joseph/ Conference Room 8:30am Liturgy of the Word//Daily Chapel 9-11:00am PLARN/Great Hall 7:00pm Adult Bible Study/Library 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
FRIDAY	7:00pm KofC Rosary/Great Hall 7:30pm KofC Monthly Membership Meeting/GH
SATURDAY	4:00pm Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel 5:30pm Mass/ Sanctuary 6:45pm Respect Life Reception/Great Hall
SUNDAY	8:30am Mass/ Sanctuary 10:30am Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream 12:30-1:30pm Children's Formation/ Classrooms 5:00pm OCIA (Children and Teens) / offsite 6-8:00pm Teen Formation/ offsite

Daily Readings

MONDAY 10/13	Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
TUESDAY 10/14	Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY 10/15	Mem. of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
THURSDAY 10/16	Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
FRIDAY 10/17	Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
SATURDAY 10/18	Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 Pablo Gatchalin †
SUNDAY 10/19	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8 Frances Kumalae † Simplicio and Florencia Mendoza † Robert Canale †

SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARK

Contact Parish Secretary in the Parish Office to begin the processes of baptism, marriage, or other sacraments.

BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Holy Week. Requirement: **Families must be registered.** Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament. Confirm Baptism date and time with Parish Secretary after all requirements have been turned in.

MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Justice Peace



October: \$10 Gift Cards/ Any item from our Food Pantry List/ Individual Fruit Cups
Please check dates on donations as we are unable to accept expired products.



Respect Life Baby Shower

POTLUCK RECEPTION

Saturday, October 18th
After 5:30 Mass in the Great Hall

Join us as we share food, community, and celebrate life with guests invited from Hope4Life, Crisis Pregnancy Center, and Birthright.

Please bring a dish to share
Donation of baby items are also welcome

For more information contact Joyce Gridley ~ justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



Prayer Requests



Merla Marcelo, Henrietta Mayr, Creed Clawson, Jayme Oliveira Filho, Louisa Morrison, Maribeth Baumgartner, Dare O'Ravitz, Joy Lepere, Teresita Gustafson, Angie Hudson, Caroline Padilla, Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Susan Colonna, Lexie Murray, Adriane Pennington, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Annora Steiner, Julie Bellinger, Chandler Brewer, Val Kandis, Jay Davis, Olivia Wiggins, Armida Valmeo, Nikolas Pakkidis, Jeremiah Macaraeg, Sarada Kapuwatte, Connie Blanco, Ryan Steele, Paul Caddies, Patricia MacCartney, Trish Simpson, Billie Dudley

Mission Statement: Rooted in the Word...nourished by the Sacraments...Guided by the Holy Spirit...We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need, to give our gifts and talents...to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ...(Established 1978)

To learn more about our parish, visit our website at: stmark-parish.org or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChurchOfStMark>

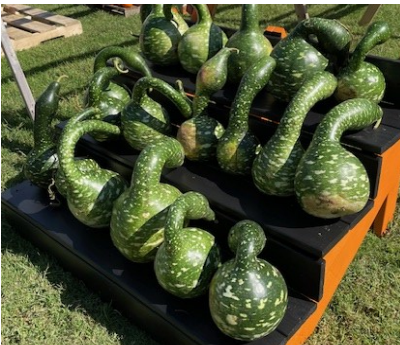
St. Mark's Parish Picnic, Fr. Eric's Birthday Celebration...

The Parish Picnic was a huge success for approximately 150 St. Mark parishioners in attendance! Sponsored by Parish Life, the picnic featured food and fun for all ages plus a very special pumpkin birthday cake for Fr. Eric. To add to the fun of the day, parishioners unloaded hundreds of pumpkins, working together to sort and place pumpkins in our annual pumpkin patch. Much thanks!!!



LITURGY SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30am/ Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/ Wednesday at 7:00pm

... A Pumpkin Patch, and a Special Birthday Blessing



Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information

St. Mark's Pumpkin Patch

OPENS

**Oct. 5th through Oct. 31st
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Sign up on iVolunteer
for Set-up and Sales Shifts at:**



https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/pumpkins_2025
Contact Mike King at 646-851-8334 for more details.



If you currently do not give online, but would like to be an online contributor, please sign up at:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb or donate on the Parish Giving QR code.

For more details or to donate, contact Parish

Bookkeeper, MaryEllen Cussen, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office



Fiscal Year July-June	September 28	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$20,290	\$245,500	\$246,508	(\$1,008)

Family Count: 798

Families using envelopes: 182

Families using online donation: 209

SAINTLY TRUNK OR TREAT

**11/02/2025
4:30-6:30 pm**

OR

TREAT



Games!

Prizes for Best Saint & Best Trunk!



**Youth Group
Dinner Fundraiser!**

**Sign up to host a
saint-themed trunk!**



Kid's Corner



Did you know?

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary! BUT...what IS the Rosary? The Rosary is a special prayer that helps us think about the most important moments in Jesus' and Mary's lives. As we pray each bead, we remember how much God loves us and how Mary leads us closer to her Son. This month, try praying a decade of the Rosary with your family and see how peaceful it can make you feel! Scan the QR code to pray along with the Glorious mysteries for today!

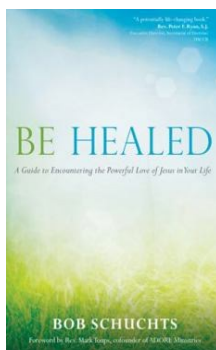


Is OCIA for You?

Becoming a catholic is a joyous experience! Some receive this gift while they are infants, while others come into the catholic community later in life.

If you are interested in learning more and/or beginning OCIA, please contact the Formation Office(nicole@stmark-parish.org) and a member of the OCIA Team will contact you.

Women's Book Club October 14th at 6:30 pm St. Mark's Library



Be Healed by Bob Schuchts is based on retired Catholic therapist Bob Schuchts' popular program for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing, offering hope in the healing power of God through the Holy Spirit and the sacraments to be the person God created us to be.

For more details, contact Kendra DiMichele at: kdimichele76@gmail.com.

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William McMican.....	Finance Council Chairman

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Nicole Brimer.....	Coordinator of Religious Formation

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