

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10, 2009

4:00pm The Heil Family

Sunday, October 11, 2009

8:30am Bill Tudor

11:00am For the Parish

5:00pm Mindy Thomas

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

6:00pm The Le-Maire Family

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

6:00pm Mary Golden

Thursday, October 15, 2009

6:00pm Edith Ceraso

Friday, October 16, 2009

2:00pm Earl Verrett

Saturday, October 17, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, October 11, 2009

8:30am Sheba Haddix

11:00am Mysti Ramsey

5:00pm Mindy Thomas



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN HONOR OF
HUCK-JO KWON



ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited
each Sunday at 8:10 am
before 8:30 Mass.

WHAT TO DO IF...

You want to baptize your baby:

Baptisms are on the third weekend of the month during Saturday and Sunday Mass. Call Cathy Cornett at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2005 about the preparation program.

You want to join the parish:

To register as a member, visit the Welcome Committee desk in the gathering space.

You want to get married:

Please arrange an appointment with the priest at least six months before the date you would like to be married. You must be registered in the parish.

You want to make your First Communion or be Confirmed:

If you are an adult, call Terry Culross at 623-6847 or Linda Clark at 623-0925. If you are in grades 2-12, call Cathy Cornett, 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2005.

You have a prayer concern:

Please call Connie Wason at 623-1703 or Rose Mansfield at 623-0971, who are members of the Praying Hands Prayer Group, by Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

You would like to arrange a Mass Intention:

Come to the parish office and ask for the secretary.

You want to put something in the bulletin:

Instructions for getting announcements in the bulletin can be obtained by calling the parish office at 623-2989 and speaking with the secretary. **BULLETIN DEADLINE IS 12:00 PM ON TUESDAY.**

You would like more information about Knights of Columbus:

Please call Otto Rieck at 582-4112.

You want to register your child in St. Mark School: Call the school at 623-2989, prompt 4.

You need a ride or can offer a ride to or from Church: Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

You wish to have an announcement read at Mass:

Anyone wishing to have an announcement said before Mass must bring the announcement in to the Parish office for the pastor's approval by Thursday before the scheduled mass. Announcement can be emailed to: liane.hinch@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net.

You would like the parish priest or parishioner to visit someone who is sick:

Please call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext 2002, if there is an emergency (imminent death or need of sacrament, prompt 3) or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in a hospital or nursing home, or have become homebound. The priest is ready to visit, administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Please provide the location and phone number of the person to be visited, and the time that is most convenient for the visit.

You want to change your name or address in the Parish records OR are leaving the parish:

Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

You want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Reconciliation is offered immediately after all of the weekend Masses.

You would like more information about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Call Tricia Davis at 623-9184 or Laure Schadler at 624-9316.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Pastors Notes:

It is hard to believe that it is October already! The change in Seasons is definitely upon us. As the day grows shorter and the nights grow longer, we are reminded of the never ending mystery of Creation. We are a blessed people who need to continue "longing for the Lord" and in seeking out His will in our lives.

Today, October 7th, as I write these Pastor's Notes, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. May we discover how praying the Rosary "nourished our faith, which flourishes again by meditation on the sacred mysteries, and raises minds to the truth revealed to us by God." I am grateful for the Catholic Daughters who oversee the recitation of the Rosary before our 8:30 a.m. Mass.

You will notice in the bulletin a PRAYER COMMITMENT insert. Each week we receive 168 hours of time. How much of this time are we returning in thanksgiving to the Lord? How much of this time are we complaining? working? watching TV? etc. Remember, time is a gift. God allows us to choose how to use this gift.

Please mark your calendar now for the TRUNK OR TREAT gathering which will support St. Mark Catholic School. TRUNK OR TREAT IS OPEN TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS and is another way of us coming together as a family. Please take a moment and look within the bulletin for more details on this FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th celebration from 6-8 p.m.

Thank you to each of you for your prayers as I was the retreat director for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Priest Retreat. I assured my brother priests of your prayers. It was a great time of gathering together and spending some precious moments with our God. I know that even though I was presiding over the retreat, it was the Spirit who gave the retreat. As I shared with the retreatants: "My role as Retreat Director can be compared to a corpse at an Italian wake: necessary for the occasion, but not expected to do much!"

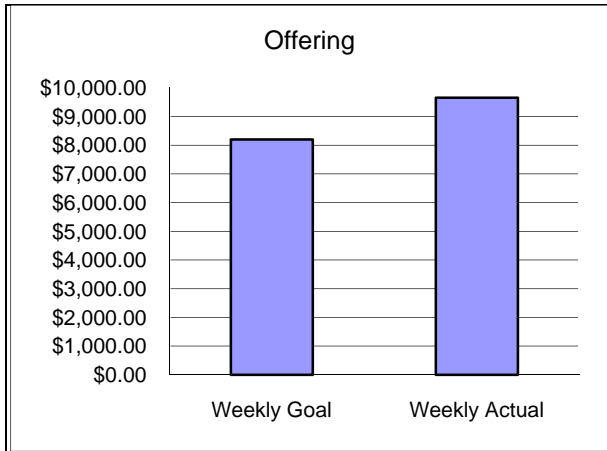
ADULTS: Please be on the lookout for an upcoming opportunity for you to INCREASE YOUR FAITH through some ADULT FORMATION. As Advent approaches, we will be providing opportunities possibly between the Sunday liturgies; Wednesday nights and possibly one weekday morning. Please seriously consider "increasing your Faith by marking out time this upcoming Advent."

Finally, thank you to those who came among us on behalf of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. It is always amazing for me to realize the global aspect of our Roman Catholic Faith and continue to realize the importance of reaching out to those in need.

As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net or, in cases of an emergency (i.e., death or imminent need of the Sacraments), by phone at 859-623-2989, prompt #3.

See you in Church,
Fr. Jim

STEWARDSHIP



OUR WEEKLY GOAL:	\$ 8,200.00
ENVELOPES:	\$7,632.00
LOOSE CASH:	\$ 983.00
LOOSE COIN:	\$ 8.55
LOOSE CHECKS:	<u>\$1,030.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,653.55

Over for the week + \$1,453.55

SECOND COLLECTIONS 2009

July	Home Meal's Delivery	\$ 966.56
August	St. Mark School	\$1,766.13
September	Seminary	\$2,194.90
September	St. Mark School	\$1,194.32

ST MARK SCHOOL BAKE SALE EARNINGS

The Bake Sale was a great success, earning \$338.75!

Father Jim's Speaking Donations

1. Missouri:	Parish	School
	\$3,071.00	\$3,071.00
(Updated total)		

Attached in our bulletin is a "Financial Guide for Tithing." It is a guide to help you in your Financial giving to our Church. In several weeks we will also be including a "Prayer Commitment" insert, to assist you in evaluating what percentage of time you give to God in prayer!

Stewardship... A Call to Ownership

My Prayer Commitment

Nobody has any more time than you. But nobody has any less, either. On the average, we are given approximately 25,000 days of life. Each week we receive 168 hours of time. How much of this time are we returning in thanksgiving to the Lord? Please review the chart below. The pressure is on. And it builds up. So you have to evaluate and decide where and how you are going to invest your time in prayer as well as serving the church and the community. Remember, time is a gift. God allows us to choose how to use this gift.

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| Read the Bible _____ | Spiritual Reading _____ |
| Church Visit _____ | Family Prayer _____ |
| Pray for Life at All Stages _____ | Reconciliation _____ |
| Renew _____ | Adoration _____ |
| Pray the Rosary _____ | Morning/Evening Prayer _____ |
| Stations of the Cross _____ | Daily Mass M T W Th _____ |
| Weekend Mass _____ | Pray for Vocations _____ |

There are 8,760 hours in a year

What percentage of time do you give to God in Prayer?

	Yearly	Monthly	Daily
10%	876.00 hrs	73.00 hrs	2.43 hrs
9%	788.40	65.70	2.19
8%	700.80	58.40	1.95
7%	613.20	51.10	1.70
6%	525.60	43.80	1.46
5%	438.00	36.50	1.22
4%	350.40	29.20	.99
3%	262.80	21.90	.73
2%	175.20	14.60	.48
1%	87.60	7.30	.24

A Financial Guide for Tithing

For those striving to tithe, the following guide will be helpful

Annual Income	Weekly		Monthly		Annually	
	6%	8%	6%	8%	6%	8%
\$ 8,000	\$ 9.23	\$ 12.30	\$ 40.00	53.33	\$ 480	640
10,000	11.53	15.00	50.00	66.66	600	800
12,500	14.50	19.20	62.50	83.33	750	1,000
15,000	17.30	23.07	75.00	100.00	900	1,200
20,000	23.07	30.76	100.00	133.33	1,200	1,600
22,500	25.96	34.62	112.50	150.00	1,350	1,800
25,000	28.85	38.46	125.00	167.00	1,500	2,000
27,500	31.73	42.31	137.50	183.33	1,650	2,200
30,000	34.62	46.15	150.00	200.00	1,800	2,400
32,500	37.50	50.00	162.50	216.67	1,950	2,600
35,000	40.38	53.85	175.00	233.33	2,100	2,800
37,500	43.27	57.69	187.50	250.00	2,250	3,000
40,000	46.15	61.54	200.00	266.67	2,400	3,200
42,500	49.04	65.38	212.50	283.33	2,550	3,400
45,000	51.92	69.23	225.00	300.00	2,700	3,600
47,500	54.81	73.08	237.50	316.67	2,850	3,800
50,000	57.69	76.92	250.00	333.33	3,000	4,000
52,500	60.58	80.77	262.50	350.00	3,150	4,200
55,000	63.46	84.62	275.00	366.67	3,300	4,400
57,500	66.35	88.46	287.50	383.33	3,450	4,600
60,000	69.23	92.31	300.00	400.00	3,600	4,800
62,500	72.12	96.15	312.50	416.67	3,750	5,000
65,000	75.00	100.00	325.00	433.33	3,900	5,200
67,500	77.88	103.85	337.50	450.00	4,050	5,400
70,000	80.77	107.69	350.00	466.67	4,200	5,600
72,500	83.65	111.54	362.50	483.33	4,350	5,800
75,000	86.54	115.38	375.00	500.00	4,500	6,000
77,500	89.42	119.23	387.50	516.67	4,650	6,200
80,000	92.31	123.08	400.00	533.33	4,800	6,400
82,500	95.19	126.92	412.50	550.00	4,950	6,600
85,000	98.08	130.77	425.00	566.67	5,100	6,800
87,500	100.96	134.62	437.50	583.33	5,250	7,000
90,000	103.85	138.46	450.00	600.00	5,400	7,200
92,500	106.73	142.31	462.50	616.67	5,550	7,400
95,000	109.62	146.15	475.00	633.33	5,700	7,600
97,500	112.50	150.00	487.50	650.00	5,850	7,800
100,000	115.38	153.85	500.00	666.67	6,000	8,000

MINISTRIES

Linens: Mary Katherine Barnes

Ministry				
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00PM Saturday October 17	Betty Davy Kent Kessler	Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jean Price Mary Lou Remaley Laure Schadler Jill Silver Phil VonMann	George Nichols Haley Nash	Georgetta Swartz
8:30AM Sunday, October 18	Randy Collins Kathy Hatton	Bradley Layton Mary Layton Charles Marz Sue Marz Julia Nash Marilyn Nash Pat Reister	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Linda Maxwell
11:00am Sunday, October 18	Brad Wood Lois Scott	Donna Meek Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Lois Scott Evelyn Spalding Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan	Michael Price Patrick Sullivan Andrew Brockman	Terry Meek

Reminder to all Ministers
 Please be mindful of Dress Code.
No tennis shoes!
 Gentlemen, please wear a shirt with a collar.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sam Sichko	Violet Mullins	Lee David
Julia Hinkle	Kathy Switzer	Sammy Tierney
Mary Lewis	Bob Millet	Michael O'Connor
Virginia Sykora	Robert Doot	Hazel Parkos
Frank Kerry	Mary Powell	Ralph Montgomery
Nancy Miller	Pat Hensley	Pam Palmisano

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Saint Callistus I, pope, martyr Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Saints Hedwig, religious; Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Catholics Returning Home

St. Mark will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning November 2, 2009, at St. Mark Catholic Church. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call the parish office at 623-2989.



Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults RCIA

RCIA will be meeting on Monday nights. Sessions will be from 6:00 PM-7:45 PM in the Gathering Space at St Mark. For details or questions, contact Terry Culross, 859-623-6847; 859-582-9629; email www.towen44@bellsouth.net; OR Linda Clark, 859-623-0925, email www.ljclcs@yahoo.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Ladies of the Parish: if you signed up at the ministry sign-up weekends for more information about Catholic Daughters, you will soon be contacted by a member.

Ladies of the Parish: please hold April 16-17 for our Women's Retreat 2010! More details soon to follow.

Corn Hole Tournament: We are completing the accounting process but will report on the amount of money raised for the school through this tournament.

Next Monthly Meeting: CDA's next meeting will be October 20 at 6:30 in the school cafeteria.



Coffee and Donuts will not be offered after the 8:30am Mass due to Fall Break

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Eight weeks from this weekend is the big day - Sat., Dec. 5th, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We not only have room in our storage building but we now have some storage space at St. Mark School where we can accommodate small furniture and any other items you'd like to donate. To date, we have a beautiful bunk bed set, a nearly new GE white stove and a GE Dishwasher. If you need them before the Bazaar, please call and we can arrange for you to see them. In the meantime, please sort through items in your house for Grandpa's Attic and Grandma's Christmas Shop. Any gently-used articles from small furniture, appliances, household items, books, etc., plus artificial Christmas trees, decorations, lights, etc. will be greatly appreciated. However, we do not have room for clothes unless they are Christmas related. As we have storage room, please call and we will arrange for a pick-up.

Also, please start planning your baking and craft items as we never have enough of these, especially baked goods. If you have any suggestions for a better bazaar or any questions, please call Carol Kinelski, Chairman, at 623-7511.

Choir News

Choir practices Wednesdays from 7-8:30 in the church.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Important dates to remember:

Sept 23rd- Nov 1st. Deacon Paris is inviting all parishes to participate in this 12 hour prayer vigil at the EMW abortion clinic at 161 Burt Rd., Lexington from 6 AM to 6 PM. daily. Please consider giving some hours for prayer. Contact Sarah Rogeaux 859-277-4917 to set up a time.

Oct. 16th the Pregnancy Help Center benefit dinner.

Oct. 24th the KRLA convention will take place from 9 AM- 2 PM at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Louisville. Reservations required.

Ministry Training Dates

Lectors - Thursday, October 15 from 6:30-7:30pm in the church. Anyone - male or female - who has been confirmed is eligible to serve as a lector. This is a mandatory training for all those new to this ministry. All those who have already been trained are strongly encouraged to attend as the layout of the altar area has changed since the last training.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Thursday, October 29 from 6:30-7:30pm in the church. Anyone - male or female - who has been confirmed is eligible to serve as an extraordinary minister. This is a mandatory training for all those new to this ministry. All those who have already been trained are strongly encouraged to attend as well.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for your support in our school's bake sale. Your generosity will have a positive impact on our school and all the students who attend. We are a family who comes in support of each other when called and we feel blessed to be a part of this parish. Thank you for all you do for our school.

Sincerely,
The Faculty and Students of St. Mark Catholic School

ST MARK'S
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
GROUP



- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**
- **6PM – MASS with Fr Jim**
- **6:30 TO 8:30 - Faith Sharing/Fellowship**

**CONTACT REBECCA OR LARRY HOFFMAN
(859) 626 5025
FOR DETAILS**

SALVATION ARMY AUXILIARY
"FILL A BAG" FOOD DRIVE

Every day The Salvation Army Corps gives out food through the client services program to those in need. But the holidays are a special time and the Auxiliary wants to make sure every family in need has a special meal complete with meat and dessert. The Auxiliary's unique program of filling bags with suggested food items and a donation for purchase of meat is looking for folks who would like to have a part in supplying a holiday dinner. Accept a bag from an Auxiliary volunteer, purchase the listed foods needed and return the bag to the Gathering Space at the church. No cooking needed! You will have made a difference in someone's life. Last year St. Mark Church filled over 100 bags with food!

Please return filled bags to church on or before Nov. 1. Thank you for your participation.



BINGO HAS BEGUN

Every Friday night at the Galaxy Bowling Center. Early Birds starting at 6:00 with regular Bingo at 7:00.

To all the men of the parish who signed up at the K of C table on Stewardship Sunday: Please expect to be contacted soon. We appreciate your interest in the K of C and invite all men of the parish to join our group.

Meeting Reminders:

-Monthly Third Degree meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of each month at the Newman Center.

-Monthly Fourth Degree meetings are held on the **Third Sunday** of each month at St. Clare Community Building in Berea.

CCD NEWS

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the school.

RCIA for CHILDREN

Classes will be held each Monday evening beginning at 6:00pm in the school. Any parishioner between the ages of 7 and 18 who has not received Baptism, Reconciliation, 1st Communion and/or Confirmation needs to attend these classes.

Contact:

cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net or 623-2989 x2005.



Catholics Returning Home

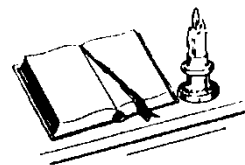
An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held at 7:00 pm on Mondays at St. Mark Catholic Church, starting on November 2, 2009.



Catholics Returning Home 2009 Schedule



November 2	Welcome Overview of series Sharing by team and attendees
November 9	Video "Stories of Faith from Catholics Returning Home" Discussion and sharing
November 16	The Church today: changes since Vatican II Explanation of major changes (Mass in English, involvement, Bible study)
November 23	Walk through of the Mass (along with explanation and historical overview)
November 30	Tips on sinning Explanation of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession)
December 7	The Creed: what Catholics believe

ST MARK SCHOOL NEWS

Meet the Faculty and Staff of St. Mark



Sr. Mary Thomas, Art



Sr. Cecilia Werle, Music

	Question	
Green	What is your favorite color?	Chartreuse
The Sound of Music	What is your favorite movie?	Evita
Red Lobster	What is your favorite restaurant?	Olive Garden
January 18	When is your birthday?	July 12
The Gift of Peace	What is your favorite book?	Tuesdays with Morrie
Five	How many are in your family?	Six
Chicken and Rice Casserole	What is your favorite food?	Filet Mignon
Brown	What color are your eyes?	Hazel
Listening to Music and Reading	What are your 2 favorite hobbies?	Reading and watching movies
A Cat-Misty	Do you have any pets?	A Cat
Irish Classical	What is your favorite music?	Celtic instrumental/vocal

Attention Parishioners! Openings for After School Care.

St. Mark After School Enrichment Program is now in full swing. Our school would like to share this opportunity with parishioners. We are excited to announce we now have two ECU students (who are parishioners as well) in charge of our program. It is open from 3:00-6:00 every weekday. If you need after school care for your child/children, Ally Barjuca and Chelsea Joyce would love to have them as part of this program. Your children will be assisted with homework, enjoy the use of our computer lab, gym, and playground while in a wonderful, safe environment at St. Mark. The cost is \$12.00 per day for students who come every day, and \$15.00 per day for drop-ins. If you are interested in our After School Program, please call Sandy Sullivan in the school office at 623-2989 opt.4.

SCHOOL UPDATE

The next project for second grade science involves forces that shape the land. The children will be creating landforms or water features found on the Earth's surface.

Another wonderful project we will be undertaking is a classroom quilt. After reading *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco in Language Arts, it prompted our idea for our own classroom quilt. The children have begun bringing in squares from clothing that they have outgrown.

In Religion, the children are learning ways to hear God's Word. At Baptism, God opened our hearts and all of our senses to hear clearly.

Blessings,
Ms. Paoella
Second Grade Teacher

St. Mark School Fall Fundraiser

Families with children at the school will be selling Spirit Cups as a fall fundraiser this year. The heavy 18 oz plastic cups come in a matching set of four at a cost of \$12.00. Samples will be available and orders taken during this weekend's Bake Sale. Orders may also be placed in the school office with Sandy Sullivan.

Select your favorite design from
All 32 NFL Teams
All 20 MLB Teams
Over 70 Collegiate Teams
5 Military designs
You may also view samples online at
SpiritCups.com

ADOPT A SOLDIER

Father Jim,

Just wanted to send you an email and let you know how things are going. I have been in Iraq now for about a month and a half and things are going well. I am settled into my job and getting in a good routine which helps a lot. We have a really nice chapel and I joined the choir which has been a lot of fun as well as very fulfilling. Marci is now well into the school year and is loving teaching at J-Serra High School there in San Juan Capistrano, CA. The school is only about five miles from our house (San Clemente, CA) and Marci has found the students to be just great. It is a strong Catholic school as well so that is a huge plus. The entire school attends Mass every Wednesday which is really nice.

I want to extend a thanks to you for pushing my address out to St. Mark's. I just received a care package from Marie Beard and it made my day! I am truly grateful that Mrs. Beard did this and I sent her an email to thank her. If you could extend a thanks to her in person for me that would be very much appreciated! I hope that St. Mark is doing great and that you are continuing to do the amazing service that you do. Thanks for the prayers and I will keep you and St. Mark in mine as well! Have a great week!

God bless,
Matt

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1stLt Matthew J. Smith USMC
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MINUTES OF ST. MARK SCHOOL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Father Jim opened with prayer, then led the meeting until a new chairman was named.

1. Binders

Binders were distributed to each board member. The binders will contain the monthly agenda plus other relevant materials needed for each meeting. Binders will be collected after each meeting and updated as needed.

2. Name Change

The name St. Mark School Board has been changed to St. Mark School Council.

3. By-Laws

Members were asked to review and become familiar with the by-laws contained in the binder.

4. Election of Officers

Chairman: Jud Patterson (From this point, Mr. Patterson led the meeting.)

Vice Chairman: Aaron Thompson

Secretary: Sybil Fagan

All unanimously approved.

5. Committee Chairman

A. Father Jim presented Jim Bennett's name for consideration as chairman of the finance committee. Father Jim noted that Mr. Bennett previously served on the Finance Council and understands its purpose and functions so he would be a good liaison between the two councils. Unanimously approved.

B. Other committee chairmen and members will be selected at a later date.

6. Head Teacher's Report - Connie Fischer

A. Open House, Sunday September 13, was a success with many people walking through to visit the rooms.

B. New this Year

1. Daily morning prayer and singing in the sanctuary
2. Class Masses - Each grade will have a Mass, in addition to the regular Friday children's Mass, with Father Jim. Grade level Masses will be four times per grade per school year.

C. Positive Notes

1. An increase in the communication between parents and school
2. Efficiency in repair work and jobs that needed doing
3. Increased help from parishioners
4. Money raised by play presented at the beginning of school - over \$2,000 to benefit school
5. Two more calls about openings in kindergarten

7. Pastor's Report - Father Jim

- A. Father Jim thanked Ms. Fischer for accepting the position as Head Teacher and for the job she is doing. He reported that they communicate with each other several times daily about the needs and plans for the school.
- B. Procedures and policies are in place for repair work and use of copier; in addition, no teacher will be allowed to bill anything to the school.
- C. These procedures and policies are important to have in place and consistently followed to prevent what has happened in the past and is now being found, that is, unpaid bills, totaling thousands of dollars.
- D. Credit cards - Seven credit cards were found for food services. This has been reduced to one card which stays in the office and must be signed for if using.
- E. Parents - Father Jim plans to meet once monthly with five parents, over coffee, after the Friday children's Mass. The one hour sessions would be a time of informal conversation with the goal of increasing dialogue. A rotation system will be established so that all interested parents will have an opportunity to meet and talk with Father Jim.
- F. Tuition -
 - 1. Parents whose children returned to St. Mark School this year were offered a tuition freeze for the rest of their enrollment at the school.
 - 2. Father Jim is actively working with parents, who have contacted him and still have unpaid tuition, to repay their debt.
 - 3. Parents who have not contacted Father Jim in any way have had their unpaid bills turned over to an outside agency.
- G. After Care- Plans for an after care program to open in October are under way; two college women are interested in running this program. Monies earned from the program would go to the school.
- H. Year round Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten - Father Jim presented this idea to the council for consideration and discussion. No action taken.
- I. Fund Raisers - Father Jim has a couple of ideas in "the works" for raising money for the school but nothing confirmed yet.

8. Other Topics

- A. Role of the Council - The Council serves in an advisory capacity to Father Jim and Ms. Fischer, the leaders of the school. Father Jim shared an email from the Bishop reinforcing the advisory nature of the Council.
- B. October 6 Meeting - Chairman Patterson plans for the council to develop a set of immediate things to accomplish and then develop a map for carrying out the plans.
- C. Business Manager - Father Jim is planning to hire a business manager to process invoices for the school and the parish. The manager would handle the budget for the school, as well as all deposits for fund raisers and parish appreciation reports, etc.

9. Future Meeting Dates - Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 15, Jan. 5, Feb. 9, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 4.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Member Present: Father Jim, Connie Fischer, Minh Nguyen, Pam Wood, Aaron Thompson, Jud Patterson, Dan Vazzana, Sybil Fagan

Members Absent: Jim Conneely, Jim Bennett, Natalie Fitzsimmons, Peter Creighton



St. Mark Parish Trunk-or-Treat

Proceeds to benefit St. Mark Catholic School

*October 30, 2009
Friday evening 6:00 -8:00*



Come join us for a safe and fun-filled evening!

Games, Apple Bobbing contest, face painting, Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Painting, Cake Walks, Prizes, etc.

Tokens for games are 4 for \$1.00

Pizza by the Slice \$1.00

6:00 – 7:00

AND.....

Trunk-or-Treat in the back parking lot with prizes for the best decorated vehicles

Each participating child will cost \$1.00

7:00 – 8:00

We would love to see everyone participate in some way for this parish wide event!

We will be accepting donated bags of candy to distribute amongst those passing out candy. The candy may be placed in the collection box located in the gathering place at church or the school office. Please help out in any way you can.

If you or your group would like to volunteer to help with games, prizes or parking, please contact Pam Wood, 624-5862 or Sandy Sullivan at the school office, 623-2989 ext. # 4.

*All vehicles MUST be pre-registered before October 28th.
Please provide the following information.*

Name or Group Name _____

Telephone Number _____ License Plate # and State _____

