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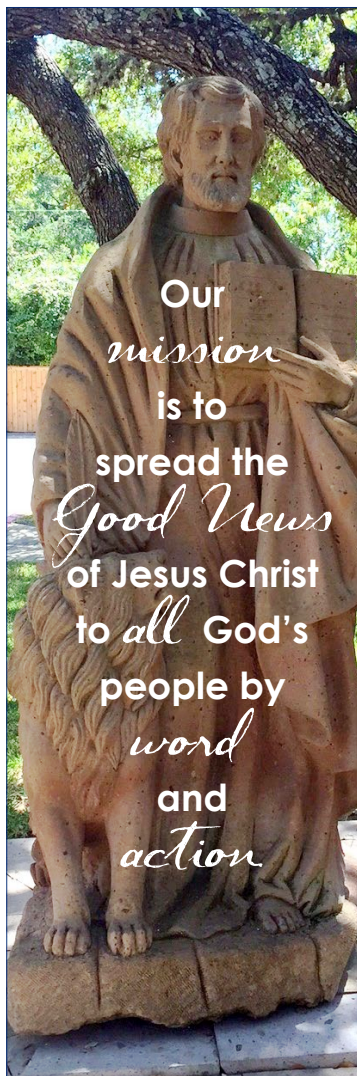
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A Message from *Msgr. Kevin Ryan*

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Despite the implications of the pandemic for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, June 14 was a day of celebration for me. The celebration brought together the people of St. Mark the Evangelist parish and my family and friends back in Ireland. My gratitude to all who made this possible through livestreaming. The drive by parade of well wishes was a great surprise to me. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you for the many expressions of congratulations I received from you, and thank you for the gifts you gave me as well as your thoughtful words of encouragement.

My father Patrick was the one least enthused by my decision to join the priesthood; unwittingly he was the one that planted the seed. It was his commitment to and participation in the activities of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that influenced me more than anything else did. My mother Anne sustained me by her prayers, in formation and later on as a young priest. To both of them I am grateful for this support and love. Many more people have supported and sustained me in my priesthood, priests and lay people in the United States and Ireland. To all of them I owe a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for their prayers and support.

You, the people of St. Mark the Evangelist, have been my family for almost thirty years. I hope I am the servant to you that Christ the Good Shepherd called me to be. The people in our parish are an example of faith in action through their participation in the ministries of our parish. Your faith and your witness are a rich blessing in my life.

God Bless,

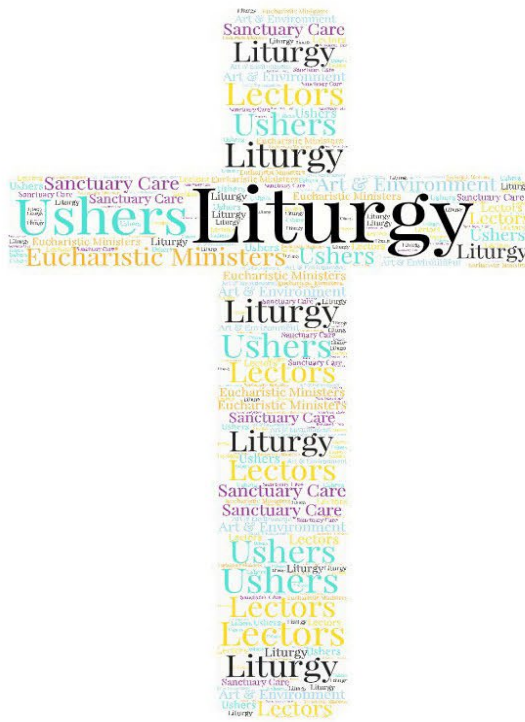
Kevin S. Ryan

Annual Report

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

PASTORAL OFFICE

- * Celebrated Msgr. Kevin's Golden Jubilee as a Priest with Mass and drive-by parade
- * Parishioner Ian Robbins received the Sacrament of Holy Orders
- * Responded to numerous requests for anointings for ill parishioners and their families
- * Responded to numerous requests for prayers
- * During the first 8 weeks of the pandemic, Finance Council met bi-weekly
- * Outreach phone calls to 1141 Households with 17 Volunteers
- * Hosted 4550+ meetings and events with 150,308+ in attendance
- * Emailed 1801 *Winged Lion* each month; mailed 32,400 over 12 months
- * Over 700 social media posts
- * 48 Individual bulletins produced
- * Reconstituted a stewardship committee
- * Utilize 50+ volunteers as money counters, bulletin stuffers and newsletter lablers.
- * Reduced all staff hours to 30hrs/week for 6 weeks to reduce expenses
- * Sanitized and shut down all buildings on West Campus to reduce expenses
- * Sanitized and shut down all classrooms in the Community Center and Preschool to reduce expenses
- * Daily sanitization of Day Chapel, Main Sanctuary, Sunday Offices, Restrooms, Adoration Chapel
- * Used internal maintenance staff to paint curbs and restripe parking areas to reduce expenses
- * Used internal maintenance staff to complete numerous deferred maintenance projects to reduce expenses
- * 2 Staff development days
- * Transitioned to a new website.
- * Welcomed 135 new families into the parish
- * Members of the Finance Council presented the Annual Report at all Masses in August 2019
- * 33 Ministry participants in the Ministry Fair

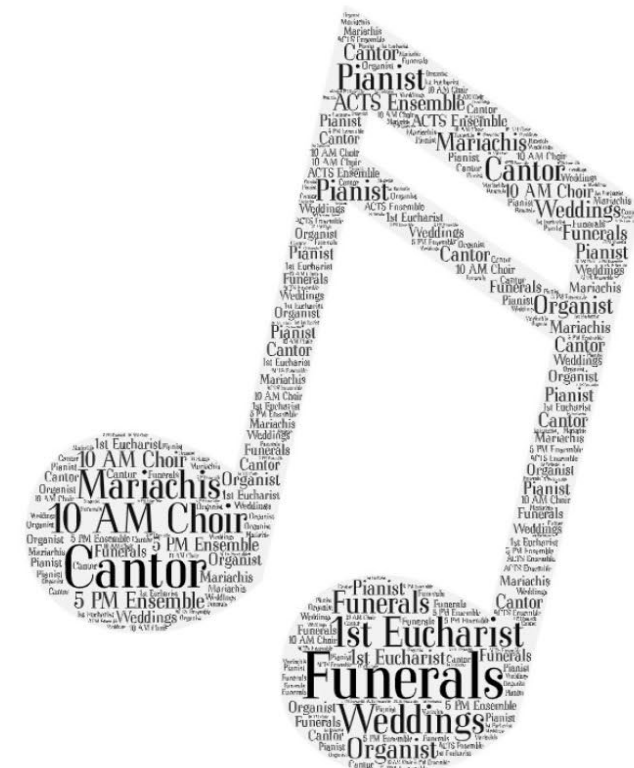


LITURGY TEAM

- * Hosted Convocation Mass for Archdiocese, special Mass for the Federation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Graduation Mass of St. John Paul, II Catholic High School
- * Home visits to those families who have experienced a death in the family
- * 232 Volunteers
- * 93 Funeral Services
- * Livestreamed 93 Masses
- * Video Taped 28 Masses in English and in Spanish over a period of 14 weeks
- * New roles for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

MUSIC MINISTRY

- * 111 Choir Members, Cantors, Musicians
- * 234 Hours of Rehearsal pre-pandemic (39 Weeks)
- * 195 Hours of Rehearsal in pandemic (13 Weeks)
- * Lenten Mission Concert - David Kauffman
- * 10 Year Anniversary of the Dedication of the Organ: David Heller Concert
- * Piano Recital - Josh Frilling
- * Hall Pipe Organ Competition Winners Concert
- * Dedicated time to improving organ playing skills and vocal skills
- * Dedicated time to improving quality of sound in the sanctuary by connecting all microphones through the soundboard, setting the correct frequencies for all wireless mics, real-time adjustments of various sound aspects, procurement of an audio interface for use during livestreamings, and downloading new audio software and on the job training of software.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

- * 40 Volunteers
- * 360 Children Enrolled
- * 14 Classes pre-pandemic
- * 12 Online lessons in pandemic
- * 82 Children receiving sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- * Moving to Sadlier Catechesis program for elementary faith formation
- * 160 Children participated in VBS
- * Retreat for preparation for Sacrament of Reconciliation for children and parents
- * Retreat for preparation for First Holy Eucharist for children and parents
- * 5 Baptismal Preparation Classes
- * 77 Children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism



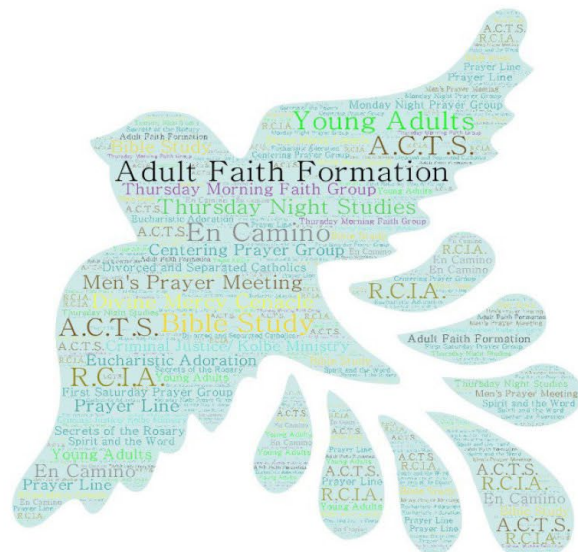
YOUTH MINISTRY

- * 17 Edge Core Team Members
- * 77 Edge Participants
- * 25 LifeTeen Core Team Members
- * 138 LifeTeen Participants
- * 22 Classes pre-pandemic
- * 1 Teen ACTS Retreat
- * 1 Spring Retreat
- * 36 High School Students prepared for Confirmation
- * In pandemic Global Life Nights were presented virtually to all students
- * In pandemic virtual Rosaries and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed and recorded for parishioners
- * Multiple videos created by volunteers and staff to express feelings in the time of quarantine and pandemic
- * Use Instagram Stories to display daily life of our teens during quarantine



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- * 759 Volunteers and Participants
- * 29 Virtual Meetings
- * 248 Meetings
- * 3 Full entry into the Catholic Church through Kolbe Prison Ministry
- * 3 Full entry into the Catholic Church through R.C.I.A. at the Easter Vigil Service
- * 6 Adults receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
- * Groups meet Sunday - Saturday pre-pandemic



ST. MARK CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL



- * Celebrated 40th Anniversary of School
- * 120 Students enrolled
- * 19 Teachers
- * 3 Substitute Teachers
- * Staff meets bi-weekly pre-pandemic
- * Met 124 school days pre-pandemic
- * SMCP Staff worked collaboratively to assemble and distribute curriculum enrichment activities for March and April. Components of faith enrichment were found in the Easter activities, Mother's Day, May Crowning, and Father's Day crafts and prayer cards. Activity bags were then distributed to the families via curbside.
- * The year officially concluded with a car parade. The teachers lined the walk and cheered for their students.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

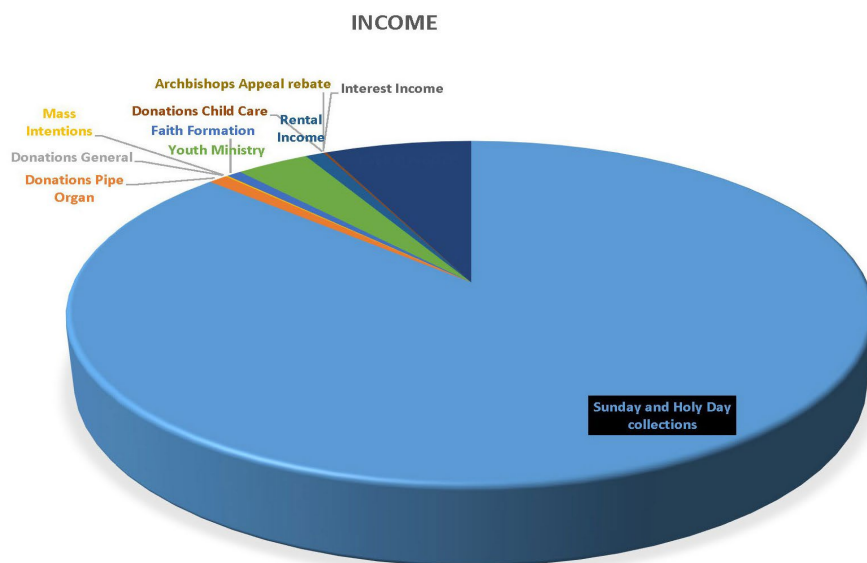
- * 1198 Ministry Volunteers
- * 36 Special Events
- * 230 Meetings
- * 23 Virtual Meetings
- * 275 Rosaries crafted
- * 1 Eagle Scout Project Completed
- * 125 Prayer Shawls
- * 13 Scholarships Awarded
- * Breakfast for 88 Seminarians & Staff
- * 503 Hot Dogs for Faith Fest and Ministry Fair
- * 4 Blood Drives
- * Numerous Retreats
- * Breakfast for Breakfast with Santa
- * Chicken BBQ; Fish Fry
- * Trash & Treasure Sale; Book Sale
- * Pumpkin Patch



FY 2020 INCOME STATEMENT

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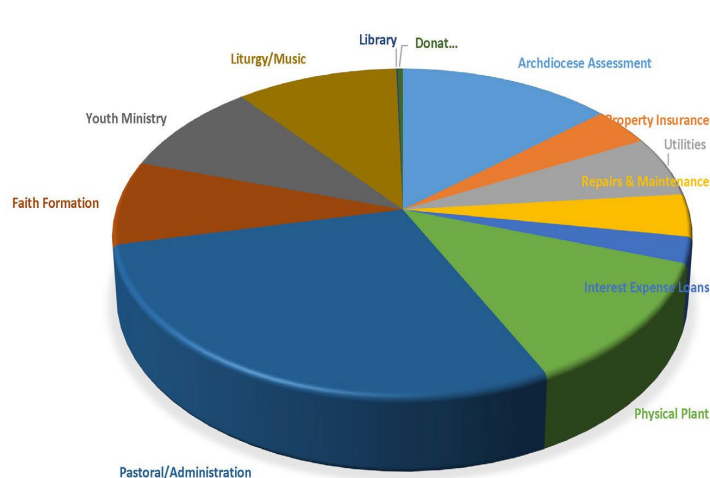
ITEM	BUDGET	ACTUAL
COLLECTIONS (SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS)	\$2,520,222	\$2,391,075
PIPE ORGAN INSTALLATION	\$25,000	\$24,970
GENERAL DONATIONS	\$10,000	\$5
MASS INTENTENTIONS	\$3,500	\$2,850
FAITH FORMATION	\$35,360	\$19,262
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$111,800	\$95,508
RENTAL INCOME	\$87,000	\$24,545
DONATIONS CHILD CARE	\$6,000	\$2,719
INTEREST INCOME	\$2,500	\$650
ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL REBATE	\$5,000	0
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECT	\$220,000	\$191,418
TOTAL	\$3,026,382	\$2,753,042



STEWARDSHIP	2019	2020	Effects of COVID-19
March	\$204,636	\$158,447	-\$46,189
April	\$188,648	\$174,530	-\$14,118
May	\$165,295	\$154,561	-\$10,734
June	\$175,463	\$167,452	-\$8,011
			-\$68,013 Total Deficit

FY 2020 EXPENSE

ITEM	BUDGET	ACTUAL
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT (13% OF TOTAL INCOME)	\$372,000	\$371,184
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$78,300	\$102,852
UTILITIES	\$152,125	\$163,087
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$175,000	\$114,381
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$76,000	\$69,194
PHYSICAL PLANT	\$411,724	\$340,401
PASTORAL/ADMINISTRATION (PAYROLL, BENEFITS, VISITING PRIESTS, TRAFFIC CONTROL, I.T.)	\$820,092	\$783,266
FAITH FORMATION	\$245,719	\$225,078
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$296,275	\$254,121
LITURGY/MUSIC	\$330,205	\$281,541
LIBRARY	\$2,000	\$2,361
DONATIONS	\$18,000	\$9,000
TOTAL	\$2,980,440	\$2,716,466



TOTAL INCOME \$2,753,042 TOTAL EXPENSE \$2,716,466 NET INCOME \$67,010

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Savings Account (As of June 30)	\$425,572
Pipe Organ Installation Balance	\$13,889
West campus Loan	
On the Way Andale Capital Campaign Rebate	\$87,050
Campaign Commitments	\$104,368
Paid on Loan	\$124,110
West Campus Loan New Balance	\$1,237,164
Preschool	
Income	\$330,565
Expense	\$489,568
Net Expense	-\$159,004

RCIA/CFC News Report 2019-2020

By Anne Kemper

The Saint Mark community and the RCIA/ CFC Team would like to thank the following sponsors who walked with the Elect and Candidates on their spiritual journey throughout their initiation experience and especially for adjusting to the necessary changes due to the pandemic:

Anabel Farrell, Tom Pardue, John Farrell, Jaynie Gomez, Daniel Alderete, Diane McConnell, Rosemary Bailey, Martha Mundy, Rose Danielson, Chris Schott +, Ron Hallenberger, Ann Swihart, John Handrahan, Brenda Szalwinski, Anne Hayes, Evelyn Teague, John Lorenzo Emily Tovar, Samuel Marsh Ruth Moore (prayer partner) Arturo Sosa.

A very special thank you to the parents of the young people who stepped right into their God-given role as the "first and best catechists of their children" after the shut-down by implementing the "Breaking Open of the Word" in each week's Sunday Gospel at home

and then using the catechetical materials sent to them each week to further their children's conversion process.

Sammy Monreal, Manuel and Jamie Kidney, Virgie Gaddis, Patricia Quiroga, Brenda Gutierrez, Benjamin Quintana, Jose and Angela Tovar.

Thanks also to all the others in the community who stepped in to help when called upon to substitute on short notice when the regular sponsor could not be present. We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Your dedication as representatives of the Saint Mark community in being companions and guides to those seeking to become Catholics is deeply appreciated.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you" (John 15:16)

With thanks and praise to God our latest year of adventures and full initiations into our beloved Catholic Faith is now a completed reality. We celebrated a normal Rite of Full Communion for four fully-initiated

new Catholics right around Thanksgiving last November. Three of the four came to us from other Christian churches. Congratulations to Bethany Elise Evans Luis, Michael Dodge, Drerek James Hernandez and one young Catholic gentleman completed his full initiation, Brando Thomas McCarty.

We had just begun Lent and the time of Purification and Enlightenment, the proximate preparation for the Easter Vigil when our entire world was engulfed in the Covid Pandemic. We did celebrate the Easter Vigil, but with the heavy restrictions in place, so we could only Baptize, Confirm and celebrate First Eucharist that night with two Elect, Michael Scott Hornsby and John Anthony McDonald.

It took us until around Pentecost to finish initiating our other Elect because we had to do only three people at a time. Now all our catechumens-the Elect- are one with us; Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist celebrated during one Liturgy! Welcome to Robert Olivas, Adam Stirling, Maddox Kidney, Cameron David Charles Monreal, Erick Kenneth Nerio Monreal. And then came the long wait until we could find the way to celebrate the rite of Reception and Full Communion into the Catholic Church for two of our beautiful already Christian people, Brandon Paul DuBose, Roslyn Ann Lamborn and the Full Initiation of our young Catholics, Annette Ontiveros, Jose Juan Varela, Katherine Gaddis, George Luis Padilla, Benjamin Quintana, Jr. Bernardo Quintana and Brooke Katie Jo Tovar

Anne Kemper is the RCIA/CFC Coordinator at St. Mark the Evangelist.

We Welcome you into the Church

2020 Sacrament of Initiation

ELECT

BETHANY ELISE EVANS LUIS
MICHAEL DODGE
DEREK JAMES HERNANDEZ
BRANDON THOMAS McCARTY
MICHAEL SCOTT HORNSBY
JOHN ANTHONY MCDONALD
ROBERT OLIVAS
ADAM STIRLING
MADDOX KIDNEY
CAMERON DAVID CHARLES MONREAL
ERICK KENNETH NERIO MONREAL
ABIGAIL VIVIENNE OLIVIA MONREAL



CANDIDATES

BRANDON PAUL DUBOSE
ROSLYN ANN LAMBORN
ANNETTE ONTIVEROS
JOSE JUAN VARELA
KATHERINE GADDIS
GEORGE LUIS PADILLA
BENJAMIN QUINTANA, JR.
BERNARDO QUINTANA
BROOKE KATIE JO TOVAR

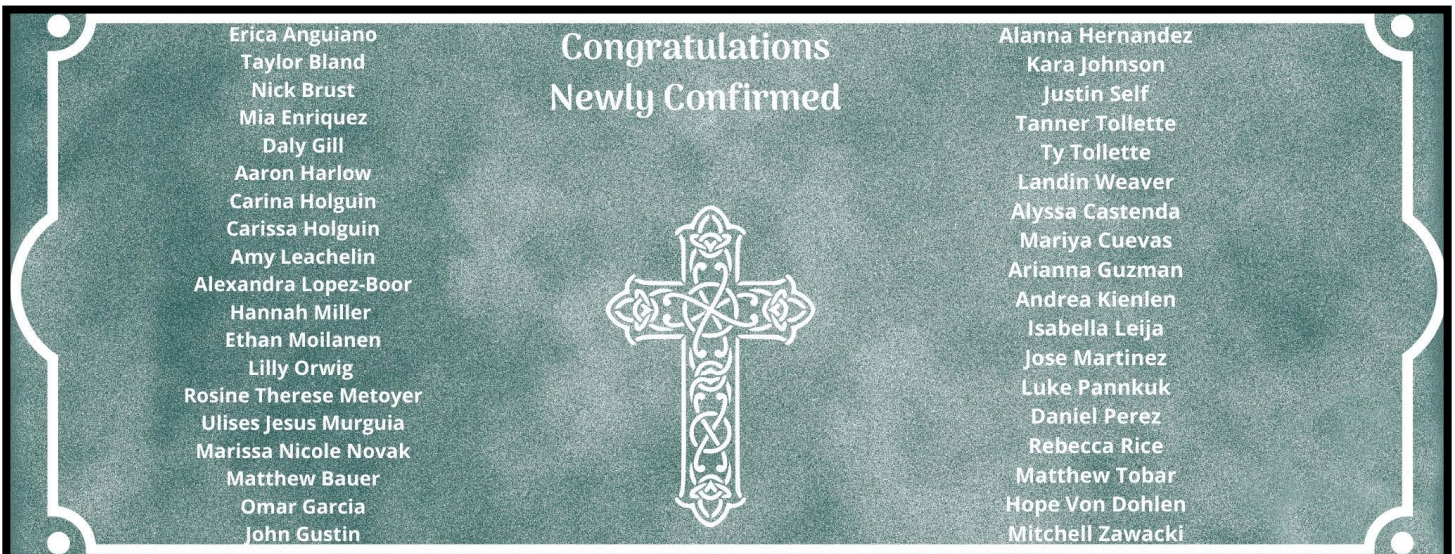
Youth Confirmation 2020

By Elizabeth Herring

We are proud to share with our St. Mark the Evangelist faith community that those preparing to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit this faith formation year have now received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Due to our Covid-19 health and safety guidelines, we created three different evenings where a selected amount of candidates were allowed to invite up to 10 people each and share this wonderful event with their family. For those who could not attend, we had each Confirmation Mass live streamed on Facebook. Even though the corona virus has taken a lot from us, these candidates continued to work hard and prepare. They never lost sight of what was important, their Catholic faith. As they continue

to move forward in their faith journey, I pray that each one will continue to seek and grow in their relationship with God. I would like to thank all the catechists/core team that helped prepare these individuals. It is your example that inspires others. I would also like to thank those who helped make these Confirmation Masses go smoothly and provided a safe and memorable moment for our community. I feel very blessed to know those who provided their time as an usher, as well as the music ministry, and liturgy department. The Mass would not have been as wonderful without them involved.

Elizabeth Herring is the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Mark the Evangelist.



School Blessing for the Children in our Community

By: Children's Ministry Department

With summer behind us, Coronavirus amongst our lives, and the routine of school ahead, we are grateful to God as we take another step in the direction of who we are becoming and we ask God and all the saints to guide all the children in our community through this school year, the new challenges ahead and all the new experiences this school year will bring. We are looking forward to hopefully seeing you again very soon.

Jesus, lift our spirits to welcome a new school year. Let us anticipate and not dread. Let us learn, challenge and trust. With your grace, we are building tomorrow's world with what we learn today.

Bless what we are about to begin.

Open our eyes to discover.

Open our ears to listen.

Open our hearts to care.

Guide us to make our best efforts.

Encourage us.

Bless all who will help us.

Bless those who will teach us.

Bless those who will serve us.

Bless those who will guide us.

Bless those who will encourage us.

*Bless especially our parents,
grandparents, families, and friends.*

Amen.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, 2pm
(Spanish) & 5pm
Monday 8:15am
Tuesday 8:15 am
Wednesday 8:15am
Thursday 8:15am
Friday 8:15am

Holy Days

8:15am & 7pm

Eve of Holy Day

7pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-5pm

Adoration

Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-2:45

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kevin E. Ryan | Pastoral Administrator: Dot Hamlin



Our mission:
TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS
OF JESUS CHRIST TO ALL GOD'S
PEOPLE BY WORD AND ACTION.

He said to them, "Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature..."

Mark 16:15



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