

Maneline

ST. MARK Catholic Community

Calling All Volunteers!

By Mary Fisk

As the Church celebrates the 60th anniversary of Vatican II—which clearly and eloquently affirmed the role of the Laity in the Church—it is a good time for us to revisit the ways in which we as members of *ST. MARK* can apply the lessons of the Council and participate more fully in our Parish. We are “called”—as the root word for the original use of “ecclesia” signifies, and we are “sent forth”—as the Greek word for “apostle” indicates.

The Parish Mission Statement proclaims: *We the people of ST. MARK Catholic Church are called by Christ to Worship God, to Invite all with love, to Nurture our faith, and to Serve others.*

Befitting its Mission Statement, *ST. MARK* has an impressive and wide-ranging list of ministries to meet the needs of the Parish and the larger Community. Over the decades, many volunteers have chosen Ministries and fulfilled their roles with deep faith and love. Attrition exacerbated by COVID-19 has taken its toll. In a recent interview with Laura Cooman, Director of Music and Worship, she discussed the urgent need for volunteers to serve in the diverse range of Parish Ministries.

Liturgical Ministries

■ **Ushers:** Teams of Ushers serve for one month at a time, in addition to occasional special Masses. There is a particular need at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

■ **Lectors:** Lectors receive available training to proclaim the Scriptures at Liturgies effectively.

■ **Altar Servers:** The Parish currently has 26 Altar Servers but needs many more. There are openings at all Masses, especially the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Training is provided; volunteers need to be in the 4th grade or older.

■ **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs):** EMHCs receive Diocesan and Parish training, and they then are commissioned and welcomed by the Faith Community.

■ **Children’s Liturgy:** This important Ministry is restarting for the first time since before the pandemic; the Children’s Liturgy will be held in the Chapel most Sundays at 11:00 a.m. from November to April, except for federal holidays and on major Liturgical Celebrations.

■ **Liturgy Coordinators:** Coordinators, or Sacristans, coordinate the many details of the Liturgy to ensure that everything proceeds smoothly. They coordinate on a monthly basis, and training is provided.

■ **Liturgical Art Committee:** These volunteers decorate the Church and Chapel and Parish Grounds for the respective Liturgical Seasons. In this Ministry in particular, younger people are needed. The assembly of the beautiful Parish Creche in December is an excellent time to become engaged.

■ **Liturgy Planners:** These volunteers meet in October and February to prepare for the ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, and Holy Week EASTER Liturgies.

■ **Altar Guild:** These volunteers maintain the linens used in the Liturgies, picking up and dropping off once a week, on an even-and-odd month basis.

■ **Wedding Committee:** Members share in the joy of the preparation by helping to coordinate the Liturgy, run the rehearsal, set up the Bride’s Room, and help on the Wedding Day.

■ **Candle Team:** These volunteers replace used candles and clean the candleholders in the Church and Chapel on a monthly basis.

Music Ministries

ST. MARK has fully embraced St. Augustine’s maxim that “Those who sing, pray twice.” The Parish Music Ministry has provided beautiful music to enhance the celebration of the Liturgies for many decades.

Laura explained, “Our large, active Music Ministry consists of nine Choirs. We seldom have a Mass whose singing is not supported by at least one of our Choirs. All Choir members constantly strive to deepen their faith as expressed in song and to lead our Assemblies closer to Christ through sung prayer.”

Singing is only one aspect of the Music Ministry, of course. The Choirs are joined by skilled instrumentalists playing an array of instruments, including the piano, organ, guitar, violin, flute, clarinet, trombone, and trumpet.

There are openings at all Masses:

■ 5:30 p.m. Choir

■ 9:00 a.m. Choir

■ 11:00 a.m. Choir

■ Children’s Choir, which rotates among the Masses

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- Youth Mass Choir, one Sunday a month at 6:00 p.m.
- Resurrection Choir, which sings for all Parish funerals
- Handbell Choir, which rings at various Masses throughout the year. Upcoming Liturgies with handbells are as follows: December 4 at 9:00 a.m., December 17 at 5:30 p.m., and December 24 at 8:00 p.m.
- Festival Choir: This group performs during ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, Holy Week and EASTER; members from any of the Choirs participate.

In addition, the *ST. MARK* School has its own Choir.

Anyone who would like more information is encouraged to contact Laura Cooman at lcooman@stmark.org or the particular Ministry Coordinators listed in the Worship Commission box.

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Giving Thanks

The first national Thanksgiving Proclamations were issued by the Continental Congress between 1777 and 1784. George Washington issued the first Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789. He wanted this to be a day for the People of the new United States to engage in public thanksgiving and prayer to acknowledge the many favors of Almighty God, including the blessing of religious and civil liberty.

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln established a national and permanent “day of thanksgiving and praise”, who affirmed the nation’s blessings despite the terrible sufferings caused by the Civil War. President Lincoln wrote, “No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, . . . It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.”

As we celebrate Thanksgiving in 2022, we too take this time to thank God for His great blessings. We do so with words

by praying and with deeds by sharing our gifts and our time with others.

Giving thanks to God, of course, is easy to do when the blessings are obvious; it can be more challenging in times of loss or other challenges. St. Catherine of Siena writes in her *Dialogue*—the record of her conversations with God—that He told her “You are she who is not, and I am He Who Is.” This fundamental truth helps us to focus clearly. Everything we have—including our very existence—is a gift from God, a gift that we did not earn but one that is freely given with love.

Giving thanks is a very Catholic thing to do. After all, “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word for “thanksgiving”. As CatholicLink.org puts it, “Thanksgiving is the prayer of the Church, the members of the Body participating in the action of the Head, Jesus Christ. In celebrating the EUCHARIST, the Church becomes ever more fully what She is. Flowing from the action of Jesus’ becoming man, His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, the whole human experience has been renewed. When we unite ourselves to Christ, in *gratitude*, we enter more deeply into communion with Him.”

First PENANCE Set for December 3

Children of the Parish will take an important step forward in their Faith Formation when they receive the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION on **December 3 at 11:00 a.m.**

More than 70 children will participate. These children will go on to receive their First EUCHARIST in May.

Joe Flaherty, Director of Religious Education, commented, “Family Members of the first Penitents are encouraged to attend and receive this healing Sacrament. Their presence can prove a great example for their children or their younger siblings who are receiving this Sacrament for the first time.”

Fr. Pat will be joined by several priests in hearing the first Confessions of the children.

Religious Education: Teaching the Faith

By Lynne Finta

I recently sat down with Joe Flaherty, Director of Religious Education. As Joe is still fairly new to the Parish, I asked him what mainly caught his eye about the *ST. MARK* Religious Education (RE) Program. He said that CONFIRMATION preparation, especially the overnight retreats, was of particular importance in his view. These retreats offer the young people preparing for this Sacrament an opportunity to share fellowship with their peers, as well as to grow deeper in their faith. (CONFIRMATION preparation usually begins in the 7th grade and occurs in May of the child's 8th-grade year. The Diocese will institute a longer preparation period at some point.)

Approach and Enrollment

There is no overall theme per se. RE classes generally take their cue from the Bishop, with an emphasis on the EUCHARIST and what it means to us as Catholics. The total in-person enrollment for this year is 232.

Curriculum

■ Pre-K and Kindergarten use the *Allelu!* program. To quote from their website, "*Allelu!* is a brand-new, early childhood program with innovations that make it easy to engage every child and build his/her faith."

■ 1st through 6th Grades use the *Alive in Christ* program. To quote from their website, "*Alive in Christ* features a unique spiral scope and sequence based on seven essential doctrinal themes."

■ 7th and 8th Grades use the *Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith* program. To quote from their website, "*Chosen: This is Your Catholic Faith* takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality."

Special Activities

Some of the special activities planned for this year include:

- ADVENT Brunch
- Alpha Program (See the September/October *Maneline* for more information.)
- Family Movie Nights

Testimonials

Several of the newer Catechists provided testimonials on what inspired them to step forward.

■ "Having come back to the faith and been Confirmed as a young adult just a few years ago, it is a joyful and precious privilege to me to get to be a part of helping the faith come alive for the next generation. When I was younger, the Church at times felt distant, irrelevant, and outdated to what appeared to matter most according to my surroundings. How misled I was, and how grateful I am to the Trinity for guiding me back to the true source of hope, faith, and love! I'm humbled every week as I get to know the students, who each in their own imperfectly perfect way show the glory of God's creation.

"There is always something to learn from every person and every interaction, and I find myself an attentive student every week in this classroom of living faith. The greatest thing we will ever learn is just to love and be loved in return, and the only true teacher of it is found in the adorable love of Jesus and the gift of the Sacraments. It is an honor and sanctifying challenge to help translate that to the future of our Church."

—*Jessica Sun, 8th Grade Assistant Catechist*

■ "What ultimately inspired me to become a Catechist for RE was a combination of seeing my daughters grow up and a nudge from God. We move more often than the regular military family; while we always joined a Parish, for the longest time, I never felt a calling to contribute to the Church. One of our more recent parishes in San Diego, California, opened my eyes to the power of service to God. It was a thriving community of faith, and everyone genuinely wanted to be at church with their fellow parishioners. When COVID hit, Father John held Masses in the parking lot, broadcasting the Liturgy over a public address system and having "drive-by" prayers, which were a great way to feel connected. The parking lots were always packed! While we were there, I felt God actively challenging me to get involved, but nothing felt "right".



becoming a
catechist

"Fast forward a few years and two moves, and we landed in Northern Virginia. When we started looking for a Parish to join, we started our search at *ST. MARK*. In Mass, I felt a strong pull to service and asked God for a sign to help me understand what he wanted me to do. I felt an urge to participate more in my daughters' lives. After Mass, one of the Parish announcements was for volunteers to be Catechists for RE. I walked outside to meet the one and only Joe Flaherty, and the rest is history.

I feel extremely blessed that my relationship with my girls is being actively strengthened while we all participate in RE. On a weekly basis, it is an honor to teach our Parish's Youth the importance of faith and the universal nature of our Church in hopes that wherever God sends them, they will always feel comfortable in their local parish."

—*Ryan Schippert, 2nd Grade Assistant Catechist*

■ "Being able to help lay the foundations for a child's faith is a real privilege—and often a delight. Framing my faith for little ones helps it come alive to me as well."

—*Julie Scott, Kindergarten/Pre-K Assistant Catechist*

Substitute and Support Catechists Needed!

The RE program is still looking for substitute Catechists for all grades, as well as Catechists to serve in a supporting role. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joe Flaherty at jflaherty@stmark.org.

ADVENT: Preparing to Celebrate the Birth of the Lord

By Mary Fisk

Our whole lives offer occasions to reflect and prepare to meet the Lord, but the Church gives us the beautiful season of ADVENT to illuminate the tremendous joy of the Incarnation in a special way.

The Blessed Mother spent the months of her pregnancy preparing for the birth of her Divine Son. Scripture tells us that the first thing she did was to go “with haste” to help her cousin Elizabeth. When she returned home, she probably was busy with physical preparations, such as making baby clothes. She also quite probably spent considerable time pondering the meaning of this great event in her heart, as she was to do some 12 years later when she was separated from her Child in Jerusalem.

Mary carried the Word of God literally within her body. We—individual and families—can take her as our model this ADVENT as we prepare our hearts and homes for CHRISTMAS Day in ways spiritual and practical. There are many options, and here are only a few to consider.

Preparing Spiritually

- **Attend Mass more frequently**
- **Participate in the weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday** at 1:00 p.m. and Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

■ **Pray the Rosary, especially taking time to meditate on the Joyful Mysteries**

■ **Pray the Liturgy of the Hours:** When we pray the Liturgy of the Hours, we start each day praising God, and we end each day thanking Him for the day and entrusting ourselves to His loving care. For those who find navigating the four-volume set daunting, there are very easy-to-use apps, like **The Divine Office**, that do all the work for us. For those who struggle to maintain a Christ-centered focus during these typically hectic days, praying Noon Prayer only takes a few minutes but can be an excellent way to get back on track.

■ **Reflect on Scripture:** We can, for example, read all four Gospels in ADVENT, picking one Gospel for each week of ADVENT and reflecting on its message for us today.

■ **Light the ADVENT wreath:** This simple tool helps us to remember the Reason for the Season on a daily basis and to observe our spiritual advances through the four weeks of preparation.

■ **Try free apps like Laudete and Amen.** The **Laudete app** has Daily Mass Readings, the Liturgy of Hours, Latin Liturgy of Hours, Latin Mass, Readings from the New American Bible, an interactive Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Seven Sorrows Rosary, Chaplet

of St. Michael, and Franciscan Crown Rosary. The **Amen** app inspires daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture.

■ **Sign up for the free Bible in a Year podcast:** This very popular podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz offers his insights and explanations of the text in about 20 minutes a day. A good place to start is with Luke’s Gospel and the story of Jesus’s birth.

■ **Visit the Museum of the Bible:** The Museum offers many informative exhibits and events, including a current one on the Samaritan people, as well as a CHRISTMAS Concert.

Sharing the Joy with Others

■ **Help others:** *ST. MARK* has a variety of ways to help others to have a nicer Christmas, including the Giving Tree and the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive. Volunteers and donations are welcome.

■ **Volunteer** to visit someone who is homebound or in a nursing home, or donate and wrap packages for children who otherwise would not receive them through such programs as Toys for Tots.

■ **Volunteer to decorate** *ST. MARK* Church for the celebration of the Lord’s Birth

■ **Join a Choir** to give glory to God.



Hold the Date!: *ADVENT Festival of Lessons and Carols*

This ADVENT, the Parish will celebrate a special service called the *Festival of Lessons and Carols*. It is a beautiful service dating from the 19th century based in Sacred Scripture and music. Scripture readings from Genesis through the Gospels tell the story of the Fall; the promise of a Messiah; the Incarnation; and the great commission to preach the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. These Scripture readings, or Lessons, are all interwoven with CHRISTMAS carols, choral anthems, instrumental music, and vocal solos that reflect the lesson’s message and meaning. It will be held on **Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All are invited!



2022 ST. MARK Stewardship Campaign Aims to Fund Parish Operations Fully

By John Zolper, Chair, ST. MARK Finance Council

As we celebrate Mass in our refurbished Sanctuary, we can rejoice as the Catholic Community of ST. MARK and pray for the Lord to provide for our Parish. We greatly appreciate the generous donations that allowed the Parish to refurbish the pews and install a new floor. Thank you!

As the Finance Council members, we also reflect on the Catholic precept to “help provide for the needs of the Church”. One way we do this each year is through the **Stewardship Campaign** we kicked off in October. Each Parish family should have received a 2022 Stewardship pledge letter asking them to consider prayerfully what they can contribute during the coming year.

The Parish is facing financial challenges that come from reduced Mass attendance, participation, and donations to the Parish. These challenges are not unique to ST. MARK; they are prevalent in most Catholic parishes across

the United States. We understand the ultimate solution must lie in each of us re-evangelizing our parish and growing the Church; at the same time, however, we must also address our financial reality.

To do so, the Finance Council has set a goal of raising \$300,000 of *additional, unrestricted income to the general fund* for Parish Operating Expenses as part of the current 2022 Stewardship Campaign. This decision was made to address the projected operating deficit for the current fiscal year (FY23) and the low cash reserves that give the Parish little margin to maintain current operations without additional income.

The Operating Income—the funds used for ministries and Parish expenses separate from Capital Improvement—has been trending downward since FY18. Capital Improvement donations will continue to be needed to maintain our aging buildings and infrastructure.

Diocesan guidelines require that the Operating Expenses and the Capital Improvement funds remain separate.

The ST. MARK School funds come from tuition and are held separate from Church finances, again from Diocesan guidelines. The School’s financials are solid; with increased enrollment, a 2021 Paycheck Protection Program grant, and effective operations, the School ended the year with reserves of \$1.4 million. This amount is about 5 months of operating expenses, which is reasonable.

Father Pat and the Finance Council understand that these are challenging times economically, culturally, and spiritually. They thank the many Parishioners who have contributed their Time, Talent, and Treasure over the past year to support the Parish and hope that prayerful consideration will lead to expanded support going forward to meet our campaign goal.

Time to Get Ready for the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive!

By Paul Renard

The Annual ST. MARK **Thanksgiving Clothing Drive** (TCD) will be back this coming Thanksgiving week:

- **Saturday, November 19:** The drop-off of clean and usable clothes
- **Wednesday, November 23:** The setup and sorting will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Friday, November 25:** The sorting and order fulfillment will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 26:** The “shoppers” will come from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; order fulfillment will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 27:** Final packing and clean-up will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers of all ages and skills are welcome!

We returned in 2021 after missing 2020 due to COVID, and the TCD was wonderfully successful. We gathered over 8 tons of clothes, and we distributed them to a dozen local charities, including three new winterwear closets for middle and high schools.

ST. MARK School conducted a coat drive that provided us with over 360 coats that, along with other donations from the Parish, allowed us to more that meet all of our requests for winter coats—something that has not happened in the past 32 years. We had fewer “shoppers” than in previous years, most likely because of our closing in 2020, but we expect to see that rebound this year.

In addition to donations, the TCD was supported by volunteers from virtually all of the local high schools (O’Connell, Paul VI, South Lakes, Fairfax, and Madison), nearly 30 Scouts from ST. MARK Troop 1978 (both the girls’ and boys’ Troops), and a huge and

hardworking CONFIRMATION Spirit Team. Having so many enthusiastic volunteers made filling orders, preparing for shoppers, and loading our delivery truck (donated by Interstate Van Lines for the 16th year) a light task. Many thanks to all contributors and volunteers.

See you (or your clothes) in November!

For more information, contact Paul Renard at prusa2000@netscape.net.



Sharing the CHRISTMAS Spirit through the Giving Tree

By Carolyn Peterson

CHRISTMAS is a time of caring and sharing, and each year the *ST. MARK Giving Tree* gives Parishioners the opportunity to express the true spirit of this Holy Season. The needs in our community are great throughout the year, but the holidays highlight the plight of children, adults, and families whose wants and wishes we can help to meet.

The annual project begins the weekend of **November 19-20** when the Giving Tree is installed in the Narthex, adorned with colorful tags. Each tag represents a different charity and provides a list of gifts that are welcome and needed. Booklets found by the Tree provide an overview of all the information, which is also available on the *ST. MARK* website.

All gifts will be collected in the Activities Center before and after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, December 3-4. The gifts must be received before Noon on Sunday so they can be distributed in time to brighten CHRISTMAS in homes and havens throughout the region.

The charities that *ST. MARK* is working with this year include the following:

- **Britepaths:** emergency food and financial assistance for the working poor
- **Bethany House:** housing and services for women and children escaping domestic violence
- **Catholic Charities' Migration and Refugee Services:** help for new arrivals with housing, employment, schools, and a path to citizenship
- **CHINS (Children in Need of Smiles):** gifts for pediatric cancer patients at INOVA Hospital
- **CHO Clothes Closet:** serving the poor in Vienna, Oakton, Dunn Loring and Merrifield
- **Fairfax CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates):** ensures that children have a voice in court
- **Hope in Northern Virginia:** provides pregnancy support and material

resources to women in crisis pregnancies

- **Mother of Light Center:** helps homeless men and women to build stable lives
- **Second Story:** provides safe havens and support to children and youth
- **Service Source Long-Term Community Integration Programs:** facilitate services and support for people with disabilities and their families
- **Shelter House:** provides crisis intervention, safe housing, and support services to homeless families and victims of domestic violence
- **A Woman's Choice:** provides pregnancy support and material resources to women in crisis pregnancies.

In addition to the charitable organizations participating in the Giving Tree, special requests are also addressed through Special Adoptions. You can obtain the name and gift requests of individuals and families by contacting Nancy Dunaway at 703-758-8142 or 571-331-8127 (cell) or Mary Lou McIntire at 703-938-4276.

The joy of CHRISTMAS comes with giving, so please join the Giving Tree to share the happiness of this blessed time of year. If you have any questions about the program, contact Carolyn Peterson at cfpeterson@verizon.net.

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ST. MARK Family Movie Nights

The *ST. MARK* Family Movie Nights are held on Fridays, starting with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. and the movie at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of these events is to bring Parishioners and School families together for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun with their Church family.

Children are welcome to bring blankets or sleeping bags. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for the movies, but donations are welcome.

December movie date and time are as follows:

- December 16: **Arthur Christmas** (rated PG)

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

ST. MARK held the Annual *Blessing of the Animals* on October 4, the memorial feast-day of *St. Francis of Assisi*. Father Pat read from *The Book*

of Blessings. Pets present included dogs of all shapes and sizes. A few *ST. MARK's* Students joined as well. It was a fun and well-attended event!



M&Ms

Luncheon ■ White House

M&Ms held a Coffee in the Activities Center on Wednesday, November 2. They will have a Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Pan Am Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16.

December plans include a Coffee on Wednesday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Activities Center and a tour of the White House.

Feasts and Saints - December

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| 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop | 21 St. Peter Canisius |
| 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | 23 St. John of Kanty |
| 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation) | 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD |
| 9 St. Juan Diego | 26 St. Stephen, Martyr |
| 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe | 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist |
| 13 St. Lucy, Martyr | 28 The Holy Innocents |
| 14 St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church | 29 St. Thomas à Becket, Martyr |
| | 31 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH |



Milestones

BAPTISM

ST. MARK welcomes the following new Parishioners to our Parish family:

- Declan James Beatty
- Charles Carter Cabrera
- Aris Javed George
- Maya Angela George
- Grace Loren Hernandez
- Daniel Joseph Magnino
- Joaquin Alberto Martinez
- Leandro Thomas Martinez
- Giuseppina Louise Martone-Brown
- Connor Thomas Miles
- Cecilia Katherine Raszewski
- Skylar Mary Sepúlveda
- Kelsey Maeve Skeeel

DEATHS

The following Parishioners entered into eternal life:

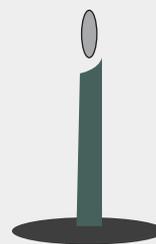
- Sam Althoff
- Cristina Cleary
- Barbara Cukauskas
- Frank Doyle
- Maria Galdames
- Virginia Gerner
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- Dennis Ivan
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November 2022

- 20 Solemnity of *Christ the King*
Christ House Food Collection and Delivery
Exposition of the Blessed. Sacrament 1:00 p.m.
PENANCE Workshop 2:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Benediction 5:00 p.m.
High School Sunday Night 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Clothing Drive Starts
- 27 *First Sunday of ADVENT*
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Benediction 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Hot Meals Preparation and Delivery 3:00 p.m.

December 2022

- 1 Embry Rucker Food Delivery 9:00 a.m.
ESL Classes 7:00 p.m.
- 2 First Friday EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
- 3 Giving Tree starts
First PENANCE 11:00 a.m.
- 4 *Second Sunday of ADVENT*
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00 p.m.

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- 4 Evening Prayer and Benediction 5:00 p.m.
High School Sunday Night off-Campus 6:00 p.m.
- 7 M&Ms Breakfast 10:00 a.m.
Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Masses 6:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Middle School Caroling Night 6:30 p.m.
- 11 *Third Sunday of ADVENT*
Evening Prayer and Benediction 5:00 p.m.
Youth and Family mass 6:00 p.m.
- 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Mass 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
- 18 *Fourth Sunday of ADVENT*
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Benediction 5:00 p.m.
ADVENT Communal PENANCE Service 7:00 p.m.
- 24 CHRISTMAS Vigil Masses 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and
10:00 p.m.
- 25 CHRISTMAS Masses 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Camaroon Community Mass 2:30 p.m.