



Our Mission Statement:

To spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all God's people by word and action.

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Archbishop Ordains 18 Men

On Saturday, June 4, Archbishop Gustavo ordained 18 men at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in San Antonio. These 18 men will serve as deacons in the archdiocese, and their assignments became official on July 1st. This was the first class to be ordained by the archbishop since his arrival in November of 2010. Please enjoy some pictures of the event on *page 11*.



Entertainment Books Return

For nearly 50 years, Entertainment has been helping people save in tough economic times with the big Entertainment coupon book. Today, more than ever, people realize that the premium 50% off and 2-for-1 discount coupons found in the book help them save on everyday essentials right in their neighborhood including:

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The Knights of Columbus at St. Mark will be selling the San Antonio Books once more at the end of July for \$25 each. Please check the bulletin for details. The monies raised will go to seminarian support. In the past the Knights have supported 4 seminarians. An Entertainment Membership Card is included with each book purchase to use at select fine dine restaurants, as well as to receive discounts when traveling.

Please consider buying an Entertainment Book. You'll be supporting a great cause.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Children's Ministry registration form. Page 3 & 4
- The 2011–2012 Edge registration form. Page 5 & 6
- The 2011–2012 Lifeteen registration form. Pages 7 & 8
- 18 New Deacons at St. Mark. Page 1, 11

Middle School Youth Finish Study of the Sacraments



This past semester the middle school youth of St. Mark have been studying the Sacraments. The EDGE class finished up their year by examining the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The Monday night class was blessed to participate and pray at the monthly anointing. Both EDGE sessions created get well cards and a saint medallion ribbon. We delivered over 120 get well cards and ribbons to the Regent Care Center on Blanco where the staff will distribute to the patients. Pictured is Shane Hamilton, Middle School Youth Minister, delivering some of the envelopes to Roger at Regent Care.

**Be not afraid of life.
Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.**

Latest on Archbishop's Appeal

Here is the latest on the Archbishop's Appeal. Our one time gift is now \$120,692. We have pledged an additional \$78,203 with payment to pledges at \$27,694. Our pledge balance is now \$50,509. If we continue to pay our pledge balance, we will have \$198,895 paid toward our commitment of \$170,000. We are well on our way to make our goal if everyone keeps their commitment.

God's Hands

Today is in God's Hands and So Are You

His hands are strong and will uphold you;
His hands are great and will enfold you;
His hands are gentle and will embrace you;
His hands are protective and will cover you;
His hands are reassuring and will quiet you;
His hands are powerful and will defend you;
His hands are parental and will train you;



His hands are masterful and will conform you;
His hands are compassionate and will care for you;
His hands are healing and will renew you;
His hands are calming and will comfort you;
His hands are giving and will bless you.
The hands that hold you will never let you down.

-Roy Lessin, DaySpring co-founder and writer

Contact Us

You can submit an article for publication in *The Winged Lion* by bringing it to the Pastoral Office in person or by mailing the article to Don Williams. The best way is to submit your articles for the Parish Newsletter via email to:



We want to read fresh ideas for your newsletter.

dwilliams@stmarkevangelist.com
The Winged Lion is now published quarterly until further notice. The months scheduled for the newsletter will be February (with the Lenten calendar), May, August, and November (with the Advent calendar).

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Visit our Website.
www.stmarkevangelist.com

What is missing from our website? What would you like to add? Is your ministry represented? Is your event listed in the calendar? Do you have some parish news that you would like to share? These and other questions can be answered by calling the Development Office and asking for Don Williams or Shane Hamilton. We want to make your website user friendly, but we need your help. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

KUDOS KORNER
Thanks to everyone who made the Vacation Bible School a success this year. Through all of your help, the children learned the lessons of the week.
We'll be back next year.

The basic goal-reaching principle is to understand that you go as far as you can see, and when you get there, you will always be able to see farther.

Fee: \$50 per child

For more information or to ask questions, please contact Theresa Crow, Children's Minister at 494-7434 or tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Age 3 yrs thru 5th grade
Session Sign-Up 2011-12

Family Information Please print clearly so data may be entered correctly.

Family Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Father / Guardian's First & Last Name _____

Mother / Guardian's First & Last Name _____

Marital Status: () Married () Divorced () Separated () Widowed () Single

Child Resides With: () Both Parents () Father () Mother () Other _____

Father's Cell Phone _____ Mother's Cell Phone _____

Father's Email _____ Mother's Email _____

Father's Religion _____ Mother's Religion _____

Children's Ministry Sessions

PreSchool (Children age 3 (by 9/1/11) thru age 5 (not in Kindergarten))

Meets twice a month (please see calendar for specific dates)

PS1 — 3:30 pm Saturday **PS2** — 8 am Mass

PS3 — 10 am Mass **PS4** — 12 Noon Mass **PS5** — 3:30 pm Sunday

Special Needs (Children with special needs age 4 thru 14)

Every Sunday (please see calendar for dates when not in session)

SN — 10 am Mass

Elementary (Children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade)

Meets twice a month (please see calendar for specific dates)

E1 — Saturday 3:30-4:45 pm (attend 5 pm Sat Mass) **E2** — Sunday 8:30-9:45 am (attend 10 am Sun Mass)

E3 — Sunday 9:30-10:45 am (attend 8 am Sun Mass) **E4** — Sunday 11:30 am - 12:45 pm (attend 10 am Sun Mass)

E5 — Sunday 3:30-4:45 pm (attend 5 pm Sun Mass)

Child registration is found on the back of this form.

PARENT MEDICAL AND LIABILITY RELEASE STATEMENT

I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to contact me immediately or the emergency contact persons. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician or dentist selected by the activity leader to hospitalize or to secure medical treatment that the physician has deemed necessary. I understand that my insurance coverage for my child will be used as primary coverage in the event medical intervention is needed. Coverage by St. Mark the Evangelist, through its accident policy, will be used as secondary coverage. I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times by St. Mark's staff and its agents during the events and activities. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold St. Mark the Evangelist, the Archdiocese of San Antonio, its leaders, employees, or volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries incurred by the subject of this form.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I also understand and consent to the use of any videotape, photographs, slides, audio tapes and any other visual or audio reproduction in which my child may appear by St. Mark the Evangelist. I understand that these materials are being used for the promotion of St. Mark the Evangelist that includes volunteer recruitment, Internet, and fund raising efforts.

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The big challenge is to become all that you have the possibility of becoming. You cannot believe what it does to the human spirit to maximize your human potential and stretch yourself to the limit.

**St. Mark the Evangelist
Catholic Church**

1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, TX 78232

**Please Print Clearly
2011-2012 Registration Form**



**2011-2012 EDGE
Creed of the Catholic Church**

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Middle School Youth Information

Student Name:		
Email:		
Cell Phone:		
2011-12 Grade:		
School:		
Birthday:	/	/
SACRAMENTS	Circle One	
Baptism:	Yes	No
Reconciliation:	Yes	No
First Eucharist:	Yes	No
Confirmation:	Yes	No

Registration Fee \$75.00

Choose Your Session

- Sundays 3:30-4:45PM (18 Sessions)**
(Faith Formation)
- Mondays 6:30-8:00PM (25 Sessions)**
(Faith Formation, Issue Nights, Social Nights)

Parent #1 Information

Name:		
Address:		
City, St, Zip:		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Work Phone:		
Email:		
CAN YOU HELP?	Circle One	
Small Group Leader	Yes	No
Substitute Leader	Yes	No
Social Team	Yes	No
Music Ministry	Yes	No
Office Help	Yes	No

Parent #2 Information

Name:		
Address:		
City, St, Zip:		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Work Phone:		
Email:		
CAN YOU HELP?	Circle One	
Small Group Leader	Yes	No
Substitute Leader	Yes	No
Social Team	Yes	No
Music Ministry	Yes	No
Office Help	Yes	No

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Name of Insurance Company: _____

Insurance Company Phone Number: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group Number (if any): _____

Name of Policy Holder: _____

Name of Family Doctor : _____

Family Doctor Phone Number: _____

Please list any food allergies or medical issues affecting participation: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The greatest and most important problems in life are all in a certain sense insoluble. They can never be solved, but only outgrown.

This release form is good for ALL St. Mark's Youth Events (on and off campus)

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Dear Parents,

I am asking each of you to partner with us. Let's make St. Mark's High School Youth Ministry a place where our youth desire to come share and grow in their Catholic Faith. This can **only** happen if we work together. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling each of you to help share the Gospel with our younger generation through words and actions. I understand that you may want to give your teen space but without help we can not serve the needs of our youth and the youth ministry programs here at St. Mark. If each of us do our small part no one has to do it all. Blessings to each of you ... Cindy Hamilton 210-494-1959

Parents: Check at least two or more categories where you can partner with us!

This helps us to know what you are interested in helping with. We will call you and discuss before assigning you to a ministry.

Teaching and Office Ministries 2011-12

- LIFE TEEN Core (Teachers Sept-May)
- Confirmation Teachers (Jan-May 2012)
- SMYG and/or T3 Bible Study
- Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sun 5pm Mass
- RCIA for Teens Teacher at Sun 5pm Mass
- RCIA for Teens Breaking Open of the Word at Sunday 5pm Mass
- Environment (setting up for classes)
- Office help during weekdays or nights
- Office help during Sunday Life Nights
- Phone Calls to Teens, Parents or Volunteers
- Bulletin Stuffing on Friday mornings (as needed)

Chaperone and Driving Ministries 2011-12

- XLT - 3rd Wednesdays of the month
- SLK Lock-In (Aug. 6)
- Inspiration Tour (Aug. 13)
- World Youth Day (Nov. 12)
- Christmas Caroling (Dec. 15)
- Martin Luther King Jr March (Jan. 16)
- Youth Spectacular (Feb. 11)
- 4-Corners Reconciliation (Feb. 29)
- Women's Guild Luncheon (Mar. 3)
- Spring Retreat (Mar. 9-11)
- Mission Trip (June 17-23)
- Steubenville (June 29 - July 1)
- Teen ACTS (July 19-22)
- Drivers for Concerts, etc.

Dinner and Events Ministry 2011-12

- LIFE TEEN Dinners!!! (Year Round)
- Help with Registration (Aug-Sept 2011)
- Prayer Partner (Year Round)
- Fundraising (ask for more information)
- Photography or filming
- Writing Cards (Birthday, Get Well, etc.)
- Help with meals/snacks for meetings on weekdays, weeknights or weekends (Confirmation Reception, Luau, etc.)
- Help after Sat & Sun Masses with sign ups
- Help with Recycle Bins (emptying and hauling to recycle center)
- Wherever I am Most Needed:
 - Weekdays M T W Th F
 - Weeknights M T W Th F
 - Weekends Sat Sun

**Listen to the desires of your children.
Encourage them and then give them the autonomy
to make their own decisions.**

**St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Book Group
Discussion Dates for September 2011 -- June 2012
Read One or Read All!**

- September 8: Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting For Christ in the Eucharist, Ronald Rolheiser, OMI
 October 6: My Life With The Saints, (first half) James Martin, SJ
 November 3: My Life With The Saints, (second half)
 December 1: Jesus Our Brother: The Humanity of the Lord, Wilfrid Harrington, OP
 January 5: Living the Rosary: Finding Your Life in the Mysteries, John Phalen, CSC
 February 2: The Way of the Heart, Connecting With God Through Prayer, Wisdom, and Silence, Henri Nouwen
 March 1: Amish Grace, How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy, Donald Kraybill
 April 12: This Our Exile: A Spiritual Journey With The Refugees of East Africa, James Martin, SJ
 May 3: Opening to God, A Guide To Prayer, Thomas Green, SJ
 June 7: Mother Teresa at 100, The Life and Works of a Modern Saint, *TIME Special Commemorative Edition*

Share the discussion each month, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the parish library.

You are invited to participate in one or all of the gatherings.

Unless checked out, books are available for your preview in our parish library.

Each selection can be purchased at local bookstores or www.amazon.com.

Contact Judi Patton jdth.patton23@gmail.com with questions.

Come See the Catholic Book Group shelf in our parish library!

San Antonio Neighbors Youth Mission Trip



Over 80 youth from six different parishes made a difference in the lives of the needy and the elderly. Scraping, painting and cleaning in the 100+ degree temperature for a week long mission trip. The event took place near St. Mary's University and involved several homes and the NCAA fields near the Pastoral Center. The youth stayed on the school grounds of the Holy Rosary School and attended daily Mass at 6:15am with their parishioners. On Thursday the homeowners and representatives of the Archdiocese Athletic programs gave witness to their appreciation for the service of so many young people. Tears of joy and celebration came from both the homeowners and the youth as it was evident that the love of Christ can be found in service to others. The youth were amazed at the action of one homeowner who turned off their air conditioning so as not to create any additional heat



for the youth working outside next to that window unit. The week long event was completed with a refreshing dip in the Schlitterbahn waters and a meal that evening at Rudy's. Thank you to our mission trip directors, Cindy Hamilton and Rich Mazarra. A huge thank you to Fr. Cris and the people of Holy Rosary parish for use of the facilities and their wonderful hospitality.

People who consider themselves victims of their circumstances will always remain victims unless they develop a greater vision for their lives.

Information Please!

WOMEN'S HAVEN NEEDS HELP

Counselor/Mentor volunteer opportunities are available. Call Iris Perez at 710-9160.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR 2011

The goal of St. Mark is \$170,000. If everyone would participate and give something, we would succeed in our goal. Please keep this Appeal close to your hearts and thank you for your commitment.

FULLNESS OF TRUTH CONFERENCE

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, (EWTN program host of EWTN Live and Threshold of Hope), Sister Roselyn Moss (EWTN program host before beginning a new religious order), Steve

Ray (EWTN program host of "Footprints of God") and Dr. Michael Berber who studied under Dr. Scott Hahn will be speaking at the Fullness of Truth Conference here in San Antonio on August 27 & 28. Topic: "Where Is That In The Bible? Discovering New Testament Catholic Teaching Hidden In The Old Testament". Go to www.fullnessoftruth.org to register. It will fill up fast so register early.

THE 2011 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—OCT. 7 & 8

The mission of the Catholic Women's Conference is to foster an appreciation for the personal dignity of women, to

encourage women to know and love God, and to inspire women to use their feminine gifts to transform the family and society. Materials will be coming to St. Mark by the end of August. Go to <http://pilgrimcenterofhope.org/cwc/index.php> for more information

DISCOVERING OUR FAITH

"Discovering Your Faith with Archbishop Gustavo" can be viewed at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, with an encore performance on Wednesday at 5 pm. Check the CTSA schedule for other days and times. The program is made possible through a generous grant from Chrisus Santa Rosa Hospital.

Faustina's Diary - the story continues

With each printing of the Winged Lion, the ministry of Divine Mercy will familiarize you with the journey of Maria Faustina's religious life.

End of the novitiate. The suffering does not diminish. Physical weakness dispenses me from all [community] spiritual exercises; that is to say, they are replaced by brief ejaculatory prayers. Good Friday [April 16, 1928] – Jesus catches up my heart into the very flame of His love. This was during the evening adoration. All of a sudden, the Divine Presence invaded me, and I forgot everything else. Jesus gave me to understand how much He had suffered (11) for me. This lasted a very short time. An intense yearning – a longing to love God.

First vows [First profession of temporary vows, April 30, 1928]. An ardent desire to empty myself for God by an active love, but a love that would be imperceptible, even to the sisters closest to me.

However, even after the vows, darkness continued to reign in my soul for almost a half year. Once, when I was praying, Jesus pervaded all my soul, darkness

melted away, and I heard these words within me: You are My joy; you are My heart's delight. From that moment I felt the Most Holy Trinity in my heart; that is to say, within myself. I felt that I was inundated with Divine light. Since then, my soul has been in intimate communion with God, like a child with its beloved Father.

Once Jesus told me, Go to Mother Superior [probably Mother Raphael18] and ask her to let you wear a hair shirt for seven days, and once each night you are to get up and come to the chapel. I said yes, but I found a certain difficulty in actually going to the Superior. In the evening Jesus asked me, How long will you put it off? I made up my mind to tell Mother Superior the very next time I would see her.

The next day before noon I saw Mother Superior going to the refectory and, since the kitchen, refectory and Sister Aloysia's little room are all close to each other, I asked Mother Superior to come into Sister Aloysia's room and told her of the wish of the Lord Jesus. At that, Mother answered, "I will not permit you to wear any hair shirt. Absolutely not! If

the Lord Jesus were to give you the strength of a colossus, I would then permit those mortifications."

I apologized for taking up Mother's time and left the room. At that very moment I saw Jesus standing at the kitchen door, and I said to Him, "You commanded me to ask for these mortifications, but Mother Superior will not permit them." Jesus said, I was here during your conversation with the Superior and know everything. I don't demand mortification from you, but obedience. By obedience you give great glory to Me and gain merit for yourself.

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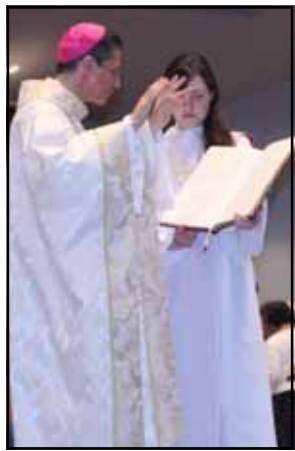
For further information about St. Faustina, her diary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, you may contact

Jeri Minyon at 599-8928.



I have always believed, and I still believe, that whatever good or bad fortune may come our way, we can always give it meaning and transform it into something of value.

18 New Deacons at St. Mark - *continued from page 1*





Experience the Gospel in a new and powerful way through Jeff Cavin's 24-week study of Matthew: *The King and His Kingdom* at St. Mark the Evangelist on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 or Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 beginning August 30th.

This study is the second in The Great Adventure series; however, you can take this study even if you haven't participated in the previous one. Participants from last year's study have declared Jeff Cavin's Great Adventure Bible Timeline as "life-changing... inspiring me on my faith journey...a genuine blessing...gaining practical insights into walking with the Lord and learning to trust Him..." Join us this year for the study of **Matthew** and declare your love for Jesus and His Word.

Registration will take place after all Masses on the weekends of **August 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th**. Please watch the bulletin for more information or you may contact Krista Heiser at 494-5888 or Elida Robles at 491-9896.

Four Words That Make Life Worthwhile by Jim Rohn

Over the years, as I've sought out ideas, principles and strategies to life's challenges, I've come across four simple words that can make living worthwhile.

First, life is worthwhile if you **LEARN**. What you don't know will hurt you. You have to have learning to exist, let alone succeed. Life is worthwhile if you learn from your own experiences-negative or positive.

We learn to do it right by first sometimes doing it wrong. We call that a positive negative. We also learn from other people's experiences, both positive and negative. I've always said that it is too bad failures don't give seminars. Obviously, we don't want to pay them, so they aren't usually touring around giving seminars. But that information would be very valuable. We would learn how someone who had it all, messed it up. Learning from other people's experiences and mistakes is valuable information because we can learn what not to do without the pain of having tried and failed ourselves.

We learn by what we see, so pay attention. We learn by what we hear, so be a good listener. Now, I do suggest that you should be a selective listener. Don't just let anybody dump into your mental factory. We learn from what we read, so learn from every source. Learn from lectures. Learn from songs. Learn from sermons. Learn from conversations with people who care. Always keep learning.

Second, life is worthwhile if you **TRY**. You can't just learn. Now you have to try something to see if you can do it. Try to make a difference. Try to make some progress. Try to learn a new skill. Try to learn a new sport. It doesn't mean you can do everything, but there are a lot of things you can do if you just try. Try your best. Give it every effort. Why not go all out?

Third, life is worthwhile if you **STAY**. You have to stay from spring until harvest. If you have signed up for the day or for the game or for the project, see it through. Sometimes calamity comes; then it is worth wrapping it up and that's the end. But just don't end in the middle. Maybe on the next project you pass, but on this one, if you signed up, see it through.

And lastly, life is worthwhile if you **CARE**. If you care at all, you will get some results. If you care enough, you can get incredible results. Care enough to make a difference. Care enough to turn somebody around. Care enough to start a new enterprise. Care enough to change it all. Care enough to be the highest producer. Care enough to set some records. Care enough to win.

Four powerful little words: learn, try, stay and care. What difference can you make in your life today by putting these words to work?