



## Our Mission Statement:

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

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# The Winged Lion



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## K of C Chicken BBQ Returns on Super Bowl Sunday

As you enjoy the "last" football game of the season, wouldn't it be great to have some hot & scrumptious barbeque chicken? Well, the Knights of Columbus will be cooking up some 800 chickens on February 5 & 6 for the parishioners of St. Mark. Just stop by one of the Knights' three chicken stations and pick up your meal. Monies raised will go to scholarships for the youth of the parish. No matter who wins the game, you're a winner with the K of C BBQ.

Don't forget to pick up dessert. The St. Mark Women's Guild Bake Sale that took place in December was one of the best EVER!!! Thank you for all the wonderful baked goods that were brought and purchased!!! The next bake sale will

be Super Bowl weekend, on February 5th and 6th. Bring your favorite pie, cake, breakfast bread, etc,

when you come to Mass that weekend. Please wrap and label each item. We especially need Baked goods for the Noon Mass. The Women's Guild is also ready to open up their Trash and Treasure Tables. You just might find the perfect item you have been looking for.



## Archbishop's Appeal for 2011

The 2011 Archbishop's Appeal pledge weekend will take place on February 19th & 20th at St. Mark the Evangelist. The campaign goal is \$3,500,000, and our parish goal is \$170,000. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Archdiocese each year. Education of our children and seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Each of us is challenged to accept the opportunity to support the work of God by making a gift to this year's Archbishop's Appeal. Participation is more important than the amount you give. If every family takes part in the Appeal, we will be successful and make our goal. *See related story on page 4.*

## Stewardship Pledge

If you haven't made your stewardship pledge to St. Mark for 2011, there is still time. There were only about 700 pledges made from our parish. We have close to 4,000 families registered. As you can see, we have about 20% of our parishioners who are helping in keeping our church stable. Please participate. Pledge cards are available in the Pastoral Office.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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**Whatever you believe with emotion becomes reality.  
You always act in a manner consistent with your innermost beliefs and convictions.**

## Dates Locked-in for Vacation Bible School



Join us this Summer for VBS. The dates for Vacation Bible School are July 11 - 15. Volunteers are needed to help plan VBS 2011. Please contact Theresa Crow if you are

interested in helping. You can call 494-7434 or email her at [tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com](mailto:tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com)

Watch the newsletters and bulletins for more information.

## Groundhog Day

Even though the Christmas lights have come down and Auld Lang Syne has been sung, the holidays are not over. Groundhog Day is coming quick! At approximately 7 AM EST on February 2, 2011 the world will discover if Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow - predicting six more weeks of winter!



The custom of predicting future weather conditions based on animals dates back at least a thousand years, but using the weather on February 2nd to forecast a longer winter is more recent than that. It was during the Dark Ages in Europe that this widespread superstition took hold. Peasants and nobles alike noticed a strong connection between a bright, sunny, medieval Candlemas Day and long, dreary winter weather extending into the next 6 weeks. In Germany, meanwhile, it was the hedgehog that played a starring role in a similar belief.

Farmers waited for late winter to watch the hibernating animal to come out of his burrow. If the hedgehog saw his shadow on a bright, sunlit day he quickly returned to hibernate...and thus put the official stamp on a prediction of six more weeks of winter for German farmers. German settlers later brought the old belief with them to Pennsylvania, replacing the hedgehog with the more common American groundhog, And the rest, as they say, is Groundhog Day history.

Today, Pennsylvania-born groundhog Punxsutawney Phil is a minor celebrity. This sleepy groundhog may be the most famous weather forecaster in the USA. Each year, the world's paparazzi hold vigil in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on February 2 as America waits with frosted breath for Phil to emerge.

## Paper Recycling Still Here at St. Marks!

Everyone should be aware of the paper recycling bins that are located by the gym. These bins are for church use as well as for all parishioners. You can recycle your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, mail, office papers, etc. in these bins. Proceeds from this benefit the Columbian Squires here at St. Mark. So remember to keep your eyes open for the green and yellow paper recycling bins. Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees so this is a great opportunity to conserve the natural resources with which the Lord has blessed us.



## 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](mailto:dwilliams@stmarkevangelist.com)

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If you believe you can, you probably can.  
 If you believe you won't, you most assuredly won't.  
 Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad.

**LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

St. Mark the Evangelist  
 Faith Formation Program



Did you know there are even more products with Labels for Education points, not just Campbell's Soup any more:



Please help our Faith Formation Program collect 10,000 points this year.

Turn in the UPC labels or Caps from V-8 products at the Faith Formation Office or the Campbell Soup Container in the Community Center.

**St. Mark 2011 Holiday/Holy Day Calendar**

DAY	DATE	HOLIDAY
FRIDAY	APRIL 15, 2011	FIESTA FRIDAY
FRIDAY	APRIL 22, 2011	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY	MAY 30, 2011	MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY	JULY 4, 2011	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY	AUGUST 15, 2011	ASSUMPTION OF MARY
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 5, 2011	LABOR DAY
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 1, 2011	ALL SAINTS DAY
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 24, 2011	THANKSGIVING DAY
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 25, 2011	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 8, 2011	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 23, 2011	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 24, 2011	CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 25, 2011	CHRISTMAS DAY
MONDAY	DECEMBER 26, 2011	OFFICES CLOSED
SUNDAY	JANUARY 1, 2012	NEW YEAR'S DAY 2012
MONDAY	JANUARY 2, 2012	OFFICES CLOSED

Here is a list of the holidays and holy days for 2011. The campus and offices of St. Mark will be closed on these days. However, certain services might remain.

Please check "calendar page" each week in the bulletin. This will have the most current information on the status of St. Mark.

Visit our Website.  
[www.stmarkevangelist.com](http://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. We want to make your website user friendly, but we need your help. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

**KUDOS KORNER**

A Special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their turn-out of the Fourth Degree at the installation of Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller at St. Mark the Evangelist on Nov 23.

**One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine with only interests.**

## Archbishop's Appeal Distribution of Funds

Every year, we receive more requests for funding than we are able to support. The Appeal provides funds for long-standing commitments to support the work of Catholic Agencies, Pastoral Center ministries, Catholic social services, and other non-profit agencies within the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Any organization or ministry in the Archdiocese of San Antonio meeting the eligibility criteria may apply to the Archbishop's Appeal for a grant, especially those moving forward the goals set forth by archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., of spreading the gospel message and serving the needs of the poor and destitute.

### What difference do contributions to the Archbishop's Appeal make?

The following are only a few of the services made possible with assistance from the Archbishop's Appeal:

1,800,000 people learned of our Catholic roots at Old Spanish Missions  
 180,000 Catholics stayed informed through CTSA, Today's Catholic and the Archdiocesan website  
 25,000 residents in South Texas improved their quality of life through the Border Organization  
 14,000 people found God's love and community through ACTS retreats  
 2,200 students and 150 catechists were helped with catechetical textbooks resources  
 1,548 families received support with baby items and supplies at Allied Women's Center  
 1,400 families received food and clothing from Catholic Charities  
 1,000 disabled persons were assisted by the Ministry for Persons with Disabilities  
 980 Catholic men and women attended conferences through Pilgrim Center of Hope  
 903 teens heard their Bishop and strengthened their Catholic faith at Super Youth Spectacular  
 800 lay ministers received assistance to attend workshops that prepared them for parish ministry  
 485 clients in rural parishes received counseling and psychological services  
 420 attendees studied the Word of God at Bible Seminars  
 339 children found love, caring and a surrogate family at St. PJ's Children's Home  
 130 couples strengthened their unions and families at Marriage and Family workshops  
 83 patients received medical assistance through Daughters of Charity Services  
 78 babies were saved from abortion and given the gift of life  
 47 parishes received assistance in training their lectors and readers for Mass

### Allocation of Funds

Seminarian Support	18%
Social Ministries	18%
Evangelization/ Outreach	14%
Education	10%
Pastoral Formation	10%
Priestly Ministries	10%
Appeal Operation	9%
Long Range Planning	8%
Missions Restoration	3%

**Your belief determines your action  
and your action determines your results,  
but first you have to believe.**

## 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.*

The priest was surprised at first, but told me to have strong confidence that God would provide for my future. "For the time being," he said, "I shall send you to a pious lady [Aldona Lipszycowa] with whom you will stay until you enter a convent." When I called on this lady, she received me very kindly. During the time I stayed with her, I was looking for a convent, but at whatever convent door I knocked, I was turned away. Sorrow gripped my heart, and I said to the Lord Jesus, "Help me; don't leave

me alone." At last I knocked on our door.

When Mother Superior, the present Mother General Michael came out to meet me, she told me, after a short conversation, to go to the Lord of the house and ask whether He would accept me. I understood at once that I was to ask this of the Lord Jesus. With great joy, I went to the chapel and asked Jesus: "Lord of this house, do You accept me? This is how one of these sisters told me to put the question to You."

Immediately I heard this voice: I do accept; you are in My Heart. When I returned from the chapel, Mother Superior asked first of all, "Well, has the

Lord accepted you?" She answered, "Yes." "If the Lord has accepted, [she said] then I also will accept."

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

Ken Macinga 490-8424 or

Jeri



## K of C Youth Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. in the St Mark's gym. Registration and warm-up shooting is at 5:45 p.m.

The K of C Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls will participate in their respective age divisions (age as of January 1, 2011). All contestants on the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event. Participants may be required to provide proof of age and written parental consent. For additional information, please contact Chris Huggins at 491-9568. Entry forms will be available as you enter the gym at St Mark's. There is no fee to participate.

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN, STEP UP TO THE LINE AND GIVE IT A SHOT!**

## Resolutions and Goals

With the new year, many of us have made resolutions and goals for our life. The major reason for setting a goal is what it makes of you when you accomplish it. What it makes of you will always be of far-greater value than what you get. There's no telling what you can do when you get inspired by your goals. There's no telling what you can do when you believe in them. And there's no telling what will happen when you act upon them.

When Andrew Carnegie died, they discovered a sheet of paper upon which he had written one of the major goals of his life: to spend the first half of his life accumulating money and to spend the last half of his life giving it all away. And he did! We all need lots of powerful long-range goals to help us past the short-term obstacles.

Don't set your goals too low. If you go to work on your goals, your goals will go to work on you. If you go to work on your plan, your plan will go to work on you. Whatever good things we build end up building us. We all have two choices: We can go through life or we can design a life.

**A GOAL is a DREAM with a DEADLINE.**



Women's Guild

## St. Mark the Evangelist 2011 Scholarship Application Eligibility Requirements & Instructions



Council 7613

To be eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship, you must be:

- a high school senior
- registered at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish
- planning to attend a college or vocational school in 2011-2012
- involved in St. Mark the Evangelist church-related activities

**Instructions:**

1. Each applicant must complete and submit his or her own **application form** to the St. Mark Pastoral Office no later than **12 Noon, Friday, February 11, 2011.**

You must include all of the following in your application packet:

- A. The second page of this document completed and attached on the front of your application packet. Your name should be on every page.
- B. A digital photograph inserted into the application or, a copy of a standard photograph with your name written on the back.
- C. A current **unofficial** copy of your high school transcript.
- D. A 200 word, or less, **computer printed** essay, addressing **one** of the following topics:

***“Explain why you believe that the Roman Catholic religion has value in today’s World”***

**OR**

***“Explain how your Catholic faith should influence your political opinions”***

***Please be sure that your envelope is addressed to the Scholarship Committee.***

2. **Interviews** with the scholarship committee will be scheduled in the Parish Library (across from the Pastoral Office) on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, and Wednesday, February 16, 2011, between 5:30 PM and 9:00 PM. Arrange your schedule so you can attend on one of these days –no exceptions.

*For more information, Nancy Forget, Women's Guild Chairperson, at 496-1420, [i4get@satx.rr.com](mailto:i4get@satx.rr.com) or Richard Newcomb, Knights of Columbus Chairperson, at 496-5370. [RNewcomb@satx.rr.com](mailto:RNewcomb@satx.rr.com)*

**The deadline for scholarship application is 12 Noon, Friday, February 11, 2011  
Late applications will not be accepted.**

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Women's Guild



# St. Mark the Evangelist 2011 Scholarship Application



Council 7613

If you have developed a resume, include it along with any other information about your qualifications.

Name: Phone No.: Personal Cell Number:

Address: Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY):

City, State, Zip

Email address:

High School Attending: High School GPA:

College or Vocational School Planning to Attend in 2011-2012:

1st Choice: Been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: Been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

High School Activities: (be thorough telling us about yourself; attach additional pages as necessary)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

St. Mark's Activities - church and community-related activities, volunteer and work experience: (as above, be thorough relating your life-long service, include Scouting or other civic participation)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, please indicate the name and address of the person at your high school that we should contact for the honors day program.

Name: Address:

**The deadline for scholarship application, with all the listed components, is  
12 Noon, Friday, February 11, 2011  
Submit early. Late applications will not be accepted.**

**I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do, but now that I am older I find that I don't want to do them.**

## TILE SEARCH REVISITED

Have you ever noticed the painting on the wall behind the serving area of the kitchen in St. Mark's Community Center? It is a remarkable piece of art designed and painted specially for our parish. Let's look at this story again.



In the summer of 1984, as plans for St. Mark's Community Center materialized, one of the Architects was prompted by our Pastor, Fr. Tom Murphy, to contact Jeanne Papa, a parishioner, asking her to help design and paint something for a wall in the serving area outside the kitchen. Jeanne is a Porcelain Artist who began this type of art in 1950, and was asked to design and paint something on tiles for this wall. She offered to paint flowers, nuts and fruits from the Bible, which she found in some artistic books. Jeanne was given the overall dimension of about 55 inches square, and 65 white 4 ¼ inch square ceramic tiles to use for her project. She designed a basket overflowing with some of these fruits, nuts and flowers for the center of the wall painted on thirty-seven square tiles, and then painted twenty-eight individual square ceramic tiles with scripture notations and designs. These twenty-eight tiles surround the center basket design. In order to see



the precise art work, one has to take some time and closely examine the beautiful painting/s gracing this wall.

Porcelain Artists use fine powdered paints that are mixed with special oils and painted on fine porcelain, china pieces or ceramic tiles, and then fired in a kiln. In order to have clear colors and depth to each piece, several paintings and firings are required. Each layer of paint is fired into the glaze, before another layer of paint is applied. The finished product is a smooth china piece similar to what we have in our china cabinets, and can be washed in the dishwasher. In this case Jeanne painted and fired each tile 3 or 4 times in order to acquire the desired depth to the designs. Each firing heats the painted piece to a very high heat in about 30 to 45 minutes time, and then the item has to gradually cool before more paint can be applied. She painted literally full time from January through March 1985 in order to complete the design. You may have some cups, plates, or other china pieces that a relative has given you, and you knew the artist as a China Painter. It was in the late 1970's when China Painters came to be known as Porcelain Artists.



You are invited to appreciate what one volunteer did over twenty years ago for all of us to enjoy. Take a little time some day and enjoy Jeanne's efforts! See if you can find the following 7 of the 28 individual tiles: Lentil: Genesis 25:34; Olive: Genesis 8:6, 10, 11; Beans: II Samuel 17:28; Garlic: Numbers 11:5; Frankincense and Myrrh: Matthew 2:11; Sycamore: Amos 7:14, 15.

**Self-expression must pass  
into communication for its fulfillment.**

## St. Mark Presents St. Valentine's Day Dance

Mark Saturday, February 12, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, as a night of fun. The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting the annual St. Valentine's Day Dance in the Community Center.

The event is for all parishioners and guests.

Tickets are still \$5 each. The Knights are keeping the prices down again. For that, you have DJ Music, Sodas/ Setups, Prizes, and Free Childcare by reservation. (You need to BYOB/Snacks).

Tickets will be on sale at the door the night of the event.

TO HAVE FREE CHILD CARE FOR THE EVENING, (RESERVATIONS ONLY, ages 2-11) PLEASE CALL DONNA SCALIA AT 494-1606 EXT. 325 BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th..

Come on out and have a good time with your fellow parishioners.



## History of St. Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The

Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia.

The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year

270. At that time it was the custom in Rome, a very ancient custom, indeed, to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, feasts in honour of a heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.

The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavoured to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of saints for those of maidens. And as the Lupercalia began about the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine's Day for the celebration of this new feast. So it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year, arose in this way.

Saint Valentine's Day (commonly shortened to Valentine's Day) is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 AD. It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards.













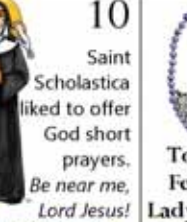





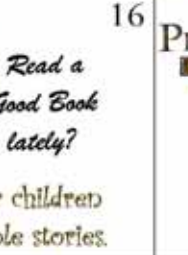













Big goals get big results.

No goals gets no results or somebody else's results.

St. Mark the Evangelist — Children's Ministry

# February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>God Bless our Faith Formation Teachers</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Share the Love of God with everyone you meet this month.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Presentation of the Lord 40 days after his birth, Mary &amp; Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Feast of St. Blase remember to have your throat blessed.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Children's Holy Hour 5:30-6:30 pm</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Faith Formation Today</p> 	
<p>6</p> <p>Faith Formation Today</p> <p>It's Hospitality Sunday! 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Make a Valentine card for Mom &amp; Dad.</p> <p>LIVE WARMS EVERYTHING!</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>St. Josephine Bakhita is the first African slave to be canonized. She was born in the Sudan</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Remember to Check your E-Mail for Faith Formation Updates</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Saint Scholastica liked to offer God short prayers. Be near me, Lord Jesus! Try writing your own.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Pray the Rosary as a Family.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday @ 4 pm.</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Lift up your hearts To the Lord at Mass today 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Read a Good Book lately? Share with your children your favorite bible stories.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>PRAY FOR THE SICK</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Remember to bring items in for SVDP Food Pantry.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Faith Formation Today</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Faith Formation Today</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Faith Formation Today</p> <p>Jesus said, "Love your enemies." 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Presidents' Day Pray for all leaders of our world.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Be an Angel... To someone in need today.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Reach for the Stars and Gather your Wishes!</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Catechists Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Make tonight Family Time!</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Mass Workshop 8:30a-12n For First Eucharist parents &amp; children</p> 
<p>27</p> <p>Are you not more important to God than the birds of the air? 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Jesus is Love!</p> 	<p>To find out more about the Saints for February, check out this website:  <a href="http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/SaintOfDay">www.americancatholic.org/Features/SaintOfDay</a>                  This site is run by the Franciscans and offers lots of wonderful information</p> 				

**It doesn't matter which side of the fence you get off sometimes. What matters most is getting off!  
You cannot make progress without making decisions.**

# Information Please!

**ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE.**

Get your tickets at the door on February 12 in the Community Center. It is only \$5 per person. See article on page 9.

**SUPERBOWL K of C CHICKEN BBQ & WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE**

Enjoy chicken & sausage and fresh baked goods on both days: February 5-6. The Knights will also have potatoes available. The Guild will also have their **Trash and Treasure** table ready in the Community Center. Sales from the BBQ go to scholarships for St. Mark youth.

**WOMEN'S HAVEN NEEDS HELP**

Counselor/Mentor volunteer opportunities are available at "A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Center". A Woman's Haven offers an alternative to abortion. Services include intake, assessment, counseling/mentoring, free pregnancy testing, community resources and referrals, material assistance and ongoing follow-up. Call Iris Perez at 710-9160.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Construction of the next house will

begin on February 25th. A total of \$51,000 is required to sponsor a house and we still need help. Please call Bev or Sam Szalwinski if you wish to donate. Their number is 496-6310.

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR 2011**

The pledge weekend is February 19-20. The goal of St. Mark is \$170,000. If everyone would participate and give something, we would succeed in our goal. Keep reading the bulletin and newsletter to learn all about the different ministries and organizations that benefit from the Archdiocese Appeal. Please keep this Appeal close to your hearts and thank you for your commitment.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>	<b>YOUTH SPECTACULAR</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>MARCH 11-13</b>	<b>SPRING RETREAT</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>JUNE 12-18</b>	<b>SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORS MISSION TRIP</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>JUNE 24-26</b>	<b>STEUBENVILLE SOUTH CONFERENCE</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>
<b>JUNE 26 - JULY 2</b>	<b>LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>JULY 5-8</b>	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PREP</b>	
<b>JULY 11-15</b>	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>	
<b>JULY 21-24</b>	<b>TEEN ACTS</b>	
<b>AUGUST 5-6</b>	<b>SLK 11 LOCK IN ALL HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>AUGUST 13</b>	<b>INSPIRATION TOUR AT FIESTA TEXAS</b>	

**Children's Lectors**

Parents, if your 3rd-6th grade child is interested in becoming a Child Lector, please contact Theresa Crow, [tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com](mailto:tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com). Child Lectors are needed for: First Eucharist, Children's Holy Hour, and many other parish liturgical events.



**Gerry Grace -Ph.D., M. Div., LPC, LMFT**

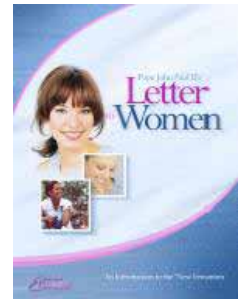
Counseling can help individuals, couples, and families to get reoriented to who and to what is really important.

**Marriage & Family Therapy - Individual Psychotherapy**  
Voice Mail: (210) 413-6343 - Offices at: St. Mark the Evangelist

# ENDOW

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) was established in the Archdiocese of Denver. As a Catholic educational program, ENDOW brings women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. ENDOW utilizes small study groups, conferences and retreats to cultivate faith, fellowship and formation.

There is a class available to San Antonio called Letter to Women. It's a study of the letters from Pope John Paul II, written specifically to women. Young women from the ages of 18 - ? are strongly encouraged to enroll in this 8 week study program.



Letter to Women: This document was written in preparation for the 1995 United Nations Conference on Women, which was held in Beijing, China. Letter to Women gives the participants a clear understanding of how the Church interacts with the world. It is addressed to "all of the women of the world" and in it, Pope John Paul II gives thanks to all women, reinforces the special gifts of women, and calls to mind all of the contributions women have made throughout history. He also asks for forgiveness from those who may have been harmed by the church in any way. He concludes with a "call to action" on the part of all women to make the world more human, to reverse the "culture of death" and to create a "culture of life."

**Class:** Letter to Women

**Location:** St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church--Library (1602 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio, TX)

**Start Date:** February 3, 2011

**Dates for Class:** Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24;

**Time:** Thursday evening; 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Facilitator:** Dawn Doman-Perez and Marisa Knuffke

**Facilitator Contact Information:** [dawn.perez@satx.rr.com](mailto:dawn.perez@satx.rr.com) or [mck@stmarkevangelist.com](mailto:mck@stmarkevangelist.com)

## WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

In the Mass, the priest – during the Consecration - speaks these words as he holds the communion bread: "...He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you." The bread and wine which we offer as sacrifice to our Lord truly become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ.

We can schedule ourselves for one or more hours per week to pray before Christ's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel. We take some time alone with our Lord to pray, read Scripture, or other devotional materials. Or perhaps best, we can simply sit, and listen to our Lord, just as we would with a dear friend.

Here is what Pope John Paul II said about Eucharistic Adoration:

*I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly the mystery at the heart of Christian life. I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord, who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth.*



**The Knights of Columbus will be host a "24 Hour Adoration" on March 11th to the 12th** for our parish. During the last Adoration, **attendance was 110.**

**Let's double it this time around.**

The Knights provide professional overnight security at a cost of \$250 per night for the safety of our community.

When we look upon the Sacred Host, we look upon Jesus, Son of God. Each hour we spend with Jesus will deepen His Peace in our hearts. When the Adoration sign-up sheets arrive, please consider spending an hour with our Lord. The next 24 Hour Adoration is scheduled for the beginning of Lent – what a great way to begin our preparation for Easter.

**Remember the dates: March 11th & 12th. This is a great way to start the Lenten season.**